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Cities to look into court merger

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A building fund for Westland 18th District Court has been established and one will be requested for Wayne 29th District Court as a merger of the two courts is explored. As approved in Westland, the court can assess \$20-\$40 additional for criminal misdemeanors and \$5-\$15 added to civil infractions. The money generated would go into a

court building fund. "I would certainly favor (29th District Court) Judge (Laura) Mack moving here if it is financially feasible," 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli said. "Wayne coming here certainly makes sense. We have looked to see if we could expand on the south side to add a new courtroom." The two courts already have agreed to concurrent jurisdiction allowing the judges — Cicirelli, Mack and Mark



Mack **Cicirelli**
McConnell, the second 18th District Court judge — to hear cases in either community. Westland has also taken over

handling probation for the Wayne court. "Partly it's our financial situation. Our tickets are down and our caseload is down," Mack said. "We don't have as many police officers. It always made sense from a judicial needs standpoint." The Judicial Resources Report prepared every two years by the State Court Administrator's Office found Wayne's court needed .67 of a judge while Westland needed

over three judges. "With our caseload, we need three judges and they need less than one in Wayne," Cicirelli said. "Rather than eliminate a judge, we are looking at merging. That's why we are looking at it. We want to be proactive." A 2011-2012 study looking at a merger of five local courts also recommended the most feasible consolidation was of

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IT WASHES OFF



There was strength in numbers as thousands of kids took advantage of the annual Wayne County Mud Day on Tuesday in Nankin Mills. For the story and more photos, see Page A5.

Cities receive \$100,000 rec grants

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland and Wayne have each received \$100,000 state grants to build a sports complex. State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, recently appeared at city council meetings to present an oversized check for the Department of Natural Resources grant. The funds won't actually be available until after Oct. 1. At the July 5 meeting of the Westland City Council, Mayor William Wild accepted a \$100,000 check from State Rep. Robert Kosowski procured from the State of Michigan to build a sports complex in the Norway area. In Westland, the funds will be used to develop a new recreation area in Norway. Called Lincoln Field, the area is on the former site of Lincoln Elementary on Grand Traverse next to Cayley Park. The city has leased the property from Wayne-Westland Schools for \$1 annually. "This will give us a chance for more recreation there. We'll get a second soccer field between there and Jefferson Barns (Community Vitality Center)," Wild said. "With Lincoln School down, it is a great green space." The city is going to need to design a

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Anderson cites legislative experience in county race

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Months after being appointed to a vacancy representing the Wayne County Commission's 12th District, Glenn Anderson is running for a full term. "I believe I can contribute a great deal with my experience in the legislature and at the local level," said Anderson, a former Westland councilman who went on to serve as state representative and state senator until being term-limited. In particular, Anderson said his experience will be especially beneficial when it comes to working on the county budget. "That is one of the problems symptomatic of the way Wayne County has been operating and continues to operate," he said. "Deadlines come and go. I feel strongly that if the budget is due on this date (under the charter), it should be there on that date." The county charter requires that the budget be submitted to the commission by June 1, Anderson noted, but the executive branch indicated it wouldn't be ready until late July or

early August. "We need plenty of time to look at our options. The county isn't out of the woods (financially) yet," he said. "We have a huge debt for unfunded retiree costs." Although he doesn't utilize county health benefits, Anderson said it wasn't only the commissioners who didn't take the cuts that were negotiated with employee unions and imposed on retirees. "That change would have affected court employees, too, and I think sheriff's deputies are in the same group," he said. "I think they jumped the gun on the cuts and really didn't do the work for negotiated settlement. They went the quicker route. I'm not totally going to second-guess what the county executive did but you can get there different way." When a well-thought out plan for changes in medical coverage for commissioners and others is brought forward, Anderson said he would support



Anderson

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Mason: New perspective needed in commission

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Over a 43-year career in journalism, Sue Mason spent a lot of time covering government at the local, county and state level. Now, the longtime Westland resident wants to use those skills and experience serving as the 12th District Wayne County commissioner. The district covers Westland, Garden City and Inkster. "I'm tired of the way things are going. We need a change," said Mason, who retired in 2015 as editor of the *Wayne-Westland Observer*. "There is a good-old-boy network in Westland — the same people keep recycling through." Mason and fellow Democrat Glenn Anderson are facing off in the Aug. 2 primary — there are no Republican candidates on the ballot. Anderson, a former city councilman, state representative and state senator, was appointed earlier this year to fill the seat after Richard LeBlanc resigned following his election as Westland city clerk. LeBlanc is also a former city councilman, state representative and Wayne-

Westland board of education member. "It's job hopping. When Richard ran (for city clerk), he said he was going to appoint Glenn (to county commission)," Mason said. "I'm not down there to wait to run for another job. I have no aspirations beyond serving on the county commission." As a non-incumbent, Mason said she brings a fresh perspective to the commission, which will benefit from her ability as a former reporter to ask questions. "I will work with all types of personalities. I'm willing to walk down the hall and work with other commissioners," she said. In an effort to reduce the county's unfunded liabilities, all but one union representing county employees agreed to changes in health care by going to high-deductible plans, and cost-saving measures were implemented on county retirees. "The county bond rating improved, so we can get money cheaper. Maybe



Mason

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project for the former school site and submit the plan to the DNR, he said, a process similar to what happened when Jefferson Barns received a state grant.

The lease agreement with the school gives the district an opportunity to sell the land if there is an opportunity for residential development. As a result, Wild said the project probably wouldn't include any permanent structures but could include amenities such as fields, bleachers, a walking path or playground equipment.

"The Wayne-Westland Community School District has a great working relationship with the City of Westland," Assistant Superintendent John Albrecht said. "We are excited to see the development of new amenities in this area."

This is the second major grant Westland received for recreation in the Norwayne area — \$175,000 was received in April for the Jefferson Barns Center. Those funds will be used for construction of a baseball diamond complex, basketball court, picnic shelter, playground equipment and improve-

ments to the parking lot. "None of this would be possible without the wonderful support we have received from (Kosowski) and his colleagues at the state level as well as the Wayne-Westland Community School District," Wild said. "The children of the Norwayne community will greatly benefit from these recreational enhancements by having more resources and places to go to engage in healthy and active lifestyles."

While Westland has already earmarked the grant for Lincoln Field, it's not yet clear what financially strapped Wayne will be able to do with the funds specifically allocated for a building a sports complex. Wayne had earlier received a \$25,000 grant for upgrades at Goudy Park.

"We're going to look at different options. We'll meet with Bob (Kosowski) this week," Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "Bob is trying hard for Wayne."

An affinity for parks and recreation comes natural for Kosowski. Before being elected to the legislature, Kosowski had retired as Westland Parks and Recreation director.

"When I was talking with the mayor (Wild)



Westland Mayor William Wild (left) and State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, posed with a non-negotiable oversized check for a \$100,000 recreation grant. Wayne received the same grant. The money will be available after the state fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

about Jefferson Barns, he was talking about a split between Jefferson Barns and Lincoln," Kosowski said. "I was joking that I would get more money for Lincoln. I didn't think I would get anything this year after getting \$200,000 last year. I worked hard to get it."

Getting the grants was really a matter of working hard with the House Appropriations Committee, Kosowski said.

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the Wayne and Westland courts.

"It's the wave of the future. The financial department needs to do a study," Cicirelli said.

That being said, the question to be studied is the financial implications of such a merger and whether there would be cost savings. As Mack notes, the Wayne court building is completely paid for and a third

courtroom would need to be built in Westland.

"The question is what deal we could make with Westland. The city still has to pay for the court," Mack said.

The Westland Court, which still carries debt from its construction, currently has only two courtrooms. Part of the financial study would be looking at the cost for constructing another courtroom.

"If it makes sense, it's not something that would take place immediately," Cicirelli said. "When we

talked to Judge Mack, we were looking at 2018-2019. Westland will be looking at the financial end of it. Wayne is also trying to make sense of it to see if it is beneficial in a financial way."

Other than the William P. Faust Library, 18th District Court is the busiest government building in Westland, Westland Mayor William Wild said.

"The council approved the building fund. We know there would be expenses to build out an additional courtroom (if there is a merger)," Wild

said. "That's why we started the court building fund. I believe Wayne in doing the same. I think this is worth pursuing in concept."

If the merger doesn't go forward, Cicirelli said the building fund revenues could be used for repairs and upkeep on the building, which currently is having some roof issues.

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Woman admits to drunken driving in 3-vehicle crash

Lisa Roose-Church
Michigan.com

A Redford woman accused of fleeing the scene of a three-vehicle crash in the Unadilla



Wheeler

Township area has reached a plea deal.

Ashley Elizabeth Wheeler, 23, who also listed a Pinckney address,

pleaded guilty July 1 as charged to third-offense drunken driving, failure to stop at a personal injury accident and driving on a suspended license.

The plea deal calls for the prosecution to recommend a sentence in the middle of the state's suggested sentencing guidelines. What that might be was not immediately known.

Sentencing is July 29. Unadilla Township police said the 23-year-old Redford woman's Pontiac

Bonneville crossed the center line near the intersection of M-36 and Bullis Road in Gregory and struck an eastbound Dodge Ram pickup that was pulling a trailer with a farm tractor around 10:20 p.m. May 27.

The impact sheared off one of the Bonneville's front wheels, police said.

Wheeler then drove the Bonneville "several hundred feet down the roadway" before stopping, police said.

The impact also caused the pickup driver, identified as a 24-year-old Pinckney man, to lose control of his vehicle, which struck a westbound Dodge Durango being driven by a 43-year-old Munith woman.

The Pinckney man and Munith woman both suffered minor injuries and were treated at the scene by Unadilla Township firefighters and personnel with Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority.

Free screenings, advice for seniors

Wayne Senior Services is offering a variety of upcoming programs and trips.

All programs are held at the HYPE Recreation Center on Howe at Annapolis. Preregistration is needed for all programs, except the One-Stop Health Screening.

» Free 15-minute legal consultation — Thursday, July 21, by appointment only. If you have questions for an attorney but can't afford one or don't know one, here's your chance. The program is for residents 50 years or older.

An advance appointment is required.

» Cooking Matters for Diabetics — a free six-week workshop from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Aug. 3.

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Call 800-543-9355 to register. The program is sponsored by Beaumont, the Ford Motor Company Fund and Gleaners Food Bank.

» There are upcoming trips for senior citizens. Trips must have a deposit to hold a spot. Travelers also must belong to the Wayne Sometimes Travelers group. Registration is \$6 per year, along with a completed registration form that is kept on file.

Historic Howell — Visit the Livingston Antique Outlet, have lunch at Diamonds Steak & Seafood, tour the Howell Opera House, plus have time to shop downtown Howell. The trip is set for Thursday, July 28, and costs \$60 per person.

Amish Acres, Arts and Crafts Festival — One of America's premier Arts & Crafts Fairs; made the American Bus Association Top 100 Events in North America, seven times of the last nine years. Transportation, admission and a lunch voucher included. Enjoy the day wandering through the festival.

The trip is Saturday, Aug. 6 and costs \$70 per person.

For more information, call Nancy at the Wayne Senior Services Office at 734-721-7460.

It's never too early to teach kids about money

With kids out of school and the dog days of summer upon us, parents need to look at this as an opportunity to spend time with their children teaching them to have an understanding of money. Unfortunately, the schools don't cover personal finance; it's up to you, the parents, to make sure your children have that understanding and appreciation. If they don't have an understanding of personal finance, there is no doubt it will cause problems in the future. The consequences of making poor financial decisions are greater than ever. The sooner you can teach your children, the better.

One of the questions I'm always asked is when someone should start teaching their kids about personal finance. As far as I'm concerned, it's never too early to teach someone. Even a 5- or 6-year-old can learn certain things such as counting coins and denominations of bills. Is it ever too late to teach your children about money? No. Even if your



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

I recognize it is difficult to have that conversation, no matter what the age of the child. For some reason, it seems all too often money is a taboo topic that people shouldn't talk about.

child is an adult and has just started their way in life, there is so much you can teach them before they make a life-altering mistake.

For parents of children who are about to go to college in the fall, it is extremely important to have conversations about money. When your child goes to college, technically, they are an adult. If they make a financial mistake, the

cost can be severe. In today's world, many employers are reviewing job applicants' credit scores and using that as part of their criteria in deciding whether to hire. Mistakes that a college student makes can hinder their career.

When it comes to college students, you must talk to them about charge cards. Charge card companies use all sorts of marketing techniques to get students to sign up for charge cards. Whether it's free concert tickets or free T-shirts, there are gimmicks galore to get college students to sign up for a charge card. Charge cards are an important financial tool and more likely than not your college student will need one at school. But the charge card that would best suit their situation is rarely the one that comes with free T-shirts or concert tickets. It's not surprising that many of those charge cards come with high fees and also high interest rates.

I recognize it is difficult to have that conversation, no matter what the age of the child. For some reason, it seems all too often mon-

ey is a taboo topic that people shouldn't talk about. That never made sense to me, considering we are the greatest capitalist society in the history of the world.

If you assume your child is going to learn financial skills from school, you're wrong. They don't teach it and even the ones that do certainly don't stress it. You need to stress to your child the importance of taking care and properly managing one's financial affairs. If you don't teach your child about finances, who will? They won't learn it from anyone other than trial and error. If they make a mistake, it may be very difficult to correct. Why not set a time on a regular basis to teach your child about the importance of personal finance? The time you spend today with your child will be invaluable to them in the future.

Good luck!

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Power restored after high winds

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

By late Monday afternoon, only about 40 scattered homes in the DTE Energy service area remained without power after a storm with high winds.

At the peak of the outage, there were 120,000 DTE customers in the dark throughout the utility's territory, DTE spokesman John Austerberry said.

"The storm really followed I-94 from western Wayne County from I-275 to downtown (Detroit)," he said. "It was a pretty concentrated storm."

In Westland and Wayne, the storm caused a lot of damage to trees and downed electrical

wires.

"We had one minor garage fire due to a downed wire. Our guys knocked it down quickly so there was no damage to the structure — just the roof," Wayne-Westland Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers. "We respond to all downed wires. We got lucky (there wasn't more damage)."

The wind took down a large canopy at the BP gas station on Wayne Road just north of Marquette. The falling canopy ended up falling on two cars and a truck crushing them.

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The BP gas station just north of Marquette on Wayne Road suffered a collapse of a large canopy during the Friday night storm that included high winds. A truck and three cars were crushed.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

An elderly Westland woman told police July 8 that she received a call from someone identifying himself as her grandson. The caller told her that he was in jail, had a broken nose and was in need of \$2,000.

The woman said she believed the call and followed the instructions to send \$2,000 to the man in the Dominican Republic via Western Union. After withdrawing the cash from her bank, the woman said she purchased prepaid VISA gift cards, then sent the money through Western Union.

A short time later, a different male called asked for the card numbers on the prepaid VISA, which she provided. She then said she received a third call seeking \$1,000 for additional medical bills.

The woman came to believe she had been scammed and made a police report. The officer said he called the num-

ber that was on caller ID for one call. A man answered and abruptly hung up after talking briefly with the officer.

Larceny

On July 8, a resident at the Westland Estates Apartments, 35120 Westland Estates, told police that assorted clothing and towels valued at \$400 were stolen from the complex laundry room. She said her items were missing from a washing machine. No one else was in the laundry room, she said, although other washing machines were operating.

Fraud

A Westland woman told police July 6 that the previous day she had checked her credit score and found two fraudulent Comcast accounts open in her name. Both accounts were listed at Detroit addresses and were activated in 2014. One had been canceled, the other had a \$500 balance.

LeAnne Rogers

Assault

A Romulus woman told police that she and her sister were seated on the patio of U.S. 12 Bar, 34824 Michigan Ave., just after 5 p.m. July 8 when she thought two men were shooting a squirt gun at her. She said she realized they were shooting her with paintballs.

The two men had come from Gents on the Avenue, 34836 W. Michigan Ave., the woman told police. After shooting the paintballs, the woman said the two men ran west to an alley that leads north.

The woman, described as intoxicated, and her sister were unable to provide any additional information on the suspects. The victim didn't want to prosecute over the incident.

Disorderly conduct

One man was arrested and a second ticketed for having alcohol in Goudy Park, 3300

WAYNE COP CALLS

Second, July 7.

An officer was doing a check on the park about 10:30 p.m. when he noticed a Wayne man sitting in the amphitheater with an open 24-ounce beer. He told the officer he was out riding his bike and had stopped in the park to drink a beer he had purchased. He was cited for having open intoxicants in public.

A second man, sitting at a picnic table, was drinking a Powerade. The man denied there was alcohol in the drink but when the officer checked, he admitted it contained vodka, police said. The man was cited for having open intoxicants in public and arrested on a warrant. The officer disposed of an open bottle of vodka and the Powerade.

Vandalism

A window at the Wayne Administration building, 3200 S. Wayne Road, was found to have been broken with a rock or possibly shot with a BB on July 11. The building had been

vacated on July 8 when building and engineering relocated to the Wayne Fire station. An employee noticed the damage when he was cleaning out his office.

Anyone with information about the damage is asked to call Det. Brent Cahill at 734-721-1414 ext. 1506.

Larceny

Two generators owned by WOW Internet and Cable were reported stolen early July 10. A technician told police he arrived to put gas into a generator near Hayes and Carlisle but found the chain securing it had been cut and the unit was gone. It had last been seen the previous night when it had been filled with gas.

About 30 minutes later, a second generator was reported missing from the area of Niagara and Forest. The two generators, red and black Honda models, were valued at \$2,200.

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Evan Piechota
David Pierson
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Savannah Price
Mallory Przygocki
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Raechel Daniels
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Carly Wasielewski
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In a reversal of winter-time fun, these kids made "mud angels" Tuesday at Wayne County Mud Day.

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DOWN AND DIRTY

Kids frolick at annual Wayne County Mud Day

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

It's the one day a year parents really don't worry about how much mud the kids track in. Thousands of kids frolicked through the mud Tuesday at Wayne County Parks' 29th annual Mud Day in Nankin Mills. "Mud Day brings me so much joy because I love to see kids having fun, playing in the mud.

The best part of Mud Day is seeing who gets crowned King and Queen of the mud!" director Beverly J. Watts said. Thousands of children, divided into age groups, took part in games like mud limbo and wheelbarrow races. The Western Wayne Hazmat Team was on site to help rinse off the kids at the end of the event. Sponsors for Mud Day included ITC Holdings, Fox 2, Community Alliance Credit Union, Metro Charter Academy, Friends of Wayne County Parks, Western Wayne Hazmat Team and Team Schostak Family Restaurant.



The Westland Fire Department, to the delight of all parents, provided the invaluable service of hosing the kids off before they climbed into their parent's cars.

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Children's mud-covered bodies took on the appearance of stone statues.

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Mom didn't mind a little mud herself while capturing the image at Wayne County Mud Day.

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A little mud can't stop a big hug.

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Kids of all ages didn't mind getting dirty.

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A little mud never hurt anybody.

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It wasn't quite head-to-toe mud, but it was close.

KELLY DOBSON

Local church aims to unify police, community

Daniel Bethencourt
Michigan.com

After a week of protests and a national outcry over police violence, the International Church of Metro Detroit in Wayne gathered about 80 of its members as well as two troopers from the Michigan State Police in an effort to start healing — and to start a conversation about moving forward.

“What an important time, not only in our community but in America,” pastor Art Wilson told the crowd Sunday. “We are not here to point fingers nor cast blame, we are instead here to call the community together to pray for peace and unity in our country.”

The 45-minute service at the church on Van Born Road came after a week of outrage and heightened tensions between African-Americans and police officers. In the span of just a few days, police killed two black men in Louisiana and Minnesota, and videos of those shootings or the moments afterward inspired visceral reactions nationwide.

One of those cities was Dallas, where a sniper ambushed police officers watching over a peaceful demonstration downtown, killing five officers and wounding seven others along with two civilians.

The church service also came after waves of protest against police violence across the country, including a rally with hundreds of people marching through downtown Detroit dubbed by the hashtag #BlackFriday.



The congregation listens as Art Wilson pastor of the International Church of Metro Detroit talks about community and police agencies working together Sunday in Wayne.

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Two members of the Michigan State Police spoke at the service. Trooper Walter Crider, a black 26-year department veteran, told the Detroit Free Press before his speech that the sum total of the killings in the past week “attacks you to the core.”

“It’s a visceral feeling, a disappointment in where we are,” he said. He also said that as an officer, “I question the whole meaning of ... ‘Why are we here?’”

To answer that, he

looked to his Christianity and said, “I can continue on, in spite of everything that’s going on ... and police with love.”

He also alluded to better training and sensitivity for law enforcement nationwide, saying: “There’s going to have to be a paradigm shift in law enforcement. People are begging for it.”

Michigan was thrust into the national law enforcement debate last year when dashcam video showed former Inkster police officer

William Melendez beating motorist Floyd Dent during a traffic stop. That January 2015 incident led to Melendez’s conviction on two felonies and landed him in prison.

During Melendez’s sentencing, Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans called the beating “disgusting.”

Another member of law enforcement who spoke was First Lt. Mike Shaw, a State Police spokesman. He stressed the value of community

partnerships and said, “When we work together, we get things done. (And) you have to do it all the time.”

Those in attendance said they were troubled and hurt by the events of the last week, but felt that not all police officers were to blame.

Jessica Halimon, 36, of Romulus, was one of those people: “I’m just happy that we can come together and have this conversation,” she said.

Another was Adam Denlinger of Lincoln

Park who wore an “All Lives Matter” shirt.

He said he feels indebted to a Lincoln Park police officer and first responders who rushed to the scene after he was electrically shocked during a severe storm while trying to deal with a fallen radio pole in September 2014. Denlinger said he thought he should have died. He spent four months in the hospital, some of that time in a coma, and the shock led to the partial amputation of one of his arms.

But he feels the response from emergency personnel was so fast that it was critical to saving his life. “It’s like God orchestrated this whole thing,” he said.

He added that police reforms should be focused on rooting out the bad officers.

“They save thousands of people a year,” he added. “People hold them to this standard like they’re supposed to be perfect and they’re not.”

Another church member, Dequindre Jernigan, 23, of Detroit, said the events of the past week were tragically “not that surprising, seeing that these are end times. ... It’s the Bible being revealed.” She added: “Events like these are what’s going to help us in these times. We can still turn to Jesus.”

And Ahesha Hill, 41, of Inkster, said she was devastated by the events of the past week, but added: “I don’t think that all cops are to blame.” She also said: “This meeting is going to help us come together more. ... The police are not our enemy.”

ANDERSON

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it.

On a related issue, Anderson said there seems to be consensus among commissioners regarding bringing contracts before the body when required.

“I’m always alarmed

when the county passes contracts (without commission oversight) or renegotiates expired contracts not approved by the commission,” he said. “That had been reduced dramatically. No bid contracts — you virtually don’t see that in the local communities. You should always seek other bidders.”

The greatest thing

he’d like to accomplish at Wayne County, Anderson said, is establishing transparency and accountability.

“The procurement process has been a major factor in overspending. I think the executive moved in the right direction creating a new process,” said Anderson, who serves on the commission accountability and

transparency committee. “I think the county will save millions once this is implemented. It will be available for everyone to bid on with no special considerations.”

Regarding the partially built over budget Wayne County jail, Anderson said he had questions regarding completion of the building near Greektown, including the costs.

“The county is still talking to Dan Gilbert. One lawsuit has been settled with one company in Wayne County’s favor. We got \$2.5 million out of it,” he said.

While agreeing that county roads need more work, Anderson said the suggestion that local governments partner with the county on road projects isn’t feasible.

“That’s unrealistic to think we can do that and get more money from the locals (governments),” he said. “Most of the locals don’t have the money to match on road projects — they

THE ANDERSON FILE

Name: Glenn Anderson

Hometown: Westland

Family: Married, two adult children, two grandchildren.

Employment: Wayne County Commission 12th District since January 2016. Anderson serves on the Committee on Ways & Means, the Committee on Economic Development, the Committee on Health & Human Services, is the Vice Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and also Chair of the Special Committee on Accountability & Transparency.

Experience: Served as a state senator 2007-14; as a state representative 2001-06; as a member of the Westland City Council 1991-2000; a past member of the Wayne County Ethics Board. Anderson was employed by Ford Motor Company and has been a member of the United Auto Workers since 1972. He is also a licensed Realtor.

Awards: The Hero of Breast Cancer Award from the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute; Legislator of the Year by Michigan Chiefs of Police, Police Officers Association of Michigan and the Michigan Hemophilia Association. He also was a member of the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators as well as the Council of State Governments Great Lakes Caucus.

Community: A former Jaycee; the Westland Goodfellows; Western Wayne NAACP; Churchill High School PTA and many other charitable and community organizations.

can’t even fix local roads.

The road funding law — Act 51 — needs to be revisited, Anderson said, to utilize a formula based on miles driven rather than miles of

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City of Livonia – 06/06/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Meakin, Kritzman, Jolly, Bahr and McIntyre

Absent: White and Brosnan

Items were received and filed.

#218-16 Approving the minutes of the 1,801th Regular Meeting of the Council on May 16, 2016.

#219-16 Referring the subject of the Regional Transportation Authority Plan to the Administration and the Infrastructure and Community Transit Committee for its report and recommendation

#220-16 Approving the request to waive the Noise Ordinance for American Cancer Society at Bentley Field on Saturday, June 11, 2016.

#221-16 Approving the request to waive the Noise Ordinance for Saint Rafka Maronite Catholic Church on Saturday, August 6, 2016 and Sunday, August 7, 2016.

#222-16 Approving the request of Allan Dix, to close Yale Street between Elmira and Leon on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 11am – 10 pm for a graduation party.

#223-16 Accepting quote from ESRI, for GIS software maintenance agreement for 1-year period.

#224-16 Authorizing purchase of (1) 2017 Freightliner Tandem Axle Dump Truck through Rochester Hills Co-op Award Agreement and outfitting by Truck and Trailer Specialties, for total cost of \$136,309.

#225-16 Accepting the bid in the amount of \$37,600.00 from Sole Building Company, for refurbishment of Domar building.

#226-16 Accepting the bid in the amount of \$39,248.00 from Temperature Services, for the replacement of the cooling tower framework at The Robert and Janet Bennett Library.

#227-16 Awarding the Contract to D’Angelo Brothers, Inc., in connection with the 2016-2017 Sidewalk and Pavement Replacement Program – Water Main Breaks

#228-16 Approving a one-year extension of the site plan approval, in connection with a proposal to construct a one-story office-research building located at 37640 Seven Mile Road.

First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (5-0) was given to an ordinance granting to Consumers Power Company, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places to do a local gas business in the City of Livonia.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 13.03 of Article XIII, (P District Regulations) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 040 of Title 13, Chapter 08 (Water Service Rates and Revenues) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 050 of Title 13, Chapter 08 (Water Service Rates and Revenues) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 120 of Title 13, Chapter 20 (Livonia Sewage Disposal System) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 130 of Title 13, Chapter 20 (Livonia Sewage Disposal System) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 050 of Title 13, Chapter 28 (Industrial Waste Surcharge) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (5-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 240 of Title 10, Chapter 21 (Traffic Violations) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#229-16 Approving division of Tax Item No. 46-004-01-0029-002 located at 19334 Angling.

#230-16 Approving an extension of The Botsford Park Cellular Tower Lease with American Tower for a five (5) year period, with three additional five (5) year renewal periods with an annual rent of \$24,000.00 effective on July 1, 2016, thereafter starting January 1, 2017 there will be an annual increase of four percent (4%) and a \$50,000.00 signing bonus to be used for improvements to the pool bath house.

#231-16 Suspending the rules for procedure.

#232-16 Granting permission to barricade Woodside between Vargo and Bennett, for a graduation party on Sunday, June 12, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

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we can get pension bonds,” Mason said. “I’m not in favor of taking more from the retirees and current employees.”

Mason was critical of the current commissioners who have done nothing to reduce their own medical coverage.

“The commission needs to step up and make concessions. Everyone needs to feel the pain,” Mason said. “The legislative group has not given up anything. They are still living high on the hog.”

Mason supports completing the partially constructed, cost-overrun-plagued county jail located across from the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

“The jail needs to be completed. There was a total lack of oversight by the commission and (then county executive Robert) Ficano,” she said. “The jail it is replacing was built in 1928. There is nothing that can be done to bring it up to today’s standards.”

Road improvements are another priority,

THE MASON FILE

Name: Sue Mason

Hometown: Westland

Family: Married, two adult children.

Education: graduate, Wayne State University, Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism

Employment: currently an academic success coach at Cambridge High School, Garden City; retired in 2015 after 43 years as a newspaper reporter and editor from the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Community involvement: Wayne-Westland Family YMCA board of directors, Garden City Kiwanis, Warm Hearts, Garden City Educational Foundation, Schoolcraft College Women’s Resource Center Advisory Board, John Glenn High School Men’s Soccer Booster Club, Westland Girl Scouts

Achievements: 2009 Westland Athena Award, 2015 Key to the City of Westland, Wayne-Westland Community Schools Award for Editorial Excellence, Westland Civilians Citizen of the Year

Mason said, calling for partnerships between the county and local communities for more projects.

“Cherry Hill is to be done this year. I’d like to see partnerships to work on the roads before they get to the point of Cherry Hill,” she said.

The county charter calls for eight commission meetings to be held — four in Detroit, four in suburban communities, Mason said, but so far none of been held outside Detroit.

“The meetings are all held during the daytime, even the commissioner’s

coffee hours are 9-10 a.m. on Monday,” she said. “It’s for their convenience. I would hold evening coffee hours in the communities.”

Out campaigning, Mason said she has often had to explain the role of county commission. To help keep residents informed, she said she would create a newsletter.

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Alert: NCFD firefighters train to be ready at moment's notice

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Capt. Jim Davison of the Northville City Fire Department is a veteran of the fire service who worked in Canton fighting fires for 34 years. He now runs the City of Plymouth station weekdays for the NCFD, serving the cities of Northville and Plymouth.

"Every Thursday night is our training night," Davison said. That can run two hours or four hours, and often takes place at the Plymouth Cultural Center, including classroom work. Sometimes, the paid, on-call firefighters travel north to Northville's Station 1 or train jointly with the Northville station crew in Plymouth.

The focus is on "practical exercises," said Davison, noting the training schedule is planned two months in advance.

"Training is very important," he said. "Technology changes, newer, better, safer. Firefighters are always training, always looking at the newest, best, safest methods. Training in the fire service is huge, it's a necessity, especially the paid, on-calls."

Those firefighters hold down day jobs, and are paid hourly for training and are paid for calls they answer. They need to learn to use equipment,



Firefighter/EMTs Rachel Willey and Nolan Gilo train at the Plymouth Cultural Center in Plymouth on Thursday evenings.

including operation of the trucks.

"We don't have the luxury of being here 24/7," Davison said. Chief Stephen Ott is NCFD's only full-timer.

"You're always doing something," recalled Davison of his firefighting years. That could be viewing a PowerPoint "or actually going out and laying hose lines, climbing ladders."

Additional information, including an application, is at www.northvilleplymouthfire.org for those interested in becoming a paid, on-call firefighter with NCFD.

"Give us a call," urged Davison. "We are always in the market for firefighters. Come in and see us and talk." That includes older retired fire-

fighters, he said.

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NCFD firefighters Adam Rice and Eric Reynolds train on the aerial ladder at the weekly training program held on Thursday evenings.

The Wayne Housing Commission has completed revisions to its 2016 Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan (ACOP). The ACOP is available for review at the Wayne Housing Commission office located at 3355 S. Wayne Rd, Wayne, MI 48184. The ACOP is available for review 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday thru Thursday. In addition a public hearing will be held, to give interested parties the opportunity to comment on the revisions of the ACOP on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Wayne Housing Commission office.

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The Wayne Housing Commission has developed its Annual Plan for the year 2017 in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The Plan is available for review at the Wayne Housing Commission office located at 3355 S Wayne Rd, Wayne, MI 48184. The plan will be available from 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Thursday. In addition a public hearing will be held, to give interested parties the opportunity to comment on the Plan on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the Wayne Housing Commission Office.

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07-16-0208 Motion by Sanders, seconded by Gabriel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2016-05, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1200 TO THE WAYNE CITY CODE CONCERNING SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS AND PERMITTED USES.

Section 1. That Chapter 1254, Section 1254.02 of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"1254.02 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES.

The following principal uses are permitted in the B-1 District:

- (a) Administrative and governmental offices;
- (b) Banks, professional offices, clinics and offices for real estate, accounting, insurance and similar office uses;
- (c) Studios for dancing, art, drafting design and other similar uses;
- (d) Educational institutions and commercial schools;
- (e) Public utility buildings, telephone exchange buildings, electric transformer stations and substations and gas regulator stations;
- (f) Churches, meeting halls, catering halls and museums;
- (g) Funeral homes;
- (h) Hospitals, convalescent and nursing homes, clinics and health clubs;
- (i) Multifamily dwellings;
- (j) (EDITOR'S NOTE: Division (j) of this section was repealed by Ord. 2005-01, passed January 4, 2005.)
- (k) Adult businesses, provided that the site upon which such business is located is more than 1,500 feet from the property line of an area zoned for residential use;
- (l) Single-family residences and dwellings in existing buildings that comply with applicable laws and codes, including, but not limited to Chapter 1484 of the Building and Housing Code, provided that such new single-family residences and dwellings shall not be located in the basement or on the ground floor; and
- (m) Single-family residences and dwellings in cases of new construction that comply with applicable laws and codes, including, but not limited to Chapter 1484 of the Building and Housing Code, provided that such new single family residences and dwellings shall not be located in the basement or on the ground floor.
- (n) **Body Art Studios not within 500 feet of any other Body Art Studio."**

Section 2. That Chapter 1234, Subsection 1234.12(d)(1) of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended to remove subsection (R), and to provide as follows:

"(d) Regulated Uses.

(1) In the development and execution of this Zoning Code, it is recognized that there are some uses which, because of their very nature, are recognized as having serious objectionable operational characteristics, particularly when several of them are concentrated under certain circumstances thereby having a deleterious effect upon the adjacent areas. Special regulation of these uses is necessary to ensure that these adverse effects will not contribute to the blighting or downgrading of the surrounding neighborhood. These special regulations are itemized in this subsection.

The primary control or regulation is for the purpose of preventing a concentration of these uses in any one area.

The establishment of the following kinds of uses is prohibited if the establishment of such use will constitute the second such use within a 500-foot radius (i.e. not more than one such use within 500 feet of another such use):

- A. Adult supply store;
- B. Adult motion picture theater;
- C. Adult mini motion picture theater;
- D. Adult outdoor motion picture theater;
- E. (Intentionally left blank);
- F. Group A cabaret;
- G. (Intentionally left blank);
- H. (Intentionally left blank);
- I. Massage parlors;
- J. Pawnshops;
- K. (Intentionally left blank);
- L. Boarding and rooming houses;
- M. (Intentionally left blank);
- N. (Intentionally left blank);
- O. (Intentionally left blank);
- P. Money services businesses;
- Q. Person engaged in the occupation or business of fortune telling, palmistry or clairvoyancy;"
- R. **Persons engaged in the occupation or business of applying tattoos or piercing body parts other than ears.**

Section 3. That Chapter 1276, Section 1276.01 of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

"1276.01 AUTHORITY OF PLANNING COMMISSION.

(a) Site plan review by the Planning Commission and approval by Council shall be required in B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, IND-B, IND-1, IND-2, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, HD, T-1 and P-1 Districts and also required in R-1AA, R-1A, R-1B and R-1C Districts if for any of the uses listed as special exceptions in Section 1238.04 under any of the following circumstances:

- 1. **Prior to change of use**
- 2. **Prior to occupancy of a building that has been vacant for a period of more than six months; and**
- (3) **Prior to commencement of development by construction of an additional building on improved land, or the reconstruction of at least 30% of the total structure or any facade or additions and renovations to existing buildings, at an aggregate labor and material cost greater than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000);**

(b) Nothing herein contained shall require site plan review or approval for the following events:

- (1) Change of Ownership
- (2) Repair or replacement of the mechanical parts of a building such as, for example, but not limited to the furnace, hot water tank, toilet or sink;
- (3) Repair or re-roofing of a building with a flat roof;
- (4) Changes in, or additions to, signage;
- (5) Repairs as a result of fires or acts of God;
- (6) Installation of awnings; or
- (7) Interior building renovations for occupied properties that are not expected to substantially increase the demand on existing parking, providing there is a current certificate of occupancy inspection report which does not contain evidence of site conditions such as, but not limited to: inadequate lighting, improper signage, absent or deficient landscaping, improper treatment of dumpster(s), improper storage, peeling paint, scattered debris, status of parking lots."

(c) **If the requirements of Chapter 1276.01 (a) are not met then authority of the Planning Commission directs the administration to provide for a Zoning Permit in compliance of Chapter 1276.01 (b)(7) and Chapter 1281.**

Section 4. That Chapter 1230, Section 1230.04 of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended to add subsection (29a) as follows:

"(29a) **Body Art Studio. "Body Art Studio" means a business properly licensed by the State of Michigan involving body tattoos, piercings, and similar activities."**

Section 5. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 7. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Matthew Miller
City Clerk

Adopted: July 5, 2016
Published: July 14, 2016
Effective: July 15, 2016

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A shot above Plymouth shows the NCFD working on their weekly training that helps to keep the communities they serve safe during emergencies.

TOM BEAUDOIN

CITY OF WESTLAND 2016 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2016 July Board of Review and will convene in the Westland City Hall at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

July 20, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

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

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

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

Richard LeBlanc, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **July 29th, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

MASTER PLAN

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-18 July 5, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 7, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. PRESENTATION: by State Representative Robert Kosowski; by Marie Donigan, Transit Project Coor. regarding transit; Albert Damitio regarding FRIENDS Project. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of June 21; Materials Recovery at Scrapbusters; Second Reading of Ordinance #2016-05; resolution in support of Regional Transit Authority; Special Meeting for August 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; donation to Crimestoppers; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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OUR VIEW

Voters have two good choices in Wayne County Commission race

Voters going to the polls to select a new 12th District Wayne County Commissioner have a distinct choice between "old" and "new."

Veteran politician Glenn Anderson, who has served on the city council, in the state House and as a state senator, is seeking his first full term on the commission. He was appointed earlier this year when Richard LeBlanc was elected Westland city clerk.

Longtime journalist Sue Mason, who spent more than 30 years working for the Observer & Eccentric, is seeking her first elective office. She retired last fall as the editor of the *Westland Observer*.

Mason's newcomer status may be her biggest advantage. She won't be jaded by a "we've always done it this way" or "I scratched your back, now you scratch mine" mentality.

After covering local issues for so many years, Mason is certainly familiar with the challenges facing Wayne County. She's been critical of current commissioners who have done nothing to reduce their own medical coverage, she believes the county has no choice but to finish the costly jail project, and wants to see the commission partner with local municipalities to do something about roads.

She's critical of Anderson's continued pursuit of public office — "It's job hopping," she said — and lik-



Anderson



Mason

ens it to a "good ol' boy network." When LeBlanc was running for clerk he said, if elected, he would appoint Anderson to replace him.

Anderson, of course, simply calls that "experience." It gives him, he said, a huge advantage because of the relationships he's already established at every level of government. Those relationships, he points out, could be an advantage to the commission.

He's not wrong about that, but the sense of entitlement to the position is a bit troubling. Still, Anderson does bring a wealth of experience to the commission. He's worked with municipal budgets, he understands how the process works.

While Mason calls for the commission to "step up and lead" and reduce their own health care, Anderson claims such a move would affect "more people than just the commission," including non-union workers who would also lose out with such cuts.

Anderson is critical of Mason's idea to partner with local governments on roads, pointing out that municipalities have sparse resources to deal with local roads, much less helping pay for county roads.

They agree on some issues. Mason and Anderson have both been critical of the county's budgeting process, particularly the timing. And they both want more transparency.

Anderson has done a fine job wherever he's been, championing causes such as bullying. He'd make a good choice, if his status as a career politician doesn't bother voters.

Mason's learning curve would be longer, but not so long as to be a negative. And perhaps voters will decide a new voice is needed. If so, Mason would be a good choice.

LETTERS

Protecting Clinton

Bill Clinton jump-started Loretta Lynch's career in 1999 appointing her U.S. Attorney for the eastern district of New York. She returned to private practice in 2001 until Barack Obama re-appointed her U.S. Attorney in New York in 2010. She then became U.S. Attorney General in 2015 thanks to Obama.

James Comey became director of the FBI in 2013 thanks to Obama.

Obama wants Hillary Clinton to be President. Lynch and Comey owe their careers to Clinton or Obama. So, they give Clinton a get-out-of-jail-free card for compromising state secrets, actions that have landed little people like Chelsea Manning in jail for 35 years.

The moral of the story

is that laws are only for little people and if you help the big people stay out jail you'll be rewarded with high-paying careers in public service fighting crime.

Jack Belisle
South Lyon

Profiling doesn't make us bigots

Look at the clothing that girl is wearing, she must be a real freak! Oh my gosh, (I would have said "Oh my, God!" but that might have offended some of the readers), I just profiled her, that is a terrible, terrible thing to do!

Folks, everybody profiles and have been doing so all their lives. We all form opinions of things

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. Letters should be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters via the following formats.

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based on experience, education, parental teachings, etc. When a law enforcement professional looks at someone, or something, he/she/they will form an opinion; this is just what we all do. When you go to a doctor, that person will form an opinion of you (profiling). If you are claiming injury or illness, they use what we call in the Wilderness Medical field

SOAP notes (Subjective, Objective, Action taken, Prognosis). What you say, what I see and hear, what I am going to do, what I expect the results of my actions to be.

You all do this in your daily life, but may not have realized it. If you are being honest with yourself, you will notice this. Just pay a little attention to what and who is around you, and

you will realize it.

Doesn't make you a bigot or racist, just human. If more attention had been paid to the Orlando killer, someone would have sent up a flare. If I had been in that club (a very unlikely occurrence), I would have done my best to stop him.

Michael Gow
Oak Grove

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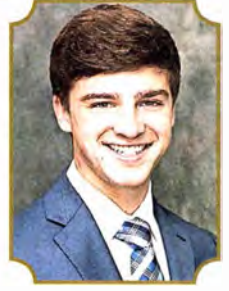
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Food distribution

On Tuesday, July 19, the City of Livonia will distribute, through the State of Michigan Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), salmon, orange juice, Tasteo's cereal, UHT milk, peaches, vegetarian beans, rotini and cranberry sauce. Other items will also be provided from Forgotten Harvest. The distribution is from noon to 2 p.m. at the vacant district court building, 15140 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road. This distribution is offered to Livonia residents who are currently enrolled in TEFAP with a TEFAP ID card. Distributions are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month.

Senior housing residents should check with their housing office for TEFAP information. For more information, contact the Community Resource Department, Commodity Food line at 734-466-2673. This institution is an equal-opportunity provider.

Rummage sale

Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia, hosts its annual rummage sale July 25-27.

The sale takes place 5-7 p.m., Monday, July 25; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 26; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 (with a bag sale on cloth items and half-off sales the rest of the day).

Anyone wishing to donate items must do so by July 18. For more information, call 734-427-2290 or visit www.timothylivonia.com.

Christian music festival

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church hosts its sixth annual Hosanna Palooza Free Christian Music Festival and Craft Fair from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23. The event features eight



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Power outage

High winds strong enough to snap this large branch off of a 40-year-old Locus tree blew through the neighborhood in the 15000 block of Hix on Friday. The branch snapped the power lines, leaving area residents with no power. Livonia Fire department responded. There was no fire as the transformers fuse flew de-energizing the live wire which prevented it from arching. No injuries were reported.

Christian bands: Harken, Krymsyn Grayce, Redemption Road, Reggie Williams, Wise 4 Salvation, REIGN, and Second Day Story. Admission is free.

Organizers say the event has "something for everyone," including "craft-aholics." For more information, visit facebook.com/HosannaTaborLutheran.

RU Marching Band

The Redford Union Marching Band will hold a fundraiser at Vicky's Ice Cream, 26145 W. Six Mile Road in Redford, from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11.

Band members will play their instruments along with attached units Color guard and Major-ettes. All proceeds benefit RUHS Marching Band.

Garden Walk

The Garden City Garden Club hosts the 22nd annual Garden Walk from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 16.

Garden Walk tickets are \$8 (or two for \$15) and are available at Barson's Greenhouse (6414

Merriman) and Lucky Dog Daycare (\$921 Middlebelt).

For more information, visit gccc.weebly.com or facebook.com/gccgmi.

Meet Up/Eat Up

Meet Up to Eat Up at Hype Wayne takes place every Monday through Friday at Hype Wayne, 4635 Howe in Wayne, from noon to 2 p.m., until the end of August.

Meet Up to Eat Up is open to anyone 18 and under, and hungry.

Vacation Bible school

First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square in Wayne (across from the post office), hosts Vacation Bible School for kindergarten through fifth grade. The school takes July 17-21 from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call 734-721-4801 Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Summer tours

St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia will be offering summer tours of its facilities, led by teaching staff and current

students, for incoming and prospective new families on July 20 and July 27, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reservations are appreciated but not required.

St. Michael's School is at 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman in Livonia. For more information, call 734-261-1455, Ext. 225, or visit livoniastmichael.org and click on the "School" designation.

Teddy Bear picnic

The Teddy Bear Picnic at the Simmons-Hill House Gardens takes place 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 16. Pack your picnic lunch, blanket, and favorite teddy bear.

Children's activities include story teller, craft and a honey bee tea.

Advance tickets \$5 per child. Tickets are available at the Greenmead office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the preservation of Greenmead Historical Park.

Trunk sale

The Livonia Historical Commission hosts a one-day trunk sale from 10

a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 23, in the Hill House Parking lot (enter off Victor Parkway) at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh in Livonia.

A large variety of items will be available. Admission is a donation. Plenty of free parking.

All proceeds benefit Greenmead Historical Park

Kindergarten program

South Redford School District is offering a tuition-free Kindergarten Readiness Program (with the exception of a one-time-only material fee of \$75) to all children who reside in South Redford and will be age 4 by Sept. 1. The children attend three-hour classes, Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon sessions.

The preschoolers participate in activities designed to encourage the development of readiness skills necessary for a successful kindergarten experience.

Parents interested in more information may contact the Kindergarten Readiness teachers at 313-535-4000, Ext. 1036. Registration packets are available the district's Jan Jacobs building at 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford. The Kindergarten Readiness Program is located in the same building.

St. Michael car show

Are you a "muscle car" fan? A "street rod" junkie? A classic car aficionado? Perhaps just someone who likes cool cars? Then St. Michael the Archangel Church is hoping you will find their upcoming summer car show to be right up your alley.

The St. Michael the Archangel Church Social Committee is offering its first car show in the St. Michael School parking lot on Saturday, July 16, with a limited number of display spots available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the lot opening for participants at 8 a.m. All cars must be in place no later than 11 a.m. The \$10 registration fee covers participation and a car owner's goodie bag.

All makes, models and years of cars are welcome. Voting will take place throughout the day, with the awards ceremony beginning promptly at 2:30 p.m. There will be three award categories: Kids' Choice, Participants' Choice, and Best of Show. Door prizes will be drawn every hour and there will be additional activities and food available. There are, however, no burn-outs, spin-outs, racing or alcohol permitted on the church premises.

St. Michael's the Archangel Church and School complex is at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road between Farmington and Merriman roads in Livonia. For more information, visit livoniastmichael.org.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer in Westland, hosts its Mom 2 Mom sale 10 a.m. to noon (9-10 a.m. for early bird) on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Cost is \$15 per 8-foot table; racks and card tables are extra.

For more information, call Carolyn at 734-728-1559 or Sandy at 734-721-4867.

Park performances

Parks, Performances, and Play! is a new summer concert series with performances designed just for kids. The series, sponsored by The Livonia Arts Commission and Leo's Coney Island (Six Mile and Haggerty), features Guy Louis at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20. The series concludes with Mr. Seley at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17. All concerts take place at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard.

Park It! family fun nights return this summer. Enjoy live music, kids activities and a movie under the stars. The event starts at 6 p.m. with live music at 6:30 p.m. followed by a family friendly movie at 8:20 p.m. Park It! takes place Tuesday, Aug. 9 at the Kirksey Recreation Center (Five Mile and Hubbard).

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or visit ci.livonia.mi.us.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On July 19, 2016 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2006 BUICK	LUCERNE	1G4HD57236U230754
2016 GMC	ACADIA	1GKKVPKD5GJ143750
2006 CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1ZS51F26F183210
2000 FORD	WINDSTAR	2FMZA5244YBC52521
1997 PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	1G2WP52K0VF240126
1991 CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	1G1JC54G2M7259613
2001 CHRYSLER	300	2C3AE66G21H600548
2000 CHEVROLET	MONTE CARLO	2G1WW12E6Y9380480
2001 CHEVROLET	MALIBU	1G1NE52J11M661095
1998 FORD	F 150	2FTEX18L6WCA00169
2002 PONTIAC	MONTANA	1GMDX03E32D298555
1997 ACURA	3.0 CL	19UYA1140VL000921
2002 FORD	ESCAPE	1FMYU03112K17605
1997 FORD	F150	1FTDX1722VNC97762
2004 LINCOLN	LS	1LNHM87A14Y636417
2006 FORD	FREESTAR	2FMDA51696BA10625
1991 GMC	STATION WAG	1GKCT18Z8M0531308

*All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 14 7/5/16

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Kehrler
Absent: Johnson

132: Minutes of regular meeting on 6/20/16.
- St. John's Episcopal Church 1-day beer tent for Fall Festival 9/12.
- Blues, Brews, & BBQ event 8/5-6.
- Bid for Printing/Mailing Svcs. to Intelligent document Solutions; amt. not to ex. \$36,000/yr.
- Preventative Maintenance Agrmnt. w/Johnson Controls for City Hall HVAC System; amt. not to ex. \$34,000/yr.
- Consulting Agrmnt. w/E. Dehart-Schoof for Elections Assistant; amt. not to ex. \$7,000 for term of contract.
- ILA w/Wayne for sharing of Code Enforcement Svcs.
- Adopted resolution to create public building improvement fund for 18th District Court facility.

133: SLU for prop. HUSH Entertainment Haunted House/Christmas Attraction, 37550 Cherry Hill w/contingencies.
134: Closed Study Session immediately after adjournment re pending litigation.
135: Rev. Site Plan for prop. ext. bldg. remodel, McDonald's Restaurant, 31355 Joy Rd. w/contingencies.
136: Appr. checklist: \$ 1,108,976.29.
Mtg. adj. at 8:28 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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INSPIRING SACRIFICE

Coach Snell grateful for health-restoring donation

Thurston assistant coach gives friend the gift of life

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

At some point during the aftermath of his heroic kidney-donation surgery on June 20, Redford Thurston assistant football coach Pete Kotsogiannis requested a modest and lighthearted favor from the potential life-saving (and cer-

tainly life-enhancing) procedure's benefactor — Redford Thurston head football coach (and Kotsogiannis's brother-in-law) Bob Snell.

"Since I've only been a coordinator on the defensive side of the ball, I told Bob that all I wanted in return was to call the first offensive play for Thurston this season," Kotsogiannis revealed, smiling. "We work on all these trick plays, but never use them. If he lets me call the play, we're running a fancy

one."

The fact that Kotsogiannis and Snell were able to joke about the amazing and delicate four-person, paired donor kidney transplants that also involved two participants from California — a pair of acquaintances, like Snell and Kotsogiannis, one of whom was the recipient of Kotsogiannis's kidney, the other a donor for Snell — was a reflection of the proce-



Longtime friends and fellow Redford Thurston football coaches Pete Kotsogiannis (left) and Bob Snell are doing well a few days after Kotsogiannis donated a kidney and Snell received one.

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NEXT CHALLENGE: WORLD JUNIORS



With the Olympic rings towering behind him at Bahna Wrestling Center in Ann Arbor, Alec Pantaleo bursts with American pride.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

JUST TRY TO STOP HIM

Canton alum Pantaleo ready to take wrestling world by storm with Team USA

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

To be the best, Alec Pantaleo figures he'll have to beat the best.

He's already very close. That's apparent to anybody who knows what Pantaleo has been able to accomplish on the wrestling mat whether at Canton High School or the University of Michigan.

And he isn't stopping there. Pantaleo, who just turned 20, now plans to slam his way to international success and help Team USA win gold Aug. 30 through Sept. 4 at the United World Wrestling World Junior Championships in Macon, France.

"The best is yet to come," said Pantaleo, whose dad



Getting in some reps Tuesday are Team USA junior wrestlers Alec Pantaleo (left) and Sal Profaci, from New Jersey.

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(Mike) and uncles (Joe, Dan) set the family tone with success on the mat either at the collegiate or international levels. "For me, I can do anything I put my mind to. I see no reason why I can't win gold in France, why I can't keep pushing forward, keep improving."

"Hopefully soon my buddies I've been training with can come along with me on the ride. I'll just be surrounded by successful people. That's what I'm really excited about."

The Pantaleo legacy

This has been a whirlwind year for Pantaleo, finishing

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PREP SWIMMING

Venos is new Mercy girls swim coach

Has record of success as Brother Rice boys mentor

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Mercy High School has found a most capable and qualified individual to take charge of its enormously successful swimming and diving program.

Mike Venos, who has had parallel results in his 17 years with the Brother Rice boys, will coach the Mercy girls, too.

He replaces Shannon Dunworth, who resigned recently after 12 seasons with the Marlins to take a non-coaching job in Texas.

"I can't begin to tell you how excited I am with this new opportunity," Venos said. "This is a program that is rich in tradition. These young ladies know how to work and understand how to compete, and they walk around with the pride of a Mercy girl."



Venos

The Venos family is very familiar with Mercy. Venos' mother, aunt, wife, sister-in-law and daughter are graduates of the school.

As was the case when Dunworth replaced Jim Downs in 2004, Venos had a lot of phone calls from past and present Mercy parents and swimmers, asking him to put his name into consideration for the position.

"The support I have received from people I know and a few I don't has been completely overwhelming," he said. "If I hadn't applied, I don't think the women in my family would have ever spoken to me again."

Venos' wife, Angela, is a former Mercy diver, and their daughter, Kelsey, is a former Mercy swimmer who was a member of the first four teams coached by Dunworth.

"I've known Shannon for a very long time, and I have witnessed what his approach can do for these young ladies," Venos said. "My daughter is a confident, successful young lady due in large part to what she gained from my swimming. I look forward to continuing what Shannon has built upon with the Mercy legacy."

Coaching a girls team is nothing new for Venos, who did that at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep the past three years.

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sixth in NCAA Division I at 149 pounds before blitzing all comers at the UWW Junior Nationals and Junior World Team Trials (in April and May, respectively).

He wrestled at 66 kilograms (145.5 pounds) for the latter two events.

After defeating Matthew Kolodzick in the Junior World Team Trials to punch his ticket to France, the younger Pantaleo was thrilled to continue his family's wrestling legacy.

"Uncle Joe was a two-time national runner-up," Pantaleo said. "But also coming off his sophomore year in college, just like me, he won junior nationals and then went out on the junior world team out to Russia and he won the Junior World Championships."

"We're big in my family on the idea every generation should be better off than the previous one, right?"

Bahna blast

Odds are in Alec Pantaleo's favor that he might do just that. He now is in the final stretch of preparation for the World Juniors, working from July 15-24 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Col.

That followed weeks of grueling work against the likes of 2012 Olympian Jake Herbert and two-time national champion Kellen Russell at Bahna Wrestling Center in Ann Arbor.

"Jake is a two-time national champ, Kellen's a two-time national champ," Pantaleo said. "If I can do what they did and figure out how they did it, I'm going to get exactly what I want out of this sport."

According to Pantaleo, who is built like a tank yet lightning quick, Bahna Wrestling Center also doubles as a regional training center for the Olympic circuit and senior level guys (older than 20; juniors are ages 18-20 according to USA Wrestling).

"I'm constantly getting top guys in the nation in that room," Pantaleo said. "That's who I trained with to get prepared. Those guys were training for the Olympic trials, so I was doing whatever they were doing, basically."

Step by step

Pantaleo's path to the cusp of international glory began with his hometown Chiefs, where he was an all-stater and as a senior in 2014 lost in the championship bout to Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Myles Amine (incidentally, now a good friend and U-M teammate).

With the Wolverines, Pantaleo has upped his game up a notch — all with the ultimate goal of being an Olympian medalist in mind.

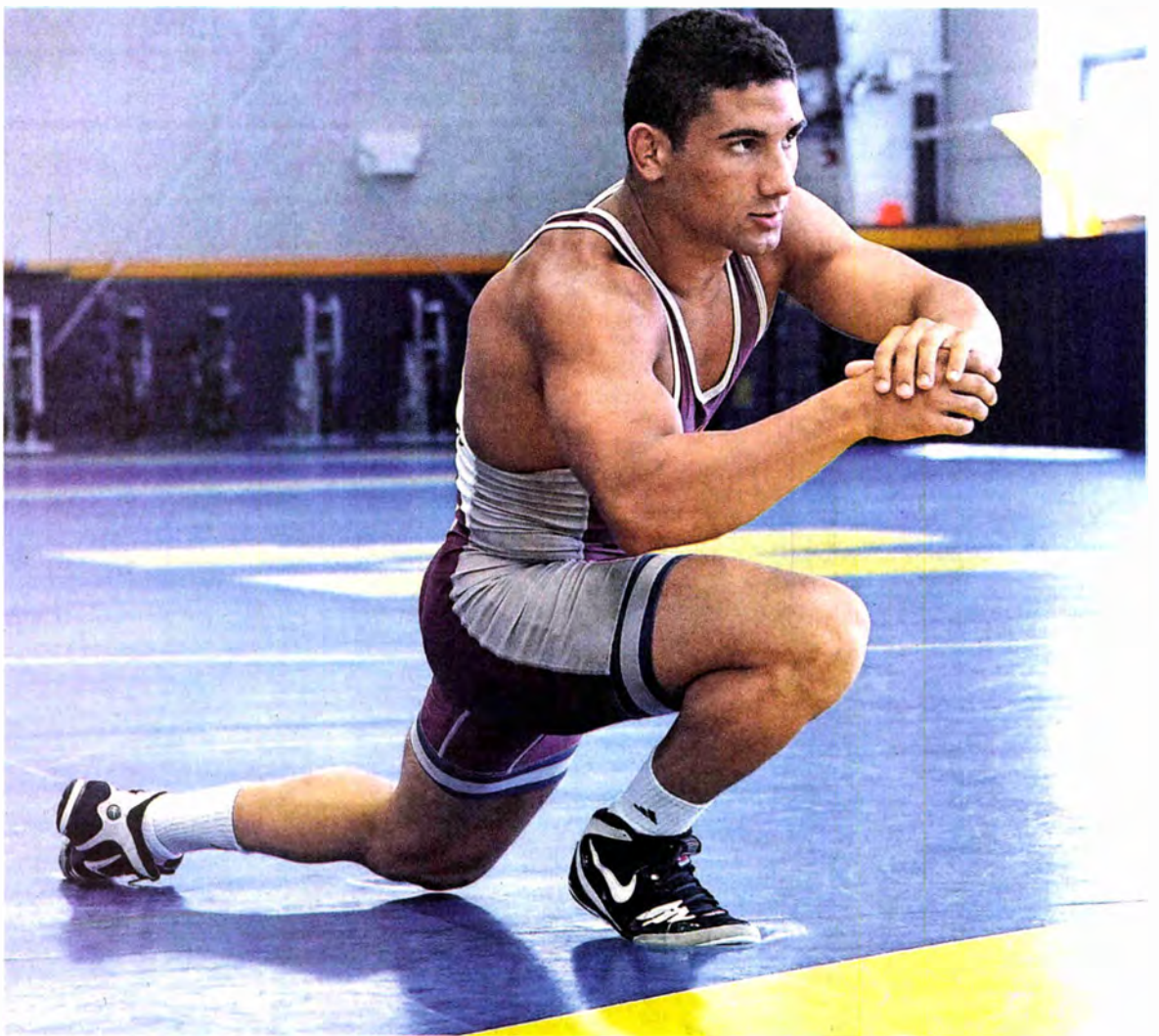
"I knew going into college that I had the kind of intangibles you can't teach, like speed and strength," Pantaleo emphasized. "Technique I knew could only get better."

"That's the one reason why I picked U-M. They saw I was athletic enough to hold my own and they taught me all the technique I know to beat the best guys in the nation."

By the way, Pantaleo also has had to overcome a partial tear of his acromioclavicular (AC) joint and a severe cut over his left eye sustained during Junior Nationals.

"A kid broke all four teeth off in my eye right here," he recalled. "And they stitched it up and wrapped my head, had the stitches in for two weeks after Junior Nationals. took them out, same day at practice blew it back open again."

"So they stitched it up and at



Even warmups are intense for Alec Pantaleo, getting set for Tuesday's training session at Bahna Wrestling Center in Ann Arbor.

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THE PANTALEO FILE

Who: Alec Pantaleo, 2014 graduate of Canton High School and entering his junior year at the University of Michigan, where he finished sixth in NCAA Division I at 149 pounds in 2015-16.

What: Pantaleo will compete from Aug. 30 through Sept. 4 on Team USA at the United World Wrestling World Junior Championships in Macon, France. To qualify, he was champion at the UWW Junior Nationals and Junior World Team Trials at 66 kilograms (145.5 pounds).

In the blood: The 20-year-old's parents are Mike and Wendy Pantaleo of Canton. He is the latest family member to enjoy major success in wrestling. Mike was a two-time All-American at Olivet College in the 1980s and in recent years was an assistant coach at Canton High School. His uncle Joe Pantaleo was a two-time finalist for Michigan in 1988 and 1989, and in 1987 was Junior World Champion. Uncle Dan Pantaleo was a NCAA wrestling champ at Olivet.

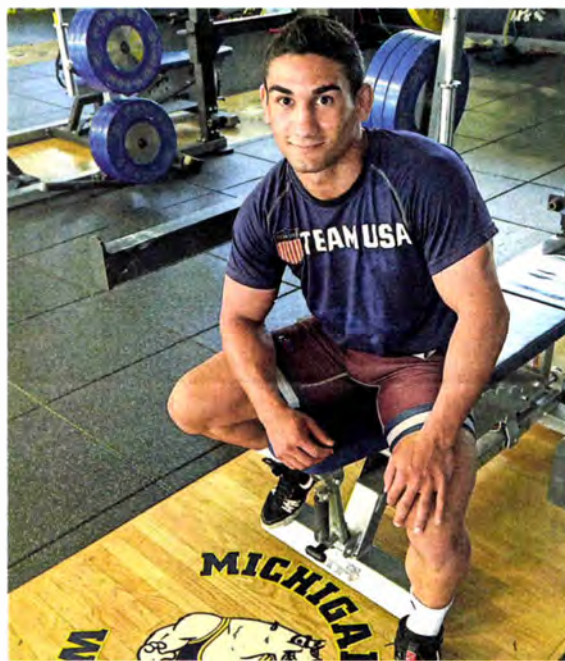
Cheering section: Pantaleo's efforts at the World Juniors will be closely followed by his former head coach at Canton, Cory Mancuso, and Chiefs teammates such as fellow 2014 alum Ben Griffin (now a wrestler at Eastern Michigan). "Coach Mancuso, he's always cheering me on. Ben Griffin, we're still good buddies."

Eye on future: After Pantaleo graduates from Michigan in 2018, he intends to turn his sights on making the 2020 U.S. Olympic wrestling team.

the World Team trials I'm like 'I can't wrestle with my head wrapped again.' I'm good to go, but my body's saying 'Whoa, whoa, slow down.'"

Hard and fast

After taking a month-long break to heal from those injuries, Pantaleo doubled down



Canton native Alec Pantaleo also is a standout wrestler for the University of Michigan.

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on training. Even when not at Bahna, he literally went the extra mile — scaling the hills at Plymouth's McClumpha Park, for example.

Of course, nothing but wrestling itself could get him ready for the test ahead, he said.

"We're big on believing if you want to get in shape for wrestling, you got to do a lot of wrestling," Pantaleo said. "Running and all that is good, but that's not what will get you in wrestling shape."

"We do a lot of grind matches, non-stop, hard-nosed, just going at it against your training partner."

gas tank, you'd put in premium gas. That's how I look at my food, I look at what's going to give me fuel?"

"I stick to carbohydrates for energy, protein, I drink at least a gallon-and-a-half of water a day, I work out twice a day. I'm very, very strict on my diet. I am a big believer that what you eat affects your performance."

To that end, Pantaleo credited his mom, Wendy, for helping him stay on task.

"My mom eats very clean, she's sort of a fitness guru in a way," he said. "She'll make the best salad you ever had."

Meanwhile, he added that a truly golden moment came after winning a spot on Team USA.

"It was great making the team and everything," Pantaleo said. "But then I saw my dad tweeted me 'I'm one proud father.' That's the stuff that matters."

Bottom line

Mike and Wendy Pantaleo will be cheering from Canton when their son is competing in France, and if Alec has anything to say they will have plenty to shout about.

"Our junior freestyle team, it's stacked," he continued. "Ten guys and all of these guys, they're good, really good."

"This is probably the best freestyle team for the junior USA that we've ever had. So we (teammates) were talking, not only are we going to bring home a lot of individual gold, but we're going to bring home team gold."

It's tough to argue that point with Alec Pantaleo, whose physical prowess is matched by an unquenchable desire to reach the pinnacle.

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VENOS

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"Philosophically, my approach is the same with the girls, although physiologically I may tailor my workouts a little differently," Venos said. "I have the same high expectations in and out of the pool for all the teams I coach."

Venos, who will be 52 next month, also has coached the Beachwood Recreation Association's summer club team for 34 years. There are 288 kids in the program, ranging in age from 4 to 18.

"I love it," he said. "Teaching these little kids how to enjoy the competitive sport of swimming is the reason I have been coaching all these years."

Venos has been a high school coach for 31 years, starting at his alma mater, Grand Blanc, in



Coach Mike Venos is pictured with Brother Rice captains (from left) Chris Nodland, Jack Kennedy, Mark Blinstrub and Gust Kouvaris after the Warriors won the 2015 state championship.

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the 1980s and including stops at Bloomfield Hills Andover and Ferndale.

He has been at Brother Rice

for 18 seasons — the last 17 as head coach. During that time, the Warriors have won the Catholic League championship

every year and four Division 1 state titles, including the last three.

Brother Rice has compiled a dual-meet record of 144-22-1 under Venos, who has coached more than 100 all-state swimmers, including 10 individual and 11 relay state champions.

Venos, who teaches theology at Brother Rice and is the father of four, was named Coach of the Year in 2013 by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association.

He takes over a Mercy program that has won six state titles in the last 12 years. The Marlins will return a lot of talented individuals from a team that finished third in the Division 1 state meet behind Ann Arbor Skyline and Saline.

"Our goal is the same year in and year out, no matter what kind of talent we may have," Venos said. "We want to focus on the things we can control,

and that means just trying to swim and dive as well as we can."

"If we go into the state meet focused on that, we will be very successful. It's never been about winning; it's about being the best."

Interestingly, swimming was not the original sport of choice for Venos, who was a baseball player in his early teens.

"My dad told me, in the winter of my freshman year, I was not going to sit on the couch waiting for baseball to begin," he said. "I was cut from the basketball team and, with no swimming experience at all, joined the varsity team at Grand Blanc."

Venos began his coaching career a year after he left high school with the summer club team at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club, site of the former Buick Open tournament.

SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

Rams sizzling like fireworks during post-4th run

Local LCBL team strings together four-game success streak

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Refreshed and re-energized, the Michigan Rams have emerged from a mini-post-4th-of-July break with a robust four-game winning streak.

The series of victories pushed the Rams' record to 18-6-1 in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

On Sunday, head coach Rick Berryman's diamond men swept a pair of contests from the Sting in a doubleheader played at Brother Rice Field in Troy.

In Sunday's nightcap game, the Rams overcame a late 5-2 deficit by plating two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings to pull out a 6-5 triumph and make a winner out of relief pitcher Mike Kanitra (Livonia Stevenson), who hurled three innings of shutout relief. Kanitra struck out three while giving up just three harmless hits and a walk.

The Rams, who outthrew the Sting 12-7, were powered by two-hit games from Tristen Jorah, who also added an RBI and two runs, Anthony DiPonio, Tyler Lowe and Alex Peczynski, who contributed a pair of RBIs.



Michigan Rams second baseman Alex Peczynski turns a double play during a game earlier this summer.

TOM BEAUDOIN

Jake Vanitvelt was the lone Sting player to record two safeties.

In Sunday's first game, Stevenson grad Jack Ferguson tossed a complete-game gem as the Rams nipped their hosts, 2-1.

Ferguson, who is a sophomore-to-be at Saginaw Valley State University, scattered

eight hits without yielding a walk. The former Spartan mound ace fanned seven Stings batters.

The winners' offense was fueled by James Hall's two-hit, one-RBI effort. Peczynski went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Zack Schmidke and Patrick Downing also reached on hits. Ben Hart went 3-for-3 with

a double for the Sting.

Sting starting pitcher P.J. Callahan was a hard-luck loser after giving up just six hits and two walks over seven frames.

On July 7, the Rams started their week-long mastery of the Sting by posting a 7-2 victory in a game played at Sterling Heights Stevenson High

School.

The setback dropped the reeling Sting to 7-13-1.

Jared Tobey was the winning pitcher after holding the Sting to just one unearned run over the first four stanzas. The Sting managed just one hit off Tobey, who struck out five.

Addison Pawelek was stellar in relief for the Rams, allowing just four baserunners in three innings of work.

Jessie Rometty was the losing pitcher as the Rams exploded for six runs in the first two innings.

The bulk of the Rams' offensive firepower was provided by Lowe (2-for-3, home run, three RBI), DiPonio (2-for-4, RBI, two runs) and Hall, who delivered two hits and an RBI.

Vanitvelt stroked two singles for the Sting.

On July 6, the Rams upended the Cubs, 6-3, in a game that unfolded at Livonia's Ford Field.

Brendan Wetmore (Westland John Glenn) earned the win after limiting the Cubs to just two hits and two walks (with four strikeouts) during his 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ innings of relief work. Ferguson picked up a save after throwing a perfect seventh inning.

Andre Gard took the loss for the Cubs despite throwing a complete game.

Eight different Rams stroked one hit a piece. The longest was launched by the bat of Lowe, who cranked a two-run home run.

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USA HOCKEY

High-energy help wanted

Plymouth-based program hiring mascot, announcer

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Hockey lovers with a bit of flair and showmanship might want to give USA Hockey's National Team Development Program in Plymouth a call.

The program — which includes the U.S. NTDP Under-17 and Under-18 teams — is looking for somebody to don Rushmore's eagle uniform.

"With the mascot, we need somebody whose willing to put on a show, willing to have fun, that's a big part of our game day," NTDP communications and marketing manager Jake Wesolek said.

In addition, a high-energy voice is being sought to announce all the NTDP goals, assists and penalties that take place during



COURTESY USA HOCKEY

USA Hockey NTDP mascot Rushmore makes this young hockey fan's day during a 2015 community event.

2016-17 contests at USA Hockey Arena.

"We need somebody to come in

and pump the crowd up, have energy and kind of represent the brand," Wesolek added.

Rushmore, nicknamed Rush, has been a fixture at NTDP games both at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube and last year in Plymouth.

He often greets fans of all ages as they walk through the arena doors and kibitzes with fans throughout the game in sections and along corridors.

As for a game public address announcer, the NTDP is looking for somebody who can "engage the crowd with energetic, bold, easy to understand announcements" and work in concert with game day staff members, among other duties.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Brine Academy all-star

Zoe Weber, daughter of Doug and Kim Weber of Canton, has been named as a 2016 Brine National All-Star and will represent the state of Michigan at the 2016 Brine National Lacrosse Academy and Brine National Lacrosse Classic July 19-22 in Richmond, Va.

Weber is a seventh-grader at Discovery Middle School and currently plays for Triumph Lacrosse in Wixom.

The Brine Academy brings the top youth lacrosse players in the country to one venue, where regional teams are coached by NCAA lacrosse coaches and compete to become the 2016 Brine National Champions.



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Zoe Weber (left) will represent Michigan July 19-22 at the 2016 Brine National Lacrosse Academy in Richmond, Va.

Montone earns honor

University of Detroit Mercy golfer Sarah Montone has been named a Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar for the second straight year.

Montone, who played at Mercy High School, has a 3.98 GPA as a business major. She started all 10 tournaments as a junior and finished among the top two on the team in six events.

She also earned a spot on the UDM Athletic Director's Honor Roll, the Horizon League fall and spring academic honor rolls and was a member of the Horizon League spring all-academic team.

A total of 828 golfers earned the honor, including 17 from the seven Division I schools in Michigan. It is also the 19th Scholar All-American honor in the history of the Titan program.

St. Edith soccer sign-up

The St. Edith CYO fall soccer program is accepting registrations for the upcoming fall season. This program is for girls and boys entering grades 4-8 this fall and who are members of the following Catholic parishes: St. Edith, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Aidan. The season goes from the second weekend in September until mid-October. To register, visit stedithcyo.com, click on the home tab, then the sports registration link and then choose soccer.

Also being offered is the Little Eagles freshman soccer program for boys and girls entering kindergarten through third grades this fall. That will be held on Saturday mornings for six weeks, with the first session being Saturday, Sept. 10. Each session will consist of a practice and a game. Visit stedithcyo.com, and follow the registration instructions listed above.

All CYO practices and home games will be at Ladywood High School. For the freshman program, all events will be at Ladywood High School. For more information about either program, contact Rich Field at 248-914-8620 or Ron Wollenweber at 248-444-2256. Or email questions to stedithsoccer@gmail.com.

Marlins need coach

Mercy High School is searching for a girls varsity ice hockey coach. Previous coaching experience is preferred.

Applicants should email a letter of intent and resume to athletic director Nancy Malinowski at nmalinowski@mhsmi.org.

The Marlins are the defending Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 champions. Mercy is a member of the Catholic High School League, too.

DONATION

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dures early-stage success.

On June 21, the day the anonymous donor's kidney was surgically implanted into Snell's abdomen at the University of Michigan Hospital, the 54-year-old veteran Thurston football and baseball coach was in dire straits.

A genetic condition called polycystic kidney disease had reduced Snell's kidney function to a dangerous four-percent level, making dialysis a daunting probability.

Despite the relentless fatigue and dramatic weight loss that accelerated during the past year, Snell continued to teach and coach at Thurston — with only a few people (members of his family and his closest friends) aware of the battle he was waging.

"There's a good chance I may not have been able to coach this coming season without the transplant; or, at the very least, I probably would have missed several practices because I would have been on dialysis," noted Snell, emphasizing the exquisite timing of the procedure.

"For Pete to step up for me like he did, I mean, I can't come close to putting it into words as far as how grateful I am. The way I felt after the transplant compared to how I felt before it is like night and day.

"I feel great now. I lost 24 pounds in the past year or so (going from 165 to 141 pounds), so it was taking a toll on my body. But I've already started to gain some weight and my energy level is so

much greater."

Kotsogiannis, whose sister is married to Snell, said he didn't hesitate to volunteer for the paired donor program once he heard about the worsening condition of Snell's health.

"When you think about donating an organ in the abstract — when you ask yourself, 'Would I donate a kidney to a loved one if the need arose' — it poses kind of a dilemma in your mind, because you think about all the things that go along with it," admitted Kotsogiannis. "But when it happened in reality, it clarified things and, for me at least, it made the decision (to donate a kidney) a no-brainer.

"I've been coaching with Bob for close to 20 years now. He's not only been a mentor, but he's been like a brother."

According to the University of Michigan Transplant Center's website, the paired donor program can greatly enhance the odds of matching up potential donors to people in need of a kidney.

The paired kidney program is offered to patients like Snell, who have a willing donor (Kotsogiannis) whose blood type isn't a viable match.

With the help of an elaborate nationwide computer network, matches are found for the program's participants and then the meticulous task of coordinating the actual transplants is coordinated between the patients' transplant centers.

The paired program is advantageous to the benefactors because living kidneys have a higher (and significantly longer) success rate compared to kidneys that are taken

from a deceased donor, the website noted.

The wait for a deceased person's kidney can also stretch over several years.

Humans require only one healthy kidney to live a full and normal life.

"Pete and I joined the program about a year and a half ago," Snell said. "We both had to undergo a series of tests, including blood and tissue evaluations. Once all the preliminary work is done, you wait and hope."

"The entire process was really a miracle of God and a miracle of medicine," Kotsogiannis added.

Snell and Kotsogiannis emphatically praised the efforts of the U of M Transplant Center, particularly Chad Abbott, who played a key role in orchestrating their successful experience.

"There's actually an entire team of people who do a lot to make this work," Kotsogiannis said. "The fact that they're able to find matches for people on the other side of the country like they did for us is just remarkable."

Individuals who may wish to consider donating a kidney should call 1-800-333-9013. Potential donors undergo tests for blood and tissue type before going through a pre-donation evaluation, which includes a nephrologist, a transplant surgeon and a social worker.

Living donors are free to confidentially withdraw from the program at any time during the donation evaluation process and are not obligated to donate.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

JULY CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 16
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: The lot will open for participants at 8 a.m. Cars must be in place no later than 11 a.m. \$10 covers participation and car owner's goodie bag. Voting will take place throughout the day, with the awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Door prizes will be drawn every hour and there will be additional activities and food available

Contact: livoniastmichael.org

CAR SHOW

Time/Date: Noon-5 p.m., Sunday, July 17

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New

Market, off 12 Mile near Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills

Details: Free admission for those viewing the cars. Event will include music, 50/50 raffle and refreshments will be available. Proceeds will benefit Another Way Pregnancy Center
Contact: Ron Donoghue at 248-892-7201 or email at rondonoghue@yahoo.com

COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, July 22

Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Women and girls, 12 and over, from more than 30 churches will gather for worship to live music and an after party with appetizers, a coffee and cocoa bar and giveaways. The outreach focus for the event is Grace's Table, an organization that works with teen mothers and their children. Lisa Anderson, founder, will be the

guest speaker. CommonGround will collect diapers, sizes 2-5, refill packages of moist wipes, \$10 Meijer gas cards and \$10 Starbucks gift cards, for donation to Grace's Table
Contact: 734-397-1777

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland

Details: The Paradise Band, Elvis Lives and The Soulmen perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door
Contact: 248-887-5364; holyspiritconcert.ezevent.com

FILM

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, July 29

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: See the movie, "Field of Dreams" and have a dinner of

ballpark food

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23

Location: Hosanna-Taber Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Free Christian music festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.; The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket
Contact: 313-937-2424; hosanna-taber.org

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Monday, July 25, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 26-27

Location: Timothy Lutheran

Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia

Details: Admission to Monday sale is \$2; bag sale on cloth items and half-off all other items on Wednesday
Contact: 734-427-2290

SCHOOL TOURS

Time/Date: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 20 and July 27

Location: St. Michael Catholic School, 11311 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: The tours, led by students and teachers, are for prospective new students and their families
Contact: 734-261-1455, xt. 225; livoniastmichael.org

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Time/Date: 6 p.m. July 20

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Menu includes spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert. Donations will be accepted at the door and will benefit a Livonia family in need
Contact: Melissa at 734-765-1827 or Angela at 313-377-0840

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon, July 25-29

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills

Details: "Barnyard Roundup" is open to children in preschool (potty-trained) through fifth grade. There is a fee with family discount available
Contact: mrsilzparrott@yahoo.com or 248-553-3380

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The peer support group will attend Mass and gather for a potluck luncheon
Contact: 734-895-6246 or 734-452-9149

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 21

Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds outdoor services with childcare provided
Contact: 734-459-3333, connectingwithGod.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

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 Shiwawasse, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

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

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary,

18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbsm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

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

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows
Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

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

RECYCLING

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church
Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

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

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.

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BOURGEOIS



PATRICIA ANN CARTNER died peacefully on July 9, 2016 in Wayne, Michigan at the age of 75. She is survived by her children and their spouses Bernadette (Alfred) Brock of Wayne Michigan, Clarence (Rachel) Bourgeois of Paulina, Louisiana and Pamela Kiley of Paulina, Louisiana. Grandchildren: Grayson, Ella and Justin Brock, Kaleigh and Kaden Bourgeois, Christine Sloan, Craig Blessing Jr. Louis Mays Jr. and Sarah Kiley and nine great grandchildren. Brother Harold (Jan) Cartner of Jefferson Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by Husband Louis J Bourgeois of Paulina Louisiana and sons George Bourgeois and Paul Sloan. Daughter: JoAnn Dupree Sisters: Donna "Jeanie" Gray and Mary Moye. Brother: Signouney Cartner Jr. Patricia was born on February 26, 1941 in New Orleans Louisiana to Rosemarie and Sigourney Cartner. Patricia moved to Wayne Michigan after Hurricane Katrina 10 years ago. Patricia loved her children and nothing gave her more joy than the love she had for her grandchildren. Patricia wishes were not to have a service, but to pay it forward in life. Do something for someone else in her honor. The family would like to send special thanks to, Dr. Indrani Nirmagadda and the Wayne Fire Dept. for the years of service and excellent care given to Patricia.

BOWEN



KELLEY Her Legacy... age 55 of Springport passed away July 10, 2016 at home under the loving care of her husband and family. She was born on August 18, 1960 in Detroit the daughter of Frank E. and Gloria B. (Francis) Bair. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan in 1982. Kelley married Tom Bowen on May 14, 1983 at Franklin Community Church, Franklin, MI and he survives. She was a truly creative spirit! Kelley found great joy journaling and reading the Bible as well as her endeavors as a "Creative Farmer". She loved tending to her many flowers, especially sunflowers and black-eyed Susans, as well as bee keeping. Kelley's love for life, her husband and family will sadly be missed. Her Family... In addition to her loving husband of 33 years, Kelley is survived by her Mom: Gloria; siblings: Tracey F. (Neil) Mooney, Mark E. Bair, sister-in-law: Linda (Herman) Bair; nieces: Brooke and Devon Bair and Elizabeth Mooney. She was preceded in death by her father: Frank Her Farewell... A Memorial Service will be on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 162 North Bridge St., Dimondale, MI 48821 with Pastor Scott Crane officiating. Luncheon following in the church fellowship hall. In Kelley's honor, memorial donations may be shared with East Friends Animal Society or Reuben's Room Cat Rescue. Please sign Kelley's guestbook at www.borekjenning.com or leave a message of comfort for the Bowen family by calling 877-231-7900.

MOORE



CHARLES D. On July 6th Charles D. Moore was called home at age 87, to be with his wife Dorothy, his son Steven, and other family members that passed before him. After serving in the United States Army from 1948-1950 with the military police, Chuck moved to Plymouth Michigan where he became a staple in the community for many years. He owned the A&W in Plymouth for 30 years, and was very active in the community, helping to lay the bricks in Kellogg Park, working on the Plymouth Museum, and could be found flipping pancakes during the fall festival. He was also a member of the Elks, Kiwanis, and V.F.W. in Plymouth before he and Dorothy retired and moved to Naples, Florida. In addition to being an incredible man, Chuck was a wonderful husband and great father, as well as a loving grandfather and great grandfater. He is survived by his children, Charles Jr. (Judy), Debra, Melvin (Debra), Richard (Lisa), Daniel, his 10 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and his brother Ralph (Bernice). Donations can be made to a charity of your choice in his name, there will be an afternoon memorial, Sunday, July 17th at the Plymouth Elks at 3:00 p.m.

POUND

DALE T. SR. July 8, 2016 at 84 years of age; formerly of Farmington. Dale is survived by Sandra, his beloved wife of 54 years; his loving children, Laurie (Joe) O'Callaghan, Janet Elliott, Sheryl Pound and Dale Jr. (Karen) Pound; his cherished grandchildren, Mark Murray, Morgan and Jacob O'Callaghan; Kevin and Kerri Pound; great-grandchildren, Brooke and Lucas Murray; his dear sister, Elaine Isaacs and many nieces and nephews. Sadly, Dale was preceded in death by his brother, Donald. Funeral Service Thursday, July 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (one block West of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Thursday from 4 p.m. until the time of the service. Memorial tributes suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. alz.org.

WELLIVER



PATRICIA ANN age 77, died July 5, 2016. Beloved Wife of Walter Welliver. Mother of Edward (Laurie), Garry (Kathy) and Larry (Terri) Scherbarth, step-mother to Kevin (Raisa) Mitchell, grandmother to 11 and great-grandmother to 11. Pre-deceased by her parents Richard and Zora Van Der Werff. Patricia was born in St. Louis, Missouri and she has a surviving niece and nephew, Geraldine Joseph and Richard Grellner. She has many great nieces and great nephews also. She was retired from Metro Home Health Care. She spent many of her retirement years traveling to the Netherlands, California, Florida, Missouri, and Texas. Pat and Walt's motto was "Disney World, like youth is wasted on the young". A Memorial Service is being held at Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154 on July 23rd, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

POLLOCK



MARILYN JOHNSTON 92 of Livonia, Michigan passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 10, 2016. The loving wife of the late Donald for over 60 years. Survived by her four children Alison (Cary) Wilson of Fayetteville, GA, Janet (Bob) Finley of Bremerton, WA, Robert (Wendy) Pollock of Payson, AZ, and William (Barbara) Pollock of Livonia; along with nine grandchildren, six great grandchildren and brother-in-law Jack (Louise) Pollock of Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH. She was preceded in death by her sisters Cieta Price and Joan Kelly. Funeral Service Friday, July 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Visitation Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Visit www.harrywillfuneralhome.com

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Fire Protection Association pros tout sprinkler use, debunk myths

Fires in the home pose one of the biggest threats to the people of your community. An average of 367,000 home fires occur each year, killing 2,500 people. Home fire sprinklers are a proven way to protect lives and property against fires at home.

Home fire sprinklers respond quickly and effectively to the presence of a nearby fire. When sprinklers are present, they save lives.

» If you have a reported fire in your home, the risk of dying decreases by about 80 percent when sprinklers are present.

» People in homes with sprinklers are protected against significant property loss — sprinklers reduce direct property damage by about 70 percent per fire.

» Home sprinkler systems respond quickly to reduce the heat, flames, and smoke from a fire, giving families valuable time to get to safety.

» Roughly 85 percent of the time, just one sprinkler operates.

» Each individual sprinkler is designed and calibrated to go off when it senses a significant heat change.

» Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire.

Model safety codes now require the use of home fire sprinklers in new one- and two-family homes. These requirements offer the highest level of safety to protect the people of your community.

When considering home fire sprinkler requirements for your community, it is important to address key myths often raised by sprinkler opponents. The fact is, because automatic sprinkler systems have been commonly used in structures for many years, the evidence is clear that such systems are a proven way to protect lives and property against fires. Sprinklers also respond quickly and effectively to the presence of a nearby fire, and function well, without creating problems for homeowners.

Home fire sprinkler myths

» "A smoke alarm provides enough protection."

» "Newer homes are safer homes; the fire and death problem is limited to older homes."

» "Home fire sprinklers are expensive and will make housing unaffordable, especially for first-time buyers moving to our area."

» "We don't need sprinkler mandates; they can be installed in homes voluntarily."

» "Home fire sprinklers often leak or activate accidentally."

» "If you want your home fire sprinklers to be reliable, they will need frequent, expensive maintenance."

» "When a fire occurs, every sprinkler will activate and everything in the house will be ruined."

» "The water damage caused by the sprinkler system will be more extensive than fire damage."

» "Home fire sprinklers are not practical in colder climates, as the pipes will freeze and cause water damage."

» "Home fire sprinklers are unattractive and will ruin the aesthetics of our residents' homes."

» "Any time a smoke alarm goes off it will activate the home fire sprinklers."

MYTH: "A smoke alarm provides enough protection."

Matt Klaus, NFPA's principal fire protection engineer, counters this popular myth.

FACT: Smoke alarms alert occupants to the presence of danger, but do nothing to extinguish the fire. Home fire sprinkler systems respond quickly to reduce heat, flames and smoke from a fire, giving residents valuable time to get out safely. Smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying if a home fire occurs by about one-third. If you have a reported fire in your home, the risk of dying decreases by about 80 percent when sprinklers are present.

Fire sprinkler opponents have been using a statistic of 99.45 percent to illustrate the effectiveness of smoke alarms in reducing home fire deaths. This NFPA statistic estimates the likelihood of surviving a



Fire sprinklers are part of an integrated water piping system designed for life and fire safety.

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home fire when a working smoke alarm is present.

A 100 percent chance of dying would mean that every fire is fatal, or, roughly, 100 deaths per 100 fires. Fortunately, that is not the case. The chances of surviving a reported home fire when working smoke alarms are present is 99.45 percent (100 minus 0.55) vs. 98.87 percent (100 minus 1.13) in home fires with no working smoke alarms. The first number is barely higher than the second.

The 99.45 percent vs. 98.87 percent statistic is based on "chances of survival" which is not the same thing as "risk of fire death" based on total number of reported fires. Chances of survival don't have much bearing in the discussion; preventing home fire death and reducing home fire death risk is the goal.

Consider this:

» Each year, over 2,300 home fire deaths occur in more than 365,000 reported structure fires. Therefore, the likelihood of surviving a home fire is approximately 99% without regard to the presence of smoke alarms or any other fire safety provisions. Does that mean 2,300 deaths are acceptable? Most people would say no.

» Each year, there are an estimated 12,000 deaths due to falls in homes and an estimated 11 million fall injuries in the home. The likelihood of surviving a fall is therefore 99.9 percent. Does that mean 12,000 deaths are acceptable? Most people would say no.

» Each year, there are an estimated 42,000 deaths due to motor vehicle crashes and an estimated 6 million reported motor vehicle crashes. The likelihood of surviving a motor vehicle crash is 99 percent. Does that mean 42,000 deaths are acceptable? Most people would say no.

MYTH: "Newer homes are safer homes; the fire and death problem is limited to older homes."

Matt Klaus, NFPA's principal fire protection engineer, counters this popular myth.

FACT: Age of housing is a poor predictor of fire death rates. When older housing is associated with higher rates, it usually is because older housing tends to have a disproportionate share of poorer, less educated households. Statistically, the only fire safety issue that is relevant to the age of the home is outdated electrical wiring. Beyond that, age of the home has little to nothing to do with fire safety. A fire at 2 a.m. is just as deadly in a new home as it is in an older home.

New methods of construction negatively impact occupant and firefighter life safety under fire conditions. The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) tested the performance of unprotected floor assemblies exposed to fire. The findings of the study, The Performance of Unprotected Floor Assemblies in Basement Fire Scenarios, assert that these structures are prone to catastrophic collapse as early as six minutes from the onset of fire.

In 2008, Underwriters Laboratories® (UL) conducted a study to identify the danger to firefighters created by the use of lightweight wood trusses and engineered lumber in residential roof and floor designs. The findings of the report, Structural Stability of

Engineered Lumber in Fire Conditions, point to the failure of lightweight engineered wood systems when exposed to fire. Firefighters expecting thirty minutes of structural integrity with dimensional wood structures face higher peril in lightweight structures.

The same UL study found that the synthetic construction of today's home furnishings add to the increased risk by providing a greater fuel load. Larger homes, open spaces, increased fuel loads, void spaces, and changing building materials contribute to: faster fire propagation; shorter time to flashover; rapid changes in fire dynamics; shorter escape time; shorter time to collapse.

Lightweight construction has been variously estimated to be used in one-half to two-thirds of all new one- and two-family homes, excluding manufactured homes. Fire sprinklers can offset the increased dangers posed by lightweight construction and create a safer fire environment for firefighters.

FREE PRESENTATION: "The Dangers of Lightweight Construction." NFPA has updated its popular Power-Point® presentation aimed at educating community's decision makers and the public about the dangers of lightweight construction materials under fire conditions.

MYTH: "Home fire sprinklers are expensive and will make housing unaffordable, especially for first-time buyers moving to our area."

Matt Klaus, NFPA's principal fire protection engineer, counters this popular myth.

FACT: The fact is that home fire sprinklers are affordable. In 2013, the Fire Protection Research Foundation issued its updated Home Fire Sprinkler Cost Assessment report, which revealed that the cost of installing home fire sprinklers averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot for new construction. That's down from \$1.61 per sprinklered square foot that was in the Foundation's 2008 report. To put the cost of a sprinkler system into perspective, many people pay similar amounts for carpet upgrades, a paving stone driveway, or a whirlpool bath. Sales in many U.S. communities where sprinkler systems are available show that, not only are consumers requesting this feature, but also that houses with sprinkler systems are selling faster than those without. Installing home fire sprinklers can help residents: significantly reduce property loss in the event of fire; cut homeowner insurance premiums; help qualify home for a tax rebate; and help support local fire service efforts.

MYTH: "We don't need sprinkler mandates; they can be installed in homes voluntarily."

FACT: Mandating sprinklers in new one- and two-family homes provides a greater overall level of safety in communities. By requiring these life-saving devices in new homes you are ensuring that a large number of residents can enjoy the same level of safety found in many offices, schools, apartments, and public buildings.

Beyond the life safety benefits of home sprinklers, there are other incentives for jurisdictions that mandate

sprinklers in new homes. By mandating sprinkler requirements, cities and towns can reduce the strain on fire service personnel, limit damage to property, and help conserve municipal water resources by reducing the amount of water needed to fight fires (fire-fighting hoses use more than eight times the amount of water used by automatic fire sprinklers).

MYTH: "Home fire sprinklers often leak or activate accidentally."

FACT: Leaks from automatic sprinkler systems are very rare, and no more likely than leaks from any part of a home's plumbing system. It is also rare for a damaged sprinkler system to release water, and when it happens, it is almost never an accident. Vandalism or misuse are typically involved. Furthermore, a sprinkler will not activate from exposure to a burning match or any likely event in the house other than a significant, unwanted fire.

MYTH: "If you want your home fire sprinklers to be reliable, they will need frequent, expensive maintenance."

FACT: The standard design for home fire sprinklers is much simpler than the design for more traditional sprinklers like the ones used in commercial buildings. If you install a home fire sprinkler system, the only "inspection and maintenance" you will need is to (a) walk around your home and make sure the sprinklers are not obstructed by something that would block the water coming out, and (b) avoid turning off the main control valve, which you don't normally operate anyway.

MYTH: "When a fire occurs, every sprinkler will activate and everything in the house will be ruined."

FACT: In the event of a fire, typically, only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire, leaving the rest of the house dry and secure.

MYTH: "The water damage caused by the sprinkler system will be more extensive than fire damage."

Matt Klaus, NFPA's principal fire protection engineer, counters this popular myth.

FACT: Home fire sprinklers can significantly reduce property loss and damage due to a fire. The sprinkler will quickly control the heat and smoke from the fire, limiting damage to other areas of the house, giving residents valuable time to get out safely. Any resulting water damage from the sprinkler will be much less severe than the damage caused by water from fire-fighting hose lines. Fire departments use up to 10 times as much water to extinguish a home fire as fire sprinklers would use to extinguish the same fire.

MYTH: "Home fire sprinkler systems are not practical in colder climates, as the pipes will freeze and cause water damage."

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FACT: With proper installation, home sprinkler systems will not freeze in cold settings. NFPA13D sets forth guidelines on proper insulation to avoid pipes freezing. The Chicago area is a great example of a cold weather region where many jurisdictions have passed sprinkler mandates for new homes with limited to no problems with systems freezing.

MYTH: "Home fire sprinkler systems are unattractive and will ruin the aesthetics of our residents' homes."

FACT: New home fire sprinkler models are very unobtrusive, can be mounted flush with walls or ceilings, and can be concealed behind decorative covers.

MYTH: "Any time a smoke alarm goes off it will activate the home fire sprinklers."

FACT: Each individual sprinkler is designed and calibrated to activate when it senses a significant heat change. They do not operate in response to smoke, burned toast, cooking vapors, steam, or an activating smoke alarm.

Call condo board meeting, discuss concerns promptly

Q: Our condo association has been taken over by a group of people who want to undo everything that has occurred at our condominium, including our administrator, our legal counsel and any contractors with whom we are dealing. What can we do to stop this?

A: Assuming that you are correct in that the members of the board are not leading the association in the right direction, you should immediately gather a petition to remove the Board of Directors by having a special meeting called to do so presumably in accordance with your condominium by-laws. Another option is for the co-owners to file a legal proceeding in Circuit Court to remove the directors from office. Generally, this action requires at least 10 percent of the co-owners to sign a petition to bring the action. For removal to be successful, the court will need to find that the directors engaged in fraudulent, illegal, or dishonest conduct, or gross abuse of authority or discretion, and that removal is in the best interest of the association. In any event, you should make it clear by retaining an attorney to advise the existing board of their failures and potential liability for mismanagement of the condominium.



Robert Meisner

Q: We own some property that was foreclosed upon and our lawyer is telling us to tender payment in order to redeem the property within the six month period. I feel somewhat uncomfortable about that. Do you have any comments?

A: Yes, you probably need a new lawyer, because the relevant statute provides that a sheriff's deed obtained at a sheriff's sale is void if the property is redeemed by paying the amount required within the applicable time limit prescribed to the purchaser or the purchaser's representative or assigns or to the register of deeds in whose office the deed is deposited for the benefit of the purchaser. Simply stated, actual payment of the funds is required and your lawyer's assertions that you can properly tender the funds will not satisfy the state statute's payment requirement.

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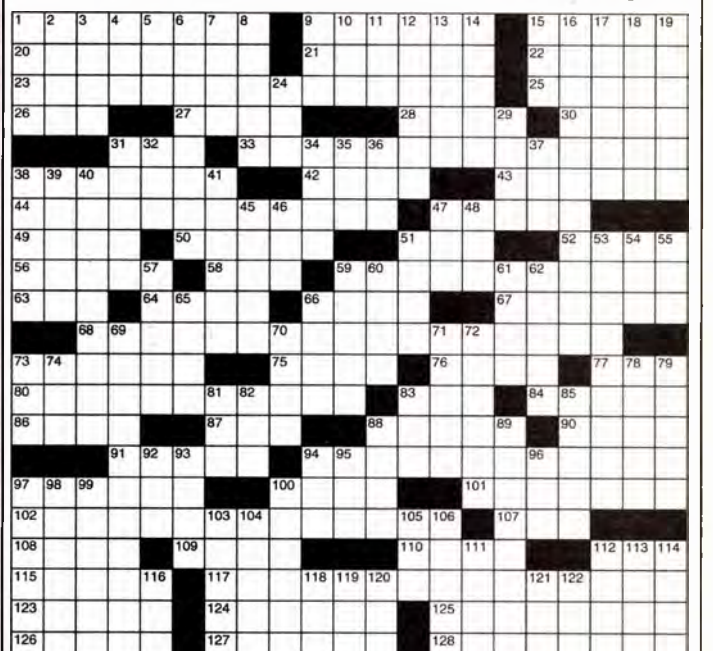
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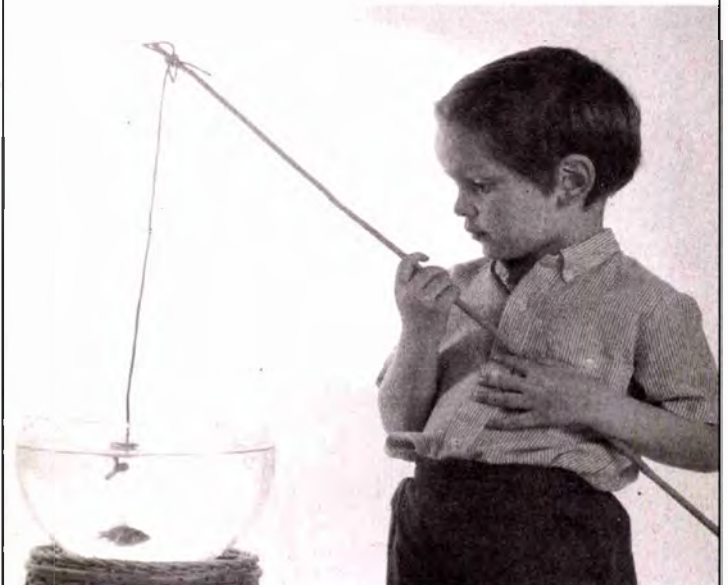
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