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Woman acquitted in stabbing death

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Wyandotte woman has been found not guilty in the stabbing death of a Wayne man, successfully arguing she acted in self-defense. Kyla Juane Nundley, 48, was acquitted of a reduced charge of involuntary manslaughter Tuesday by a jury following a trial before Wayne County

Circuit Court Judge Catherine Heise. Nundley had been charged with fatally stabbing Joseph Hiner Spielman, 74, on Oct. 9, 2015, at his home in 35000 block of Brush. The two had known each other about 15 years, according to testimony. With his client not testifying at the two-day trial, defense attorney Lyle Harris had argued that Nundley had stabbed

Spielman in self-defense as he came at her armed with a knife and a Samurai sword. "It was a very unfortunate circumstance. No one is happy with what happened," Harris said. "There is nothing to show he (Spielman) didn't have a



Nundley

knife in his hand. There was blood on the sword and blood on his hand. Common sense would tell you the blood came from a cut on his left hand." Part of the elements for involuntary manslaughter — a charged reduced from second-degree murder — hinged on Nundley's state of mind and whether she was defending herself from serious injury or death. Instructions to the jury

noted that how the circumstances appeared to the defendant at the time were at issue, even if later it was found that the perceived level of danger was incorrect. The autopsy report found that Spielman had died of a single stab wound to his leg — the knife cut the femoral artery, which caused the victim

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TOM BEAUDOUIN

More than 2,000 people gathered Saturday at Westland Shopping Center to witness a world record for the largest domino circle field and record for the longest chain reaction in the United States.

DOMINOES FALLING

Chain-reaction builders set world record

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

A team of builders worked for 10 days setting up the Incredible Science Machine, a string of more than 250,000 dominoes, at Westland Shopping Center. And it took about 20 min-

utes for it to all come tumbling down. And when it did, all 18 builders were jumping for joy, having just set a world record for a circle field and an American record for total toppled dominoes. The records came as hundreds of people circled an

area of Westland Shopping Center and watched in alternating hushed silences and whoops of appreciation. And when it was over — and everything had gone pretty much as planned — chain reaction expert Steve Price of Canton, who organized the build, jumped the highest. "It's so great," said Price, a recent graduate of Michigan

State University who earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. "There were no breaks, it was really amazing, and we got a world record." This year's theme focused on world cultures and incorporated all seven continents. It included designs of Chinese scrolls representing

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Repair of fire truck ladder approved

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A nearly \$60,000 bill to repair Wayne's ladder fire engine has been approved by the council. Currently, the ladder isn't working and it was originally estimated that the repair would cost about \$45,000. It's a 2007 E-One 134-foot Bronto ladder on a 2014 Cyclone chassis truck. That \$45,000 estimate was based on the truck having a broken rotation bearing, Wayne-Westland Deputy Fire Chief Patrick Harder reported. The repair technician then found that swivel for the ladder was bad and after several days working on it found it couldn't be repaired but had to be replaced taking the cost higher. "We will look at selling it after it is fixed. It's going to take four to six weeks to repair - they have to order the part," City Manager Lisa Nocerini said. "We can't sell it until it is fixed. Without being repaired, it would be sold for parts." The city owes \$750,000 on the truck with twice-a-year payments of about \$53,000. The original cost of the ladder truck was \$1 million. "It will sell fairly quickly. It should have a \$500,000-600,000

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Nankin Transit: 40 years on the road

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Having joined Nankin Transit as a driver in 1979, Westland resident Tony Lee is as close to a lifer with the organization as can be found. Lee had been driving freight and needed a better job. His aunt knew then-executive director Charles Hunter and recommended Lee, who worked for more than 36 years as a driver before moving into a dispatch job earlier this year. "As a driver, you see different things and people. Sometimes you see the same peo-

ple," said Lee, a Wayne Memorial High School graduate. "You help them go places, to get out and see the world." It was exactly 40 years ago today — July 28, 1976 — that Nankin Transit provided its first ride to a resident of member communities Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster. Gov. William Milliken had signed the law creating Nankin Transit 12 days earlier. The local transit operation serves seniors 55 and older along with disabled residents of any age. The rides are for medical appointments, shopping, to senior centers, to job

centers and recreational activities — whatever is needed. "I was surprised by the thank-you notes," said Nankin Transit Executive Director James Ridener as he looked through a scrapbook of cards and newspaper clippings compiled over the years. An article from May 1977 celebrated the 50,000th ride provided by Nankin Transit to a Westland resident named Caroline McLeod. Funded through the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, Nan-

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LEANNE ROGERS

Tony Lee joined Nankin Transit in 1979, less than three years as the service started, and is the longest-serving employee. He started as a driver and now is a dispatcher.



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sale price but we need to get it fixed to sell it," Nocerini said. "We will sell it out of state — no one is buying in Michigan."

A 2014 deal to sell the truck for \$800,000 to the Inkster Fire Department fell through after an initial approval of the purchase using an

\$800,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency/ Department of Homeland Security. Inkster was facing a short deadline to use the grant but the feds later disallowed the purchase of a used truck.

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ACQUITTED

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to rapidly bleed out. "She (Hundley) could have walked away — nobody saw it. She called 911 — she didn't mean to hurt Mr. Spielman," Harris said. "She was totally cooperative (with police). She said she had nothing to hide. She still has affection for Mr. Spielman."

The defense version of the incident was that Nundley, an invited guest at the home, was backed into a corner by the armed Spielman and stabbed blindly in the darkened room, striking him in the leg.

Noting Hundley had no injuries and Spielman had defensive wound on his hand, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Duane Brown argued that Nundley didn't need a knife to defend herself. He questioned whether Spielman himself actually had been armed with a knife and sword.

"Is it possible that Mr. Spielman stood there armed with two knives and let the defendant pick up a knife, then stabbed him?" Brown said. "In the 911 call, she said Mr. Spiel-

man was hitting her with something. Were there any cuts on her when he supposedly had a knife and a sword in hands?"

While the defense noted the sword was found on the floor near Spielman's body — likely dropped by the victim when he was wounded, Brown argued that the weapon was placed there by Nundley to aid her self-defense argument.

Brown noted that Nundley had told the 911 dispatcher, "I know I'll have to face the consequences."

"She knew she was wrong. The defendant had control of the scene — you can surmise what was done before the 911 call," Brown said. "On the 911 call, was that the voice of someone fighting to the death? There was no justification, no need to pick up a knife, no need to stab him."

Following her arrest, Nundley had been found incompetent but after treatment at the Forensic Center for Psychiatry had been found competent for trial.

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Produce, live music on tap at Wayne Farmers Market

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Every Wednesday you can find Maria Rico at the Wayne Farmers Market in Goudy Park but she isn't selling produce.

Rico, whose family business is Lobo Tires in Wayne, volunteers for a couple hours each week at the market.

"I love the city. When I come downtown, it makes me feel good," Rico said. "We're bringing more options and opportunities. I would love to see more people get involved and having fun."

Open from 3-7 p.m. each Wednesday, the Wayne Farmers Market is averaging 15-19 vendors each week. Their wares include fresh produce, baked goods, honey, freshly made lemonade and a food truck featuring burgers.

"My goal is to get more vendors. Over the last couple of years the foot traffic has been down," said Jean Smith, in her first season as market master after being hired earlier this year by the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Along with getting more vendors, the market is looking at other ways to draw customers. Smith noted there is live music each week with open-mic performances on the third Wednesday of month.

Farmers market sponsor Jimmy's Party Rental has also provided a bounce house among other activities aimed at youngsters.

"My goal is to create an environment to shop and hang out," said Smith, who previously



Mary Ann Blaszak sells produce grown at her family farm in Willis, south of Ypsilanti.

LEANNE ROGERS

managed the Dodge Park Farmers Market in Sterling Heights and the Farmington Winter Market along with experience as a vendor.

Another goal, she said, is an 80-20 split on vendors — 80 percent selling produce and other consumable products like soaps and candles; and 20 percent non-consumable items.

Selling fresh produce from the family farm in Willis, eight miles south of Ypsilanti, was Mary Ann Blaszak.

"It's going okay — some days are better than others," said Mary Ann Blaszak, in her first season selling produce at the Wayne market.

"We've been two years at the Ypsilanti market." Blaszak and her husband have been farming for 35 years and used to grow a lot of flowers which were sold at Eastern Market.

"Our sons used to help. It got to be too much. We're on our own now," Blaszak said. "I'll do it in the summer with vegetables and herbs in the fall but no flowers."

Jay Jermo, who sells a variety of honey products, is also selling at the Wayne market for the first time. His company is called Hey Honey.

"We need more foot traffic. It's good though. I do seven or eight markets a week," said Jermo, who had flavored honey available.

The honey has different flavors based on where it was produced. Jermo noted that his honey comes from different farms, including ones located in Italy, Hawaii and Norway.

The markets accepts EBT and double-up food bucks. "There are regular tokens for whatever they buy. The silver tokens they use for Michi-

gan-grown produce," Smith said. "The Farmers Market Coalition will match those up to \$20."

A free concert series following the market is scheduled for August. Smith is hopeful the live music will draw more customers to the market.

Scheduled concerts are: pop-rock band Killer Flamingos on Aug. 3; classic rock with Dead in Dog Years on Aug. 10; Fifty Amp Fuse on Aug. 17; Bob Seger tribute band Live Bullet Detroit on Aug. 24; and Infinity and Beyond, a Journey tribute band, Aug. 31. The concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the pavilion in Goudy Park.

Find out more at the Wayne Farmers Market Facebook page.

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kin Transit eventually ran into difficulties with finances and drops in ridership at least partially due to difficulties scheduling rides.

"The number of riders has gone up since we computerized," said Ridener, who oversaw wholesale changes in how Nankin Transit operates. Ridership in 2015-16 is at 33,130.

Those operational changes include computerized scheduling of rides that allows an average 3.5 riders per hour rather than the single riders transported previously.

Those changes along with automated confirmation calls and reminder calls 15 minutes before



Nankin Transit Executive Director James Ridener looks through a scrapbook at the bus service.

pickups, have helped improve service and increase ridership which has also help get Nankin Transit operating in the black financially.

With a \$930,000 budget, Nankin has 10 mini buses with six or seven on the road weekdays.

"We're getting ready to hire a seventh full-time driver Aug. 1," Ridener said.

At one point, Nankin had 15 buses but still didn't have more than six or seven in use at a time. Interim executive director Irene Owens, Nankin Transit's office manager, was instrumental in getting the excess buses returned to SMART, cutting expenses like insurance for the vehicles, Ridener said.

Nankin Transit has always been authorized to transport riders up to a mile outside the limits of the four member communities. That has expanded to allow riders to be taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia and Beaumont-Oakwood in Dearborn.

Along with how rides are scheduled, the type of service provided by the Nankin Transit drivers

has changed over the years.

"We'd take riders up and down the stairs. We'd get people out of bed and put them back when we returned," said Lee, who recalled one man he would get out of bed and zip his trousers for him before taking him to the bus.

"It was personalized service but it was the wrong thing to do. We weren't able to pick up other people. It's less personalized now and less caring but we can pick up more people. We have a tighter schedule now."

Since February, Nankin Transit has new offices and a secured parking lot at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in Westland. The offices have been at Cooper School, a long stint at the Westland Department of Public Services building and also time at a building on Ford near Wildwood.

"These are the best offices we have ever had. We have been able to fence in the buses (parking lot)," Ridener said.

Lee agreed noting the improved security for the buses.

"We would find people sleeping it off in the buses there," said Lee, referring to customers from a nearby bar.

Unlike Westland, which has had big celebrations of the city's 50th anniversary, Nankin Transit will celebrate 40 years quietly. Ridener said he planned to get a cake for the staff.

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 15 7/18/16

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Johnson, Kehrer
138: 2017 "Relay for Life" event 6/10-11/17 @ Central City Park.
- Bid for JBCC Rec. Complex Fencing to Canton Fence; amt. not to ex. \$33,444.41.
- Bid for JBCC Generator Fencing to Nationwide Construction Group, amt. not to ex. \$5,690.
- Contract w/MHS; cost \$8,691.67/month.
- Crestron Hardware/Maintenance Agrmnt. for FY 2016-17 \$18,615 1st yr. w/renewal extensions for yrs. 2 & 3 at \$16,755 each.
- 2 yr. Agrmnt w/Techmode; \$5,250/yr.
- Intro Ord. 34-A-2 to amend Ch. 106, Sec. 106-91 of the City Code concerning the definition of noxious weeds.
- Adopted Lincoln Field MDNR Legislative Grant Resolution for park improvements.
- Adopted Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan Resolution for 2017 fiscal yr.
139: Minutes of regular meeting held 7/5/16.
140: Conf. re-appt of S. Durante to Planning Commission for 3 yr. term to exp. 7/7/19.
141: Conf. re-appt of R. Dunajski to Planning Commission for 3 yr. term to exp. 7/20/19.
142: Conf. re-appt of S. Cataloto Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3 yr. term to exp. 8/5/19.
143: Conf. re-appt. of W. Wild as Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/17.
144: Conf. re-appt. of S. Smith as Alt. Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/17.
145: Appr. checklist: \$2,239,812.36.
Mtg. adj. at 7:43 p.m.
Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

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Hellenic Center hosting fundraiser for colleague Aug. 5

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The staff at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland is hoping to help one of their own. Hellenic staffers are hosting a fundraiser next week for longtime colleague Judy Keller, who has been battling a rare and highly aggressive form of cancer, Dedifferentiated Chondrosarcomas.

According to her friends at the center, Keller hasn't been able to work, has no source of income and is facing another round of expensive treatments.

"Judy has given so much to all of us," said Liza Randazzo, Hellenic Cultural Center Banquet manager. "It would be great to help her in her time of need."

The fundraising dinner takes place at the center 6-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5. Appetizers will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7:30 p.m. There will be live bands, entertainment, a 50/50 drawing and raffle.

Organizers are still in



COURTESY HELLENIC CENTER

The Hellenic Center hosts a fundraiser to benefit longtime staffer Judy Keller, who is battling cancer.

need of monetary donations, gift card donations, gift baskets to raffle, food donations, entertainment, photo booth and other items.

The Hellenic Cultural

Center is at 36375 Joy Road in Westland. For more information or to make a donation, call Randazzo at 734-525-3550 or email helleniccc@gmail.com

Reward offered for information on suspects in vehicle vandalism cases

A \$1,000 Crime-stoppers reward is being offered for information about suspects wanted for breaking multiple vehicle windows at Westland apartment complexes.

The incidents oc-

curred between 9 p.m. on July 20 and 5:45 a.m. on July 21. There were multiple car windows broken out in the 7000 block of E. Bonnie, 7600 block of N. Merriman and the 31600 block of Cowan.

Police report the vandalism of the vehicles was done with a BB gun. Anyone with information about the identity of the suspects is asked to call Westland Police at 734-722-9600 or 734-467-3194.

County commission calls for repeal of fireworks law

Matt Helms
Michigan.com

The Wayne County Commission has joined the chorus of voices calling for a repeal of the state law that greatly expanded the use of loud, airborne fireworks in Michigan.

The commission passed a resolution calling on state lawmakers to undo the Public Act 256 of 2011, which ushered in dramatic growth in use of explosive fireworks and mortars that critics say are used week after week late into the night. The commission's vote was unanimous; commissioners Martha Scott and Alisha Bell were absent.

"I've heard hundreds

and hundreds of complaints," said Commissioner Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, who said he sponsored the measure to "bring some peaceful enjoyment back to the neighborhoods."

Anderson said he has heard from families of veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder who say the veterans "are just basically hibernating through that time." Other commissioners said they've heard from pet owners whose cats and dogs are severely stressed by the loud noises, and from people whose sleep is regularly interrupted.

Anderson was the sole vote in the state Senate against the expansion of fireworks use in 2011. Supporters

of the measure said it allowed Michigan to gain revenue from sales of fireworks that were already for sale in Ohio and Indiana.

Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak, D-Deerborn, said he generally doesn't favor commission resolutions on state legislative matters.

"But in this case I sense there is unanimity among our constituents," he said, and Lansing doesn't seem to be listening.

The Legislature modified the law in 2013 to restrict bigger displays to the three days surrounding 10 national holidays. But many complain that the rules are ignored.

Paul's Players journey 'Into the Woods, Jr.'

High school students from Paul's Players summer sessions will offer Livonia an amusingly different way to think about everyone's favorite fairy tale characters through their production of "Into the Woods, Jr."



Paul's Players present "Into the Woods, Jr." July 29-30.

The show featuring young people from Livonia, Redford, Plymouth and Garden City, runs at 7 p.m. July 29-30 and also 3 p.m. July 30. All performances are at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, in Livonia.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students 18 and under. To reserve tickets, email paulsplayers@gmail.com or go to paulsplayers.com. Tickets are also available at the door.

With a book by James Lapine and music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, "Into the Woods,

Jr." is based on the Broadway production which won several Tony Awards, including Best Score, Best Book and Best Actress in a Musical.

The musical follows a baker and his wife who learn they've been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door. The couple embarks on a quest - swindling, deceiving and stealing from such already-victimized characters as Cinderella,

Little Red Ridding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack (fresh off the beanstalk) - to get the special objects required to break the spell. However, the story doesn't simply end "happily ever after" as each character must now face the consequences of his/her decision.

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Judge to rule on robbery suspect's competency

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Wayne County judge is expected to rule in August whether a Westland man is competent to stand trial amid allegations he robbed a Canton chiropractor at knife-point.

Judge Thomas Cameron is expected to decide during an Aug. 5 hearing whether 36-year-old Michael James Stachowski should face trial for an incident that reportedly

unfolded about 4 p.m. March 3 at the Village Wellness Center, on Ford Road near Haggerty.

Court records indicate that a competency report has been completed after Stachowski was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine whether he is competent to stand trial and aid in his own



Stachowski

defense.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said competency reports are confidential because they contain medical information and cannot be divulged beyond what is publicly discussed in the courtroom.

Stachowski remains jailed with a \$300,000 bond on charges of armed robbery and larceny in a building. Sherry Sieber, a Village Wellness Center chiropractor, has said she

was robbed of \$187 by a knife-wielding man who fled across Ford Road, where police captured him.

The alleged robbery occurred in broad daylight near one of Canton's busiest intersections.

Police caught up with a suspect near two hotels and fired a taser to subdue him after he allegedly held a knife to his neck, as if he intended to harm himself, police said.

Police say Stachowski is a

repeat offender. He already spent time in prison for bank robbery and armed robbery. He was paroled last July after he served time for robbing the Bank of America branch at Five Mile and Beck in Plymouth Township.

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Westland police seek suspect in \$10,000 check processing case

Westland Police are attempting to identify an individual wanted in connection with the alleged fraudulent processing of a business check worth more than \$10,000 at a Dearborn bank.

The victim, who owns a business in Westland, is unsure

how the suspect obtained the check.

Police released a bank security photo of a suspect.

Anyone who is able to identify the suspect is asked to call the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or 734-467-7914.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Westland Police are trying to identify this man wanted in connection with the processing a \$10,000 check allegedly stolen from a local business.

WESTLAND COP CALLS

Fraud

A Westland man told police July 20 he was contacted by a person claiming to be an IRS agent who told him a warrant for his arrest had been issued. Following the directions of the caller, the man said he had purchased \$5,000 in Green Dot cards and sent the account numbers to the phony IRS agent to stave off arrest.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 37000 block of Willow told police July 19 that overnight someone stole the catalytic converter from his car. The equipment was valued at \$500.

Larceny

On July 19, a resident in the 29000 block of Shackett told police that he had ordered a 90-day supply of Lyrica, which the U.S. Postal Service was to deliver by July 9. He said the delivery, which didn't require a signature, was confirmed by the post office but he never received it.

Larceny from a vehicle

A radio with a touch screen valued at \$500 was reported stolen July 18 from a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in the 3700 block of South Heather Court. The owner said she found the

rear passenger-side window had been smashed to get inside the locked vehicle.

A resident at the Scotsdale Apartments, 37705 Dale Drive, told police July 18 that someone stole his touchscreen navigation system, valued at \$500, from his 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee

Windows smashed

A number of complaints were made with police about vehicle windows being smashed recently in Westland.

On July 20, a resident in the 7600 block of Carrousel told police that someone shattered the rear driver-side window on her vehicle overnight while it was parked on the street. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

A resident in the 8600 block of Donna told police that overnight someone smashed the driver-side window of her pickup truck while it was parked in the street. The owner told police that there was initially a large hole in the window that appeared to be from a baseball bat before the glass all fell out.

About 3:45 a.m. July 21, police were called to the Hines Park Apartments, 31640 Cowan, about windows being shattered on vehicles. Officers found seven vehicles with windows that appeared to have been shot with a BB or pellet gun.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Tracking system allegations

A 40-year-old Novi woman is suspected of putting a navigational tracker on her soon-to-be ex-husband's car and his girlfriend's car.

Police were called to a 25-year-old Garden City resident's home after she reportedly found a GPS tracking device hidden in the under body of her vehicle.

She told police she became suspicious when her 46-year-old boyfriend from Walled Lake told her that his wife texted him telling him about the Garden City's woman's whereabouts all day last Saturday.

The Garden City woman told

police that her boyfriend recently found the same style tracking unit on his vehicle after his wife contacted him saying she knew where she had been throughout that day.

The girlfriend told police her boyfriend's wife previously showed up at her place of employment and began to cause problems. Another time the wife allegedly went to the Garden City woman's residence when she wasn't home. Her roommate answered the door and the wife apparently forced her way inside and left gifts, a police report said. The girlfriend declined to file police reports regarding those two previous incidents.

The girlfriend told police

that she wanted to report the tracking device incident in an effort to get a personal protection order against her boyfriend's wife.

Stolen car

A 26-year-old Garden City man reported his 2005 blue Dodge Ram stolen July 20.

It was parked in the 32000 block of Marco Drive when it was taken.

The car was recovered on Steinhauer by Westland police. The vehicle had ignition damage and was impounded by Westland Car Care.

The man told police he had all the keys for the vehicle and that he didn't owe money on it.

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NO. 3005

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 240 OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 21 (TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 240 of Title 10, Chapter 21 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.21.240 Impounded vehicle - Redemption conditions and costs. A. Before the owner or person in charge of such impounded vehicle is permitted to remove the same from the custody of the police department, he or she shall furnish evidence of his or her identity and ownership, he or she shall sign a receipt, and he or she shall pay a fee to cover costs of removal, in amounts not to exceed the following:

1. Ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) for towing cars and small trucks from surface locations;
2. One hundred fifteen dollars (\$115.00) for towing cars and small trucks from freeways;
3. One hundred forty-five dollars (\$145.00) per hour (one-hour minimum) for towing medium trucks;
4. Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per hour (one-hour minimum) for towing large trucks (including semi-tractors and trailers, cement trucks, etc.).

B. In addition to the foregoing, amounts not to exceed the following may also be charged:

1. A storage fee of not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each day or fraction of a day said vehicle is stored in the vehicle pound after noon on the day following the day the vehicle is impounded;
2. A fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) for removal of a license plate;
3. A fee for extra labor (if required) not to exceed sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) per hour.

C. No person or entity shall be contracted or authorized to tow or store impounded vehicles whose charges for any of the foregoing services exceed the rates set forth in Subsections A and B of this section.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, June 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 7th day of June, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney

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TOM BEAUDOIN

The beginning of the domino chain reaction was started by the turn of the globe. It took more than 19 minutes to go through the entire field.

RECORD

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Asia, soccer balls for South America and a tribute to Route 66 for the United States, among other segments.

The builders came from across the United States, Canada, Austria and Germany. They all met on YouTube, where all of them have channels dedicated to chain reaction-building. There are two Canadians, two from Germany and an Austrian.

"We met because we watch each other's (YouTube) videos," Price said. "We've all become good friends. Last year was the first time we got to work together on a project."

The youngest builder is Brady Dolan, a 12-year-old middle-schooler from Ann Arbor. He said he started working with dominoes when he was perhaps 6, and started really developing an affinity for them about a year later.

When he started posting videos of his work with dominoes to his YouTube channel, Brady

"It's something not a whole lot of people know about. It's great to do a big event and introduce this to people."

STEVE PRICE, chain reaction expert from Canton

said, he "started getting noticed more."

"I just like creating things," he said before the fall, of which he said, "It's going to be amazing."

The event was sponsored for the second year in a row by Zeal Credit Union. Lisa Fawcett, the credit union's director of marketing, said the event fits in with what Zeal believes.

"(Zeal) is all about hard-working Americans," Fawcett said. "Passion is one of our key values. When we came across this group of builders, it fit what we're all about. We were eager to get behind it."

The builders ran a pool guessing how long the process would take. It ranged from 16:23 to 19:46, a guess from the



TOM BEAUDOIN

The crowd at Westland Shopping Center applauds as the team celebrates setting a new world record after 250,000 dominoes fell this past Saturday.

12-year-old Brady Dolan, which appeared to come closest. The official time wasn't available, but one media member timed it right at 20 minutes.

The fact the new venue — it was at the Michigan Science Center last year — brought out hundreds of spectators was exciting for Price and the other builders. Those who couldn't be there will be able to see a video on YouTube.

"It's amazing to see

you can plan something like this," the 22-year-old Price said. "You have that amazing video you can show off to people afterward. It's something not a whole lot of people know about. It's great to do a big event and introduce this to people. It's pure excitement."

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TOM BEAUDOIN

The entire east end of Westland Shopping Center was part of the backdrop for the Guinness world record as more than 250,000 dominoes fell Saturday afternoon.

College dream still alive for teen caring for twin sisters

Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

After his parents both died and he was left to care for his 17-year-old twin sisters, Patrick Marshall figured his dream of going to college was gone.

He figured wrong. What he didn't count on was the generosity that would spring forward after word of his plight got out.

Marshall found out Saturday he was being offered a full-ride scholarship to Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo., the college which Marshall had hoped to attend to become a pastor or a youth minister.

Baptist Bible College President Mark Milioni made the trip from Missouri to deliver the news at a bowling fundraiser designed to help Marshall's family at Vision Lanes in Westland.

Marshall also found out officials at Schoolcraft College are also going to work with him to get both him and his sisters an education. Marshall had previously said he'd like to start his college career at Schoolcraft, located in Livonia, before moving on to Baptist Bible College.

Marshall found going from giving up on his dreams of college to having multiple options a bit overwhelming.



BRAD KADRICH

Mark Milioni (left), president of Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo., congratulates Patrick Marshall after offering him a scholarship.

"I'm astounded people from Baptist Bible College came, they're so far away," Marshall said. "That they even heard about it is crazy. That they care is astounding."

Marshall, whose mother died in April 2015 and whose dad passed away in May 2016, was forced to step into the role of father figure for his sisters, at the tender age of 19. Marshall has been working two jobs in order to try and meet all the expenses. His sisters will be seniors at Wayne

Memorial High School this year.

Milioni said he read about Marshall's plight and decided the college would help.

"He has demonstrated he has the gifts and the ability to be a great leader," Milioni said. "He's caring, he's compassionate, he loves his family and he loves the Lord. He's exactly the kind of student we want at Baptist Bible College."

Schoolcraft spokesman Frank Ruggirello acknowledged school officials are putting

together a similar offer to get Marshall into their school, if he so chooses. Ruggirello said the school would help Marshall with financial issues, educational counseling and perhaps even a job on campus.

He said the school will make a similar offer to his sisters, Sarah and Katlin, when they graduate high school.

"We want to do everything we can to help (Marshall) get the education he desires," Ruggirello said. "He's worked hard, he's in a tough



BRAD KADRICH

Patrick Marshall and his sisters, Sarah and Katlin, got into the spirit of Saturday's bowling fundraiser.

situation and we want to help him and his sisters."

It all comes in the middle of an outpouring of support for Marshall from friends and strangers that built to a fever pitch through social media, particularly Facebook. Friends organized a pair of bowling fundraisers — one at Vision Lanes, another at Town 'N' Country Lanes — Saturday night.

At the Vision Lanes fundraiser, organizer Pam Pechin said support was "amazing." People donated some 70 gift baskets to be raffled off, everything from a three-day vacation in Caseville and a stay at a Detroit casino to signed memorabilia donated by the Yatooma Foundation.

"Once people heard about it, they just started

giving," Pechin said. "I've never seen so much generosity in my life."

A few dozen bowlers showed up at Vision Lanes on Saturday to help. Garden City resident Nancy Burton said she got involved because money donated was going to "a great cause."

"Why not?" Burton said. "It's awesome that we're able to help this family. I feel honored to be a part of it."

Marshall called all the support "amazing."

"People care so much," Marshall said. "They're not just talking about caring, they're doing something to help. It's really surprising."

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Businesses, staffers team to help Gleaners feed hungry children

Continuing through Friday, July 29, more than 40 southeast Michigan businesses and organizations will help feed hungry children this summer as they participate in the 22nd annual Hunger Free Summer Food Fight to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

This year's annual food and fund drive has businesses (5,000-plus employees) competing to raise the most meals over a two-week period. Gleaners' annual Food Fight has raised more than one million meals for hungry children and families.

More than 300,000 children in southeast Michigan depend on school-provided free or reduced-fee meals and are at risk of missing important meals during the summer. According to the 2016 Kids Count Michigan study, child poverty has gone up in 80 of 83 Michigan counties since 2006, including in all five counties Gleaners serves. A 2015 Journal of Adolescent Health review found that children who participated in school breakfast or lunch programs showed significant improvement in grades and standardized test scores as well as having fewer school absences.

Participating companies are grouped by number of employees and compete against others in their "weight category." The 2016 Hunger Free Summer Food Fight Categories include: Under 40 Em-



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Businesses and other supporters are teaming up to help feed Metro Detroiters through Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

ployees, 40-plus Employees, 90-plus Employees, 175-plus Employees, 500-plus Employees and the Facebook Fan Favorite.

For more information on the 2016 Hunger Free Summer Food Fight, go to http://www.gcfb.org/event_2016hfs_food_fight.

To help increase the "weight" of a favorite company, go to www.gcfb.org/foodfight. All donations are welcome (supporting a specific organization isn't necessary).

Participating this year are:

500-plus Employees

Category: Columbia Center/Kirco Management (Troy), Osprey Management Co. (Troy), Robert Bosch LLC (Plymouth and Farmington Hills), TD Auto Finance (Farmington Hills), Yazaki North America (Canton).

175-plus Employees

Category: BNP Media (Troy), Calsonic Kansei (Farmington Hills), city

of Troy, UHY LLP (Farmington Hills and Sterling Heights).

90-plus Employees

Category: BDO USA, LLP (Troy), Crestmark Bank (Troy), Embassy Suites of Troy (Troy), Gabriel Ride Control (Farmington Hills), Great Oaks Country Club (Rochester), J.D. Power (Troy), Rehmann (Troy), Robert Half International (Southfield, Troy and Dearborn), Thomas Reuters (Bingham Farms), Walsh College (Troy), Experi-Metal Inc. (Sterling Heights).

40-plus Employees

Category: BHPI (Detroit), Crispelli's (Troy), CVS Specialty (Troy), Enterprise Rent-A-Car (24 locations, southeast Michigan), Gordon Advisors, P.C. (Troy), Jack Henry & Associates-Troy (Troy), Kiwanis of Utica-Shelby Township (Utica), Main Street Bank (Troy), Quicken Loans-Social Media (Detroit), RIIS, LLC (Troy), Trinity Health-IRMS (Livonia), Raymond James (Farmington Hills).

Under 40 Employees

Category: 920 On the Park (Troy), Battery Brotherhood Youth Fraternity (Detroit), BI Worldwide (Troy), Entech Staffing Solutions (Troy), Gateway Country Day School (Clawson), Luma Laser and Medspa (Troy), Mantese Honigman P.C. (Troy), MCM Staffing (Madison Heights), Precise Chiropractic (Troy), Snook Housey Advisors, Inc. (Troy), Sunroof Express (Troy), Oakland County Michigan Works! (Troy).

'Powered By Women'

As a front-runner among women business leaders in the region, Lisa Lunsford, CEO of Global Strategic Supply Solutions, is making her mark on metro Detroit.

Nominated by readers across metro Detroit, Lunsford is highlighted in the annual Powered by Women feature in the July/August 2016 issue of DBusiness magazine, which celebrates the successes of the area's savvy women in business.

Lunsford grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina, working summers on her grandparents' tobacco farm. After graduating from Bennett College, she moved her way up at Ford Motor Co.



Lunsford

BUSINESS BRIEFS

In 1998, Lunsford left Ford and started a software applications and vehicle quality systems company called I Think LLC with her brother, before transitioning into the more flexible field of IT support after taking a financial hit following the 9/11 terror attacks.

In 2010, she connected with Robert Gruschow, president of Deshler Group in Livonia, who invited Lunsford to join his new venture, Global Strategic Supply Solutions. Lunsford now serves as CEO, as well as vice president/marketing for her partner's company, Deshler Group, where she places a strong focus on workplace diversity.

New agent

Chris Mills of Redford has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving this area. He is working out of the Farm Bureau Insurance office at 137 Cady Centre in Northville.

Mills recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared him for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life/health insurance.

Mills also attended training at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau Insurance agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement, Lake Estate and business.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Mills held a career in retail sales and management.

Mills joins a statewide force of nearly 450 Farm Bureau Insurance agents serving nearly 500,000 Michigan policyholders.



Mills

Now's the time to revisit those financial resolutions

It's hard to believe that we're at the end of July. Before you'll know it, fall will be upon us. I question how many of us can even remember new year's resolutions that we made at the beginning of the year. I think the great majority of us have forgotten about them as the reality of our daily lives take hold.

Probably one of those resolutions dealt with your finances. One of the more popular resolutions is to get your financial house in order. Now is a great time to do some of those things with regard to your personal finances that will make a difference. The first thing everyone should look at is a Roth IRA conversion.

Everyone that has a traditional IRA ought to look for the opportunity to convert that traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. I recognize the downside of this transaction in the fact that you are accelerating when you would pay taxes, but that can be more than offset by the advantage of having money grow tax-free versus tax-deferred and having money that is not subject to required minimum distributions.

Everyone is eligible to



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

convert an existing IRA into a Roth IRA. The one caveat is for those who are subject to required minimum distributions. If you are over age 70½, you're not eligible to convert the required distribution. You can convert anything above and beyond, but not the required minimum distribution.

Remember that if you convert and then later decide you made a mistake, there is a relatively straightforward process where you can reverse the transaction. If you decide to convert, it is not set in stone.

It is also a great time of year to make new contributions to your IRA whether it is a traditional or a Roth. Most people wait until the end of the year to make their contribution — why? The sooner you make your investment, the sooner the money grows either tax-free or tax-deferred. Now is the time to make those contributions.

This year, 401(k) contributions have increased

to \$18,000; for those over age 50, you can contribute \$24,000. This would be a good time to not only review your 401(k) investments, but to also look at your year-to-date contributions to make sure you are putting away the maximum possible. At the same time, it makes sense to re-look at whether you should contribute into a Roth 401(k) or a traditional 401(k).

Like most resolutions, by the first week of January, they are long forgotten. There's still plenty of time this year to make some moves that will put more money in your pocket — after all, it looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else. Try to spend some time on your personal finances, whether it is reviewing your investments or insurance coverages or even do a budget — it will be time well spent and the result will be more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs.

Good luck!

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

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Former assistant attorney general Schroder joins Plunkett Cooney

Jeffrey M. Schroder, a former assistant attorney general (AG) — senior attorney for the Health Care Fraud Division for the state of Michigan — recently joined

Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and largest law firms.

Licensed in Michigan's state and federal courts, Schroder focuses his practice in the areas of health care and governmental law. A member of the firm's Bloomfield Hills office, he defends a variety of health care clients in matters involving regulatory compliance, audit defense, alleged fraud claims and embezzlement recovery. In addition, Schroder has extensive experience representing municipalities in all aspects of municipal law with particular expertise in the areas of land use, zoning and licensing matters.

"Jeff's experience in the AG's office has already proven to be invaluable to a number of the firm's health care industry clients," Plunkett Cooney President & CEO Dennis Cowan said. "As a former city attorney, Jeff also has outstanding credentials in the public sector. His unique background and skill set are true assets to our firm and clients."



Schroder

While working as an assistant attorney general, Schroder initiated civil Medicaid fraud recoveries, prosecuted Medicaid provider fraud, prosecuted financial abuse in resident care facilities, represented the state in Qui Tam cases filed by whistleblowers under the Medicaid False Claims Act, and served on national teams with other Qui Tam states to investigate and prosecute global fraud cases.

Schroder, who is a senior attorney at the firm, also served as assistant city attorney for the city of Warren for approximately nine years. While there, he represented the city in litigation and court proceedings; negotiated and recommended contracts; prosecuted criminal

cases; represented the city's planning commission, library commission and brownfield authority; drafted city ordinances and resolutions; drafted legal opinions for elected officials and department heads; and worked extensively on state governmental relations issues with the city lobbyist.

A member of the Oakland County Bar Association, the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and the State Bar of Michigan, Schroder graduated from Wayne State University Law School in 2001 and received his undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, from Albion College in 1997.

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OUR VIEW

Two good choices for county; 'yes' on SMORSA

Here's what the Observer thinks about the elections of note in this area:

Wayne County Commission

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 likens 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 Mason

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.

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.

Proposal S

Proposal S, the proposal to allow the City of Wayne to join the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Agency, seems like a no-brainer.

Without joining SMORSA, Wayne is projected to

run out of money by 2017. Joining the public safety authority, which currently includes the cities of Eastpointe and Hazel Park, is projected to raise \$4.9 million annually dedicated to public safety.

It obviously won't be painless — taxes are expected to jump some \$420 a year for an average home with a taxable value of \$30,000 and a State Equalized Value of \$60,000, said Tim McCurley of Plante Moran, who serves as city finance director.

In a community that is three police officers down from its budgeted number — and 25 officers fewer than its heyday — the math seems simple.

Wayne currently has 19 police officers, although the department is budgeted for 22 officers. That's down from a high of 44 officers due to years of budget cutting. Shorthanded in policing a community of over 17,000 people, Wayne Police Chief Alan MacIag said he has difficulty hiring quality candidates and, if someone is hired, not losing those hires to other departments.

The SMORSA proposal seeks voter approval of membership in a public safety authority and the levy of 14 mills to fund police and fire services. Currently, Wayne is projected to run out of money by the end of 2017 if there is no additional revenue.

The Wayne City Council has approved a resolution promising that if the millage is passed, four additional police officers and three firefighters will be hired.

It's got to be a three-way approval; voters in both Hazel Park and Eastpointe have to approve Wayne's addition and, of course, Wayne voters would have to approve it.

That's what we're recommending they do.

LETTERS

No' on S

I'm voting NO on 'S' and here's why. Whether city, county, state or federal government body, their primary function is to provide for the safety and welfare of the people. Elected officials use our tax dollars for their own wish list and when the people want more public safety, they tell us that we can have it only if we pay more taxes. Some

people say we are only going back to where we were before but my income is not where it was before.

Notice how council boasts cutting the number of employees in half but they found money to hire a full-time personnel director? That is not who we call for public safety.

Our former community development director retired and came back part-time to give away

tax breaks to select, favored businesses. Has the city grown in any way? Even so, the city found the money to replace him with a full-time person. Again, that is not who we call for public safety.

Then take notice how all these mailings from the city tell us how to calculate one mill against your home value but "conveniently" forgets to tell us to multiply it by 14. It was like that millage for the DIA where they offered free admission to the Institute but forgot to mention that it would not apply to all exhibits.

I don't believe response time is going to increase just by having another fireman on duty. It ain't going to make the

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firetruck drive any faster. Having another cop on duty is not going to put one at the end of my block ready to respond when I call.

This line about moving the city forward is getting tired. This council has proved that they are not able to live up to their oath and provide services

that the taxpayers want. An emergency manager might eliminate the truly non-essential spending of council. Look how fast Detroit rebounded with new ambulances and police pay raises. This constant request for tax increases will not be stopping. Road/sidewalk maintenance, street light-

ing, and the prior public safety millages are only leading to millages for trash collection, snow removal and whatever else they can tax.

Don't forget the county is asking for a millage increase for the Woodward rail project and we'll certainly pay for the failed county jail building and the Flint water debacle. The feds are raising mortgage rates, healthcare costs are rising (mine up 4000 percent), Obama wants an 18-percent raise and Congress claims they can't live on \$174,000 annually. Where does it stop?

Howard Aldrich
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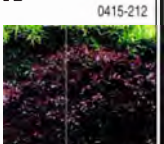
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

'Fiddler' returns

The Garden City Summer Community Theatre will present "Fiddler on the Roof" Aug. 18-21 at O'Leary Performing Arts Center at Garden City High School. The entire cast and crew is connected to the Garden City community in some way, either as a current or former Garden City Public School student or employee, or as a resident.

It is led by GCHS drama director Greg Wiklanski, with music direction provided by Kim Gnagey and choreography reproduced by Kristyn Wiklanski. General admission tickets are \$10 and can be purchased 90 minutes before each performance. The four performances are at 7 p.m. Aug. 18-20 and 2 p.m. Aug. 21. The O'Leary Performing Arts Center is at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, in Garden City.

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 be there playing their instruments along with attached units Color Guard and Majorettes. All proceeds benefit RUHS Marching Band.

Holiday bazaar

The Women's Guild at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia hosts its annual Holiday Bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

The church is at 17600 Newburgh Road.

The Holiday Bazaar will feature craft tables with new handmade craft items to sell, homemade baked goods, raffles and lunch during the day. All profits donated to local charities. Some tables are still available for rental.



MICHAEL KINNEY

Super shot

Residents in the Livonia Castle Gardens subdivision captured images of the recent "Super Moon," a time when a new or full moon closely coinciding with perigee — the moon's closest point to Earth in its monthly orbit.

For more information, call 734-464-0476

Citizens for Peace

The Citizens for Peace will present the talk "Water is Life! Why Safe, Affordable Water is a Human Right!" at its Aug. 9 meeting at 7 p.m. at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile.

People's Water Board members Lila Cabbil and Kim Redigan will focus on the human, health and social cost of unsafe and unaffordable water in Flint and Detroit. For more information call 734-425-0069 or go to www.citizens4peace.com

Farmers Market

Wilson Barn hosts a Farmers Market Saturdays through Oct. 8 at 29350 W. Chicago in Livonia.

The market features local vendors, produce, crafts and baked goods and breads. There's a Kids Corner, make-and-take and arts and crafts

projects from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 30 and Aug. 27. Free pony rides take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 6.

For more information or to become a vendor, call Karen at 734-261-3602 or visit wilsonbarn.com

Splash day

The Sandburg Branch Library will hold Splash Day from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday July 28. The event will feature a large, homemade slip 'n' slide, wading pool, water table and bubble table and other kinds of watery fun.

This is the second of the library's Splash, Crash, Boom! series that includes a pop-up event on the Sandburg lawn as part of the Summer Reading Program. The last event is 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, in which things will go boom. The first was the eighth annual Watermelon Drop, which was held Thursday, July 21, with more than 100 people in attendance.

Concussion program

The Livonia Civic Center Library hosts the program, "Concussions in Athletics - Know the Warning Signs," with Dr. Steven Karageanes at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23 in conference room A.

Karageanes, Medical Director, Sports Medicine and MercyElite Sports Performance, St. Mary Mercy Livonia, is a distinguished sports medicine specialist who has treated concussions for almost 20 years. He

assisted the Brain Injury Association of Michigan in writing the Michigan Concussion Bill, which became law in October 2012.

Program is scheduled at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

Crafters wanted

Applications are being accepted for Crafters and vendors for the St. John's Episcopal Church Fall Festival and Craft Show, Saturday, Sept. 24. Large indoor space; electricity available. Located at 555 S. Wayne road with great traffic flow. For information or to reserve space call 734-721-5023 (Monday - Friday between 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.). The Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Craft Show runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

Westland market

The Westland Farmers & Artisans Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13 (closed June 16 and Aug. 4). It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted.

Blessings in a Backpack of Livonia. There will be a disc jockey specializing in '50s and '60s music. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is at 39020 Five Mile in Livonia, just east of I-275 next to the Italian American Club.

Car show

American Legion Post 32 hosts a car show at 9318 Newburgh Road in Livonia every Thursday from 5 p.m. to dusk through Sept. 29.

Join the Legion for fun, food, cars and bikes. The event also features door prizes, raffles and giveaways. Plaques for "best of show" are awarded each week. Dinner inside and grill food outside.

Wayne farmers market

The Wayne Farmers Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays through Oct. 26. It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted.

The market is behind city hall in Wayne. For more information, call 734-658-5296 or email towfmanager@gmail.com

GriefShare meetings

The congregation at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church has experienced the deaths of several members in the past few months. To respond to the grief and sorrow for their loved ones, the church is starting a grief support group using "GriefShare" materials. GriefShare groups meet weekly for 13 sessions to help face the challenges after the loss of a loved one and move toward rebuilding lives.

Each week, the GriefShare group will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects. After viewing the video, group members will spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in their lives.

GriefShare will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Lutheran, 14175 Farmington Road in Livonia in the chapel. This is free for all who would like to attend, but registration is requested to know how many to prepare for. Register at www.christoursavior.org under Events tab. For more information, contact Mike McGrath at 734-459-1274 or Linda Hollman at the church office, 734-522-6830.

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Teacher remembered with special education nonprofit

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Even in death, a former Plymouth-Canton educator is making a difference for special education students.

Karen Carpenter, who spent 18 of her 25 years in special education as a teacher and consultant with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, died of pancreatic cancer in January, a mere four months after she was diagnosed. She was 61.

"It came as a great shock," her husband, John Carpenter, said. Her memory and dedication live on in a nonprofit, Karen Cares, formed to raise money for post-high school



Carpenter

scholarships for special education students. "In this way," said her daughter, Erin Dreps, "we hope to keep alive her generous spirit and continue supporting special education students as they pursue any form of post-high school education or training."

Karen Cares gets its first major fundraiser 3:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at the Peacock Road Family Farm, 11854 Peacock Road, in Laingsburg, north of Lansing. Tickets cost \$25 and are available at www.yeskarencares.org

or at the door.

Admission includes food, live entertainment, silent and live auctions and what John Carpenter described as "a roving magic show."

Karen Carpenter started her career in the Monroe County Intermediate School District before she worked in Plymouth-Canton and then in the Jackson County Intermediate School District. Her husband said she mostly worked with middle school and high school students.

She grew up in Westland and later raised her family in Canton, eventually settling in Jackson. She always had a charitable disposition, so much that she and her husband turned their wedding into a fundraiser to help three nonprofits. Her family even did some minor fundraising for Karen

Cares at her funeral.

Carpenter's time in Plymouth-Canton was spent as a special education teacher at East Middle School and as a resource room teacher and teacher consultant at Salem High School.

"She cared so much about her students" and wanted to help provide scholarship money that often isn't available for special education students, her husband said.

Those who want to support Karen Cares but who can't attend the fundraiser may donate through www.yeskarencares.com. The money will be used to help students from the three districts where she worked.

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ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO.
2016-19
July 19, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Moment of silence for Donald Toms & Patricia Bourgeois. PRESENTATION: by Senior Alliance; ETNA regarding new water meters APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of July 5; Special Event Permit for Metal Mania 9/17/16; Lynn Scott to Hist. Comm.; Mutual Aid Addendum; Budget Amendments 2017-1 & 2; deposit signers; Fire labor agreement; Wayne County park millage allocation; Senior Alliance res.; ACT transit res.; 3rd year for dust control; interlocal agree. for Ordinance; right of first refusal for Wayne County Tax Foreclosure; sale of property to Global/JSR Funding; consent calendar; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

Published: July 28, 2016

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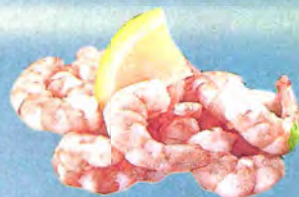


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79-year-young cyclist is a Make-A-Wish ironman

Peterson closing in on 30 years of riding with 'David's Heroes'

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

If Al Peterson's knees could talk, they'd probably try to persuade the 79-year-old Livonia resident to take a year (or several) off from the Make-A-

Wish Michigan's Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour, which is set to unfold for the 29th straight summer Thursday through Sunday of this week.

Although the 300-mile trek takes more of a toll on Peterson's still-fit frame than it did during the early stages of his 27-consecutive-years of experience, there's no way his joints could convince the spirited biker's heart and soul to sit this one out.

A member of a group of riders called "David's Heroes," Peterson is primed to join approximately 1,200 cyclists for an exhausting and exhilarating event that is expected to raise \$2.2 million, which will go toward granting wishes for Michigan children who are battling daunting illnesses.

The cyclists, who collect



Livonia resident Al Peterson is pictured with his daughter Stefanie Douglas at the conclusion of last year's Make-A-Wish bike ride.

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1964-2016

ALS claims life of LPS coach and star athlete

Kelly Graham excelled as hurdler at Glenn, IU

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Kelly Graham's career as both a stellar athlete and coach cast a wide net spanning over five decades.

But her six-month battle with Lou Gehrig's disease, also known as ALS, cut short her life too soon at age 52 on Tuesday in Traverse City.

"What I'm really going to remember is all the things that she did for our team," said Amanda Hawkins, who played on Graham's final Stevenson volleyball team that reached the Class A quarterfinals in

2013. "She was basically like another parent to us. She was always making us laugh. Even if she noticed if anyone was down she would always pull you into her office and talk to you. She wasn't just a coach, she was more a family member as well."

Graham, who taught physical education for 27 years, started with the Livonia Public Schools in 1988 before leaving the district in 2015 under the terms of a tenure separation agreement.

Graham is survived by her father Vincent and mother Jane, along with brother Tony, sister-in-law Sandy Graham, nephew Mason Graham and step-nephew Josh Arnold.

"I know she loved all the girls she coached," Tony Graham said. "That was her passion, volleyball and track. She loved it."

No memorial service is scheduled, but a celebration of Graham's life will be held beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at Livonia's Rotary Park.

"She always had team dinners and that we always had so much fun with her," Hawkins, who will be a junior this fall on the Madonna University women's volleyball team. "She helped you on and off the court, which is really cool about her being a coach. Even after you'd graduate she would keep in

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COLLEGE GOLF



Josh Heinze made a memorable first impression on Michigan State's golf team this past spring.

GOING FOR THE GREEN!

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Former Wildcat Heinze realizes dream of playing for Michigan State's golf team

Josh Heinze has mastered a number of roles during the first 22 years of his life, including academic superstar, fabulous golfer and devoted son and brother.

One role Heinze has proven he has zero interest in is that of a settler.

During the summer of 2014, when Heinze transferred

from Eastern Michigan University to Michigan State University for academic reasons (EMU did not offer the major he decided to pursue), no one would have blamed the former Plymouth High School golf sensation if he had shelved his solid collegiate

golf career.

After all, the Spartans recruited nationally and had not shown a lot of interest in Heinze coming out of high school.

But instead of playing it safe and pulling a 3-iron out of his real-life decisions bag,

Heinze went for the driver — and he has split the fairway ever since.

Following one season (2014-15) playing for MSU's club team — with whom he won the national collegiate club golf individual championship — he read the most amazing text that may ever pop up on his smart phone.

"Michigan State's golf

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JUNIOR GOLF

Lack's hole-in-one highlights Cattails tourney

Northville resident's 73 earns CC student first-place trophy

M.B. Dillon
Correspondent

The summer sun was hot at the Kensington Cattails Junior Open in South Lyon, but Northville's Andrew Lack was hotter, firing a one-over-par 73 and shooting his first ace on the 160-yard 13th hole Friday, July 22.

"Right when I hit it, I didn't think it was that great, but it was going straight to the pin with a little draw," Lack said. "I didn't see it going in because there is a hill in front of the flag. When I went up there and saw it in the hole, it was the best feeling ever in my golf career. I didn't freak out, but I was smiling a lot.

"On the back nine, I was still hitting really good shots," said Lack, who shot 37 on the front nine. "I actually followed my hole-in-one with a bogey; I was thinking about the hole-in-one. Then I ended up parring every hole after that," added Lack, 16, who will be a junior in September.

Cattails Golf Course is well-named. Wetlands and creeks dominate the front nine. The back nine cuts through hardwood forest, and more wetlands. Fellow Catholic Central Shamrock Kyle Sabo of Novi captured second place, scoring



Ashrith Mummadi (right) holds his 12-14 championship trophy. Mike Maser (left) was runner-up in the division.

76. An incoming sophomore, Sabo shot a one-over-par 37 on the front nine. "My putter stopped working a little bit on the back," he said. "There were a lot of tricky holes, a lot of doglegs, and a lot of crazy slopes, plus the heat."

In the girls' 15-18-year-old division, Livonia's Kristen

Szabelski of Livonia dominated with strong putting — carding 19 putts on the front nine and 15 on the back — to take the win with an 85. It was a shot in the arm for the incoming Stevenson senior.

"I had a rough week last week, so I needed this to boost my confidence," said Szabelski, who scored 44 on the front side.



Andrew Lack holds the ball that he knocked in the cup for a hole-in-one during this week's tournament at Cattails Golf Course.

Szabelski improved as the day progressed. "On the back nine, I started off bogey, bogey, and then got a string of pars and then a birdie" for a 41.

Waterford's Katie Boyd was runner-up with an 86. "I hit a lot of shots into the heather, but still made a lot of pars. I did that about four times," said Boyd, who will compete for Saginaw Valley in the fall. "I only hit my driver twice, because the course is so short and has so many doglegs. I thought, 'I'll play small ball and see

what happens." In the boys' 12-14-year-old age division, Northville's Ashrith Mummadi, 12, won with a 95. He was all smiles. "It feels good; I'm really excited and pretty proud of myself. I made a 10-foot putt for par on a par three," he said. "I had two pars today and only lost three balls, which is a record for me. The cattails and heather are kind of hard to avoid.

"There's a lot of competition on the Kensington Tour, and the courses are not really easy, or really hard. I've made a lot of friends and I've played with a lot of good kids. There's good competition," Mummadi said.

Mike Maser of South Lyon and Catholic Central was runner up with 97. "I hit some amazing 3-woods. I hit my 3-wood further and straighter than my driver," he said. "I holed a very long putt on the sixth hole for par."

Damo Watson, 7, of Westland, won the nine-hole division with a 50. The highlight came on the fifth hole. "I sank a 30-foot putt for a double-bogey," he said. "I also had a 160-yard drive out there on number six, and I had a 115-yard iron on hole number four."

Garret Cashen, 10, of New Hudson shot 68 to win runner-up honors. "On number six and seven that are par threes, I hit pretty good shots," Cashen said. "I got them up on the green for par or bogey. It was very hot, but not as hot as a volcano."

JUNIOR GOLF

Szabelski makes noise at Whispering Willows

Northville's Lack conquers boys field

M.B. Dillon
Correspondent

Top finishers Kristen Szabelski of Livonia and Lydia Cranmer of Farmington Hills shot the games of their lives at the Kensington Whispering Willows Junior Open on Tuesday. Not only did the junior golfers break 80 for the first time, both shattered their previous personal bests by five strokes.

Szabelski won with a three-over-par 75. "It was amazing; I could cry right now," Szabelski said. "I had a really great day today. I birdied 18 and chipped it in. I thought it was long gone, because my chip was like a line drive." The Livonia Stevenson product birdied the eighth hole, too. "That was pretty cool. I didn't hit a single hazard or a single bunker today," added Szabelski, who carded 38 on the first nine and 37 on the second.

Cranmer, who competes for Ladywood High School, said, "I shot 35 on the front nine, which is one under (par), so that was very exciting. I had some bogeys, and three or four birdies on the front, so I was able to even it out," said Cranmer, who fired a 76. Cranmer shot her previous best, 81, at Twin Lakes two weeks ago.

"The second nine didn't go as well, but I almost landed right on the green on number eight with my 3-wood," Cranmer added. "I hit it very straight; it was very cool. My putting also was good. I had some very long putts; one was over 20 feet."

Andrew Lack of Northville, who's trimmed 10 strokes off his average score since summer began, captured his fifth Kensington Tour victory with a 74. Ann Arbor's Shaunak Bhagat finished second with a 75.

"I started off not doing so well; I had two bogeys to start and I was hooking the ball," said Lack, who shot a one-over-par 36 on the first nine. "After that, I fixed it. I started putting the ball well and making some birdies. I had four bogeys on the back nine, but bounced back with a birdie," added Lack. "I was hitting my drives pretty good today. The greens are pretty fast and rolling. I two-putted all the holes."

Bhagat tied his personal best with a 75. "Putting was the highlight of my game today," said the Skyline High School incoming freshman. "On the first four holes, I was three



Livonia resident Kendall Payne knocked this drive down the center of the fairway Tuesday afternoon.



Livonia's Sofia Cueva, who plays for Franklin's golf team, kept her head down on this drive Tuesday afternoon.

of Clarkston carded a personal best 81 for runner-up honors.

Kumar said, "I birdied the first hole. I had a bad drive, but I punched it out and on the third shot, I hit it within four feet of the pin and made that putt. On a par-5, I hit the green in two and three-putted."

Aughe said, "My drives were pretty good all day. I usually struggle with that. On a par-5 on the front nine, I was on in two, and three-putted." Aughe nailed the par-3s. "On all of them, I hit the green and two-putted" for par," he said. "I like the Kensington Tour. It's good competition. You get to meet people and play some really nice courses. They're the right length, and not too hard."

Damo Watson of Westland finished atop the 9-hole leader board with a 48, while Vincent Levesque of Detroit won runner-up honors, shooting 54.

"I made a 20-footer to save par on hole number 12, and on the first hole, I had a chip that was two feet from the pin," said Watson. "Whispering Willows is challenging, and it's pretty. There are hills on the course, and it has water."

over. On the fifth hole, a par three, I chipped one in for a birdie. I've been working on my wedge game and that helped me a lot," Bhagat added.

Dhruv Kumar of Novi shot 76 to win the 12-14-year-old age division, while Brendan Aughe

HEINZE

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coach (Casey Lubahn) sent me a text that said, 'Congratulations on winning a national championship ... now how would you like to help us win one,'" Heinze said.

"That really meant a lot to me because when I transferred to State from Eastern, State's golf team obviously had a full roster, so everybody thought I would give up golf and just focus on school. When I told my parents (Mike and Dee) about my opportunity to play for Michigan State's men's team, they were incredibly happy, and a little bit in disbelief."

Powered by a remarkably reliable driver — "I don't hit it real far off the tee; usually about 275, 280 (yards), but I usually find the fairway," he said — the left-handed swinging Heinze wasn't fazed by his meteoric ascension to the Big 10 stage.

Technically a junior at MSU, Heinze's 18-hole average of 73.22 was second-lowest on the team. In 10 events played in both the fall of 2015 and the spring of 2016, Heinze recorded three top-five finishes (including a first-place finish at the 16-team Robert Kepler Intercollegiate tournament) one top-10 effort and four top-20 performances.

"As far as my mental focus goes, I'll hit a shot, then try to get my mind off of golf as I'm walking up to my next shot," he said, when asked for the recipe of his success. "At the Big Ten Championships this spring, they had grandstands set up at most of the holes, so there were more people watching than I'd ever experienced."

"It was a little nerve-racking at first, but once I got used to the pressure, I played better. I actually like pressure."

One of the non-competitive highlights of Heinze's spring came in March when he embraced the opportunity to play a round at fabled Pebble Beach.

"Standing on the 18th tee and looking out at the ocean was an incredible feeling," he said.

Heinze's boyhood home in Canton is situated in a golfer's paradise — just a chip shot from the 19th fairway at Pheasant Run Golf Course.

In addition to working at the course for close to five years, Heinze played it regularly, which is reflected by his personal-best 18-hole score of 63 at the finely-manicured track.

He was one of the early architects of Plymouth's now-powerhouse boys golf program, earning the Wildcats' MVP award three of his four prep seasons.

A standout student both at Plymouth and in college, Heinze was presented with the Scholar Athlete of the Year Award following his senior year.

Earlier this month, Heinze qualified for the 116th United States Amateur Championship, which will be held Aug. 15-21 at Oakland Hills.

"It's been an amazing year," he said. "Hopefully, I can keep improving, get better and maybe, someday, turn pro."

A civil engineering major, Heinze has his sights set on pursuing a master's degree in architecture and ultimately building structures as solid as his golf game.

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Gators tie for 1st



The 16U Garden City Gators Fastpitch Team won Monday night against the strong Livonia Wild Black Team to place in a season-ending tie for first place in the Gold Division of the Western Wayne County Fastpitch League. Along with the powerful Recon Fastpitch Team from the down river area, Garden City came back with strong pitching & hitting to make a comeback late in the game, winning with an 8-5 victory. From the left to right (bottom row) April Rudolph, Becca Barnes; (middle row) Kamryn Dunham, Sarah Cervenak, Julia Chapman, Kennedy Christ; (top row) Olivia Ture, Amanda Kesson, Amy Partner, Alicia Ascencio, Danielle Hoskins, Aubrey Boston, Courtney Ture

Blazing speed, enduring fitness the mark of this team

FIRST TEAM

Jannik Schmitt, shot put, Salem: A string of first-place throws down the stretch made Schmitt's senior season one to remember. He closed it out with a toss of 54 feet, 4.50 inches at the Division 1 state meet in Hudsonville, good for second overall.

Schmitt, also a state qualifier in the discus, earned first-place finishes at the conference and regional meets, with respective throws of 55-1 and 53-7.5. His highwater mark was 59-7, at a May 3 dual meet against Salem. That set Salem and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park records.

Among other season highlights were championships at the Observerland Invitational (54-9) and MITCA D1 team championships (52-8).

"Jannik was driven this season," coach Dale Maskill said. "Part of his success this year was due to his off-season training. He participated in indoor meets and started weight training."

"He is the example of what can happen when a very talented athlete is also the team's hardest worker. Jannik is a team leader and lead the throwing group to a very successful season."

Led by Schmitt, who will throw at Eastern Michigan University, the Rocks won the conference and regional titles.

Demarco McKinney, discus, Churchill: McKinney, who was also an outstanding football player at Churchill, enjoyed a spectacular throwing season for the Chargers. He unleashed a season-best toss of 49 feet, 4 inches in the shot put at the Kensington Conference meet, which earned him second place. With consistent efforts of 150-plus feet in the discus, McKinney was the Livonia City Meet, the Observerland Invitational and the Kensington Conference



championship. "Demarco was a four-year letterman in track and field; he was a tremendous leader for us always leading by example," said Churchill coach Rick Austin. "He is an outstanding character guy. He was an all-city performer in shot and disc this season."

Cameron Grace, high jump, Salem: The junior was stellar all season for the Rocks, victorious both at the Kensington Conference and D1 regional with respective jumps of 6-5 and his season best 6-6.25 — which established a new school mark.

Grace then competed at the D1 state meet in Hudsonville, placing 12th with a mark of 6-3.

At the P-CEP Bolger-Mangan City Meet, he won with a jump of 6-2.

"Cameron is one of our jump specialists who competes in the high jump and long jump," Maskill said. "He scored some important

points in the jumps this season that helped our team win the big meets. Cameron is dedicated to the high jump and works hard to perfect his jumping. "He is a good leader in the jumps; he helps out his teammates with their jumping."

Grace nearly qualified for states in the long jump, finishing 11th at regionals (19-feet even).

Malik Lowery, long jump, Stevenson: Lowery capped a golden season with a 13th-place showing at the Division 1 state meet where he leaped 20 feet, 10.75 inches. He saved his season-best effort for the D1 regional at North Farmington, where he won the long jump by sailing 21 feet, 6 inches. Lowery also took home gold in two dual meets, the Livonia City Championship and the Observerland Invitational.



Lowery also earned points for the Spartans in the high jump. He was also an important contributor to the Spar-



Livonia Churchill's 3,200-meter relay team of Joshua Momeyer, Frank LaFave, Dash Dobar and Brendan Meakin enjoyed a splendid season.

tans' football team as a kick returner and tail back.

Andrew Koenigsnecht, pole vault, Canton: All season long, Koenigsnecht raised the bar and cleared it in his event, winning all dual meets as well as the Observerland Invitational, Livonia Field Event Meet, Larry Steeb Meet of Champions, Kensington Conference meet and D1 regionals.

He consistently hit or surpassed the 14-foot mark, too, with his season's best jump of 14 feet, 7.25 inches at the Steeb

meet on May 31. At the D1 state meet, he turned in a mark of 13-feet even, to earn 14th place to cap off a season where he earned Canton co-MVP honors.

"Andrew is a superb vault technician and very hard worker," coach Jess Shough said. "He was selected as one of the Team Captains for the 2017 Track & Field Season and we look forward to even greater accomplishments next season."

Denzel Tinsley, 110 hurdles, Garden City: Tinsley cleared 39-inch-high hurdles at a blazing rate of speed this past spring for the Cougars while at the same time earning an opportunity to run track (and play football) for Adrian College.

Tinsley's personal best time of 14.56 seconds came in the finals of the D1 regional meet at Canton, earning him a berth in the state meet. He won all but two races during the regular season, taking gold in the Observerland Invitational, Warrior Invitational and WWAC Championships.

On April 7, Tinsley PR'ed in the 100-meter dash with a stellar time of 11.64 seconds.

Jemal Vaunado, 300 hurdles, Canton: The junior had a standout season for the Chiefs, earning co-MVP honors and reaching the state finals — where he earned all-state honors (third overall) with a new school record of 39.32 seconds.

His performance in Hudsonville was the icing on the cake, however. Vaunado excelled earlier in the season with first-place showings at the Kensington Conference and D1 regional, with respective times of 40.11 and 39.79.

Vaunado also was as versatile as they come, taking third in the 110 hurdles at regionals and anchoring Canton's 1,600-meter relay team with Dirk Thornhill, Caleb Moraw and Brennon Pelland, finishing 16th overall (3:27.30).

"Jemal is a very dedicated, hard-working, intelligent track athlete," said Shough, noting that Vaunado also is an academic all-stater with a GPA of 3.88. "We expect even greater success in the 2017 Track Season."

Andrew Davis, 100 dash, Salem: The sophomore displayed time and time again why he is considered one of the area's best sprinters. He capped off his strong season

with an all-state performance June 4 in Hudsonville, where he finished eighth (11.24).

Davis also won the Observerland Invitational May 7 with a season's best time of 10.99 (new school record) and prevailed at the Bolger-Mangan city meet (11.12). Other top performances included fourth overall at the conference meet (11.23) and fifth at regionals (11.17).

A valuable and versatile athlete, Davis also qualified for states as part of the Rocks' 400-meter relay team with Freddie McGee, Jacob Miller and VerShawn Patrick (15th, 43.25). Earlier this season, that quartet set a new school record with a time of 42.91.

"This year as a sophomore he broke three school records and was an All-State sprinter," Maskill said. "Andrew is a great athlete and a hard worker. He can run and score in all the sprint events and relays, including the 400."

"There is another record Andrew has his sites on for next season, his brother's. Sean Davis currently holds Salem record for the 200-meter dash."

Donnie James, 200 dash, N. Farmington: James emerged as a top-flight sprinter late in the season, finishing sixth in the Division 1 state meet and earning all-state status with a time of 22.38.

He also qualified for state in the 100. At the North Farmington regional, he was third in the 100 and fourth in the 200.

James was the OAA Blue runner-up in both events. He was second in the 100 and third in the 200 at the Oakland County meet.

James was a key member of the North sprint relay teams, too.

Noah Zalapi, 200 dash, N. Farmington: Zalapi was a multi-year standout for the Raiders and a state qualifier in both sprint races. He is the city champion in the 100, 400 and 200.

He just missed being all-state in the 200, finishing ninth in the prelims at 22.67. At the regional, he was third in the 200 and sixth in the 100, running fast enough to be an additional qualifier.

Zalapi is the OAA Blue champion in the 100 and runner-up in the 200. He placed third and fourth, respectively, at the county meet. Zalapi anchored the sprint relay teams, too.

Montel Hood, 400 run, Wayne: Hood went unbeaten in 2016 in the 400-meter dash in the state of Michigan. He won the Division 1 state championship in the event with a time of 47.30 seconds. Ironically, the speedster's first loss of the season came in the Midwest Meet of Champions when he finished second with a 46.29 clocking.

Other accolades included a third-place showing at the New Balance Nationals (46.6).

"During the dual-meet season, Montel helped our team finish one of the best seasons in school history," said Wayne coach Jamal Johnson. "One of the things that makes Montel stick out is if you come out to practice, there is no doubt why he is the best in Michigan history. He is the hardest worker on the track and will challenge anyone who will try to work harder. He's also extremely coachable and will do anything the team asks of him."

Dash Dobar, 800 run, Churchill: Living up to his name, Dobar was instrumental in the Chargers' KLA South Division title. He was the Division 1, Region 4 800-meter run

champion as well as a member of the Chargers' 3,200-meter relay championship contingent. Dobar anchored Churchill's all-state 3,200-meter relay team and placed ninth in the 800 at the D1 state meet.

Dobar will enter his senior season at Churchill as the school's 800 record-holder after covering the two laps in 1:55.3.

"Dash is one of the finest track-and-field athletes to come out of our program and we've had some good ones," raved Austin. "He has the range to step up to the 1,600 and down to the 400. He was a key factor in the success of our all-state 3,200 relay team and 1,600 relay team."

"Dash is our new 800 school-record holder, which he broke at the D1 state championship meet. A three-sport athlete, Dash competes on the Churchill cross country team in the fall and swim team in the winter. Dash has an outstanding attitude and is very competitive. He hails from an outstanding Livonia family!"

Chaz Jeffress, 1,600 run, Salem: One of the greatest runners ever in Salem history, both in track and cross country, Jeffress closed out his career in all-state fashion.

He finished fifth in the mile run at the D1 state meet in Hudsonville, with a time of 4:14.33 — which set new school and Park records, an indication of how hard he competed to the end of the season.

Jeffress also was champion at the Observerland Invitational and Kensington Conference meets (respective times of 4:28.25, 4:24.91) and placed second at the D1 regional with a mark of 4:22.75.

The Eastern Michigan-bound athlete finished 13th in the 800 run at the state meet (1:56.70).

Meanwhile, on May 6 at the Golden Triangle Invitational, Jeffress set new Salem benchmarks in the 3,200 run with a time of 9:08.54.

"Chaz is a quiet, respectful young man who is a great kid and a great runner," Maskill said. "On the track he is an aggressive runner who is not afraid to take the lead in any race and at any point in the race. He is exciting to coach and in any race Chaz could do something great."

BOYS ALL-OBSERVER TRACK & FIELD TEAM

Shot put: 1. Jannik Schmitt, sr., Salem; 2. Alex Howie, soph., Salem; 3. Jalen Jackson, soph., John Glenn.

Discus: 1. Demarco McKinney, sr., Churchill; 2. DeAngelo Meredith, sr., Salem; 3. Christian Pearson, sr., Salem.

High Jump: 1. Cameron Grace, jr., Salem; 2. Aaron Simmon, soph., Stevenson; 3. (tie) Cameron Knight, soph., Plymouth; Robert Allen, soph., N. Farmington.

Long jump: 1. Malik Lowery, sr., Stevenson; 2. Ben Williams, fr., Harrison; 3. Steve Walker, fr., Canton.

Pole vault: 1. Andrew Koenigsnecht, jr., Canton; 2. Kameron Stancer, sr., Churchill; 3. Logan Delonis, jr., Stevenson.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Denzel Tinsley, sr., Garden City; 2. Evan Marini, jr., Stevenson; 3. Eesosa Arhebamen, soph., Salem.

300 hurdles: 1. Jemal Vaunado, jr., Canton; 2. William Hill, sr., Garden City; 3. Dakota Travis-Gilmore, sr., Churchill.

100 dash: 1. Andrew Davis, soph., Salem; 2. David Graham, soph., John Glenn; 3. Darren Davis, sr., Canton.

200 dash: 1. (tie) Donnie James, soph., N. Farmington; Noah Zalapi, sr., N. Farmington; 2. Johnathan Parker, jr., John Glenn; 3. Jamal Allen, jr., Churchill.

400 run: 1. Montel Hood, sr., Wayne Memorial; 2. Carrington Smith, sr., Churchill; 3. Errol Franklin, sr., Thurston.

800 run: 1. Dash Dobar, jr., Churchill; 2. Brendan Meakin, sr., Churchill; 3. Gino Persicone, sr., Salem.

1,600 run: 1. Chaz Jeffress, sr., Salem; 2. James Weekley, sr., Harrison; 3. Andrew Bambach, sr., Stevenson.

3,200 run: 1. Tony Floyd, sr., Franklin; 2. Ethan Byrnes, soph., Plymouth; 3. Nick Trevisan, soph., Farmington.

RELAY TEAMS

400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Johnathan Parker, David Graham, Donovan Burrell, Jawon Thompson), 2. Salem (Freddie McGee, Andrew Davis, Jacob Miller, VerShawn Patrick), 3. Franklin (Christian Bagnall, Khalil Pasha, Jacob Clark, Brandon Smiley).

800 relay: 1. John Glenn, 2. Churchill (Jamal Allen, Carrington Smith, Dean Pitchford, Antonio Alexander), 3. Salem (Shariff Oyer, Andrew Davis, Jacob Miller, VerShawn Patrick).

1,600 relay: 1. Wayne (Khalil Burks, Andrew Chant, Jonathan Rivera, Montel Hood), 2. John Glenn, 3. Churchill (Joshua Momeyer, Nigel Smith, Dash Dobar, Carrington Smith).

3,200 relay: 1. Churchill (Brendan Meakin, Joshua Momeyer, Frank LaFave, Dash Dobar), 2. Stevenson, 3. Salem (Chaz Jeffress, Jared Zella, Austin Siterlet, Gino Persicone).

Tony Floyd, 3,200 run, Franklin: One of the preeminent distance runners in Livonia city history, Floyd placed 19th in the 3,200-meter run at the Division 1 state meet with a sterling time of 9 minutes, 29.73 seconds, which was just .06 off the school record.

He also cemented his legacy with a second-place finish in the 3,200 at the D1 regional at Canton and a third in the 1,600 on the same afternoon. Floyd was Livonia city champion in the 3,200 for the second straight year and was the top 1,600 competitor on the Patriots' roster (4:28).

"Tony is a true student-athlete who has achieved in the classroom as well as on the track," said Franklin coach Pat Koelzer. "He will be competing for Madonna University in cross country and track, and should be very successful. The longer the race, the better he gets."

RELAY TEAMS

John Glenn, 400: The foursome of Johnathan Parker, David Graham, Donovan Burrell and Jawon Thompson sprinted to a season-best time of 43.49 at the Golden Triangle Invitational on May 6.

Wayne, 1600: The foursome of Khalil Burks, Andrew Chant, Jonathan Rivera and Hood placed sixth at the Division 1 state meet with a time of 3:23.06. They also won the KLA Kensington Conference title and the D1 Region 4 crown.

Churchill, 3200: The Chargers' foursome of Brendan Meakin, Joshua Momeyer, Frank LaFave and Dobar earned Division 1 all-state honors by placing seventh at the state's elite meet in June. The contingent was also the D1 Region 4 champion and KLA Kensington Conference champions. They were undefeated in dual-meet competition.

"Churchill has traditionally produced some of the area's top 800-meter talent and this year was no exception," said Austin. "This was a special group of athletes who worked very hard on their individual events and took great pride in their relay performances."

"They set the tone for every meet that we competed in! They expected to win every time that they stepped on the track. Led by senior co-captain Brendan Meakin, the group tackled the challenge that each meet presented. Though they were close to breaking the school record, the group broke eight minutes (7:59.81) at the state meet, capturing a seventh-place finish and all-state honors."

SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

Rams Johnstown-bound after split

Squad to compete in All-American tourney

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

A lot was at stake during Saturday's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader featuring the Michigan Rams and the Bulls — most notably how long each team's postseason bus ride would be.

Needing a sweep to secure first place in the LCBL standings and the accompanying ticket to the NABF World Series in Toledo that came with it, the Rams split with the Bulls, winning the opener 4-3 before dropping the nightcap, 1-0.

As a result, the Rams will be heading to Johnstown, Pa., on Aug. 1 for the All-American Amateur Baseball Association's national tournament — a pretty nice consolation prize.

Both games were intense from the get-go. The Rams stayed alive in the opener when they tallied three runs in the top of the seventh inning to pull

out a thrilling 4-3 triumph.

Westland John Glenn alum Brendan Wetmore earned the win with one inning of one-hit, zero-run relief. Wetmore struck out two and didn't walk a batter.

Starting pitcher Jack Ferguson was sharp, yielding just two unearned runs while striking out six over the first six frames.

Mike Morelli suffered the loss for the Bulls after yielding the eventual winning run in the seventh on a wild pitch.

James Hall scored the game-winner for the Rams, who were bolstered by a two-hit, one-RBI effort from Tyler Lowe. Tristen Jorah also provided an RBI single for the victors.

J.P. DeBoyer went 2-for-3 with a double, RBI and two runs scored for the Bulls.

Joe Papp and Dugan Darnell also roped a couple hits a piece for the Bulls.

In the winner-takes-first nightcap, Papp scored the only run on an error in the fifth inning in a splendid pitchers' duel that featured Bull starter

Justin Thompson (complete-game three-hitter) and Layne Gusler, who scattered five hits and three walks while fanning six. Gusler did not yield an earned run.

Hall, Craig Wilson and Patrick Downing each contributed a hit for the Rams while Jack Hranec went 2-for-3 for the Bulls.

The Bulls finished 27-9 while the Rams' final mark was 25-10-1.

On Friday, the Rams dropped a bizarre 6-4 decision to the Sting in a game played in a dome at Oakland University.

The game was called after five innings due to glare that came from center field and obstructed the view of the batters, catchers and home-plate umpire.

Anthony DiPonio was the Rams' main man, going 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Lowe added a two-run single.

Steve Vanitvelt collected three hits for the winners.

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Michigan Ram Tristen Jorah locks in on a pitch during a game earlier this summer.

Storm surge



The 14U Division 2 2016 Jeannine M Dufault Softball Tournament Champions were Livonia Storm Black, who went 5-1 in the tournament; they mercied the Michigan Renegades 18-4 in the semifinals and beat Brighton in the championship 10-0 in five innings. The team finished third in the Western Wayne Summer League with a 7-5-1 record. Pictured are (top row) Coach Randy Gronau, Marina Johnson, Lily Grantham, Allison Gronau, Kourtney Klatt, Emily Haines, Head Coach Kevin Hannigan, (bottom row) Mackenzie Schick, Justina Szalkowski, Abby Weber, Riley Hannigan, Emma DelCotto, Maddie Zajas, Tabitha Unofrak

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donations prior to the ride, will navigate picturesque back roads from Traverse City to Brooklyn, where they will cap their inspiring journey at the famed Michigan International Speedway.

The bikers will travel approximately 100 miles each day, with overnight stops in Big Rapids and DeWitt.

"My muscles are more numb than sore when I get to the finish line," revealed Peterson, smiling. "It takes a day or two for the soreness to really set in, but it's all worth it, helping these kids."

"At my age, I don't need to prove I can go out and do the entire 300 miles. I ride as long as I can, then I get into the SAG vehicle that takes me to the next check point. The ride is so organized now. They even have massage therapists at the check points to help with the muscle aches."

Peterson still vividly recalls the ride's foundation-building years when a small group of his co-workers at the

General Motors Hydromatic plant in Ypsilanti rode bikes from Canton to the Mackinac Bridge — initially as a challenge to themselves, before it evolved into an annual fundraiser for Make-A-Wish.

"I know the first year they did it — I wasn't involved — a co-worker of mine named Derek told his friends he was going to ride to the Mackinac Bridge to try to lose weight," Peterson recounted. "He challenged some of his co-workers and he managed to get three other guys to join him."

"Those guys didn't really put any planning into it, and they ended up sleeping along the side of the road at night, but they made it to the bridge."

"The next year, they decided to turn it into a fundraiser. When they got to the bridge, they called Make-A-Wish and said, 'We have seven thousand dollars. Do you want it?'"

Not long after Peterson became a fixture in the event he joined a group of riders who dubbed themselves "David's Heroes" — whose name sake is a courageous young man whose wish was modest in nature.

"Twenty-five years ago or

so, there was a young boy — I believe he was 11 — named David Doty," Peterson remembered. "He was very ill and his wish was to be a cowboy. Make-A-Wish actually flew him out west to Arizona and set up a rodeo for him. They got him a Stetson hat, cowboy boots, a cap gun for his holster — the whole works."

"Sadly, David passed away a short time later, but his family will always have that trip — probably the happiest time of his short life — to remember for always."

Each Make-A-Wish ride participant wears a wristband with a stricken child's name on it.

"When you get to the finish, a lot of times the child will be there so you can meet him," Peterson said. "It's hard not to get emotional."

Retired now, Peterson said sets aside time every week in the months leading up to the ride to train along Hines Drive.

"The only reason I ride my bike now is to train for this," he said. "After the ride, I hang the bike up until the following spring."

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contact with everyone. She really established a personal connection. She had a loving and funny personality and she laughed at everything. She just always had a smile on her face, which was contagious."

At Westland John Glenn High, Graham was an accomplished three-sport athlete who excelled in track, volleyball and basketball.

As a senior in 1982, she was

an All-American high school hurdler who captured MHSAA Class A titles in the 100- and 200-meter low hurdles with times of 13.7 and 28.4, respectively. As a junior in 1981, Graham captured first in the 110-yard low hurdles (13.7) at the Class A meet.

Graham went on to compete in track at Indiana University where she earned two Big Ten Conference titles as the 1983 outdoor champion in the 100-meter hurdles (14.33) and the 1984 indoor crown in the 60-yard hurdles (8.0).

In volleyball, Graham be-

gan her coaching career at Churchill serving five years as an assistant under Mike Hughes as the Chargers captured the Class A state championship in 1991.

She moved over to become the head coach at Stevenson compiling a 571-320-96 record in 20 seasons. In her final three seasons she captured three Class A district and two regional titles.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

JV volleyball coach

Livonia Franklin's athletic department is searching for a junior varsity volleyball coach for the upcoming season.

Candidates can email a letter of interest to Franklin athletic director Ron Hammie at rhammie@livoniapublicschools.org.

13U Patriots tryouts

The 13U Livonia Patriots will be holding tryouts for the 2017 season on Sunday, July 31, and Monday, Aug. 1, from 6-8:30 p.m. on the Livonia Franklin High School baseball field.

Players need to attend only one of the two tryout dates.

For more information, contact head coach Dave Zahra at 734-740-0014 or dzahra@twmi.rr.com.

Identical golf aces

Barbara Rice of Farmington Hills and Cindy Marchioni of Novi recorded holes-in-one on the same day on the same hole at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Both aced the 81-yard No. 5 hole on July 7. Marchioni used a pitching wedge; Rice's choice of club was a 9-iron.

It was the first hole-in-one for both. Rice shot 53 for the nine-hole round, Marchioni 47.

Rice, 69, has been playing golf for 60 years and Marchioni, 60, for 20 years.

Lori Woods and Sandy Whitner witnessed the Rice ace. Marchioni's feat was witnessed by Darnel Krause, Jeff Hotchkiss and Ethan Amolsch.

More holes-in-one

» Richard Drealan of New Boston used an 8-iron to ace the 130-yard eighth hole July 12 at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

It was the second ace for the 69-year-old Drealan, who has been a golfer for 20 years. His feat was witnessed by Al Tomle and Dale Liddle.

» Wesley Westhoff of Northville recorded a hole-in-one July 11 at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Westhoff, 27, used a 9-iron to hit a Bridgestone golf ball and ace the 139-yard third hole on the Golden Course.

LJAL registration news

The Livonia Junior Athletic League is accepting registrations for the upcoming fall baseball and softball seasons.

The baseball program will consist of 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U age divisions.

All games will be played as double-headers on Saturdays or Sundays beginning Aug. 20 (no games played on Labor Day Weekend). The season will run for seven weeks.

The softball program will consist of 10U, 12U and 14U age divisions. All games will be doubleheaders played on Saturdays or Sundays beginning Sept. 9. The season will run for six weeks.

In the fall leagues, players will play in the age group that they will play in next spring.

For more information or to register, visit www.LJAL.com.

Wildcards softball

The 14-and-under South Farmington Wildcards softball team has tryouts planned for early August at Shiawassee Park, 32340 Shiawassee Road, Farmington.

The tryouts will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13 and 14.

Players should arrive 30 minutes beforehand to register. The team website is www.south-farmington-wildcards.com.

The Wildcards plan to start 10U and 12U teams, too. Anyone interested in coaching or helping should email sfbwildcards@gmail.com.

Impact softball

The NFWB Impact will have tryouts for its travel softball teams in early August.

Tryouts for the 10U, 12U and 14U levels will be 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at Drake Park Sports Park.

Players should arrive a half hour early to register. Drake Park is located on Drake Road just south of Maple Road in West Bloomfield.

The 16U tryouts will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 9, at Drake Sports Park. Questions can be emailed to nfbwimpact123@gmail.com.

Clarenceville sale

The Clarenceville High School varsity cheer program's first Mom 2 Mom Sale is set for 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the high school.

The event is an opportunity to sell used infant and children's clothing, toys and equipment, as well as arts and crafts.

The proceeds will benefit the varsity cheer program. Sellers will keep 100 percent of their sales, however.

The cost of an 8-foot table is \$45 if registered by July 22. If you bring your own table, the fee is \$35 by that date. There is a limit of two adults per table.

For more information, contact Alexa Bean at 313-415-5041 or clarencevillecheer@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 Nancy Malinowski, athletic director, at nmmalinowski@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.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

JULY 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
Contact: 248-553-3380

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Laverne, 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; hosannatabor.org

OLYMPICS

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 25-28
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: A mini-Olympics camp aimed at boys and girls, ages 5-12, will include volleyball, relays, field hockey and water games. \$15 per student includes instruction, equipment and snacks
Contact: christoursavior.org; 734-522-6830

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

AUGUST GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21-Nov. 6
Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: Grief support group provides help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Cost is \$20 and includes workbook.
Contact: 248-766-5977

PICNIC

Time/Date: 12:30-2 p.m. Aug. 7, immediately following Worship in the Park
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton
Details: Hot dogs, cookies, chips and water will be provided and a praise band will perform
Contact: 734-459-3333

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 1-5
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: "Surf Shack - Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love," is the theme for the program, which is for youngsters in preschool through sixth grade. Preschoolers must be potty trained. Includes songs, crafts, games, science, Bible stories, snacks and more. Cost is \$10 per child with a \$25 maximum per family
Contact: Judy Cook at 248-442-8822; judy@emmanuel-livonia.org

YOUTH SOCCER

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m. Aug. 15-19

Location: Crossroads Church/Trinity Church Grounds, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Soccer camp for boys and girls ages 5 and up, any skill level. \$25 per student; non-refundable. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks. Register at www.crossroad-snow.org
Contact: info@crossroad-snow.org or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: "Drop In & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required
Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancylen879@att.net

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

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May
Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible
Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.

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

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township
Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386
Contact: facebook.com/stinno-centredford

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 Shiwasssee, 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 Stacy 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. 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.
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

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday
Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free
Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August
Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available
Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.
Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecoverry.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian Church
Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford
Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church
Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May
Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth
Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.
Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month
Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit
Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.
Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays
Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim
Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month
Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton
Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberatore
Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

Devon Aire Community Church of the Nazarene
Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at W. Chicago Road, Livonia
Details: Service with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Sunday school and child care
Contact: 313-550-4301

Due Season Christian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study
Location: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia
Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.
Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

Faith Community Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study
Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novi
Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 8-12
Contact: 248-349-2345; faith-community-novi.org

Faith Community Wesleyan Church
Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; Sunday school, 12:30 p.m.; Bible study, 6 p.m.; Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday
Location: 14550 Merriman, Livonia
Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicapped parking
Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road
Contact: 734-421-7620

Good Hope Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Communion each Sunday, Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday
Location: 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City
Contact: 734-427-3660

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m. Sunday service
Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile, Novi
Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShepherdNovi.org

Grace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.
Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township
Contact: 734-637-8160

His Church Anglican
Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna University
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia
Contact: www.HisChurchAnglican.org; 248-442-0HCA

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10 a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday worship in the chapel.
Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: 734-427-1414

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 9600 Laverne, west of Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford
Contact: 313-937-2424

In His Presence Ministries
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday
Location: 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford
Contact: 313-533-1956; detroitinhispresence.org

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

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: 734-846-4615 or www.newlifecommunitychurch4u.com

Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church
Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. weekday Masses; 8 a.m. Saturday Mass; 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8 a.m. Monday-Friday; Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m. Monday through 3 p.m. Friday in the Day Chapel; Sacrament of Reconciliation, starting at noon Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment
Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township
Contact: 734-453-0326

Plymouth Baptist Church
Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday
Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty
Details: Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs available at both services.
Contact: 734-453-5534

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service.
Location: 37775 Palmer, Westland
Contact: 734-722-1735

Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 5 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: "Sunday Night Lights" service designed for younger families; other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednesday.
Contact: 734-464-0990

Salem Bible Church
Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 9481 W. Six Mile, Salem
Contact: 248-349-0674; sbc4christ.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Contact: 734-421-8451 or standrewslivonia@mlr.com

St. John Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday; traditional worship at 9 a.m. Sunday; and contemporary service at 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Beginning Oct. 11, one 10 a.m. service Sunday.
Location: 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills
Contact: 248-474-0584

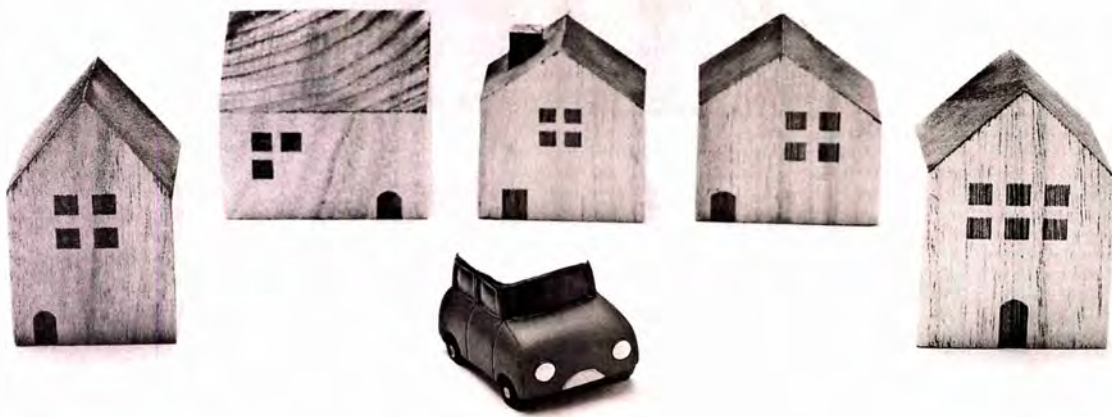
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Time/Date: Contemporary service, 11:30 a.m. fourth Sunday of the month
Location: 30900 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: 734-422-6038

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East side Detroit residents will get improved housing options via Southwest Housing Solutions thanks to a corporate gift.

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Affordable housing development on Detroit's east side gets corporate boost

The Community Development Trust (CDT) — a New York-based real estate investment trust that provides capital for the preservation and creation of affordable housing — announced July 25 its donation to Detroit-area nonprofit Southwest Housing Solutions of a \$1.2 million first mortgage loan on Daystar Estates, a 48-unit single-family-home development on the city's east side.

CDT's donation represents the largest-ever combined contribution of homes to Southwest Housing Solutions in its 44-year history, said Tim Thorland, the organization's executive director. By donating the \$1.2 million loan to Southwest Housing Solutions, CDT's move effectively gives control of the Daystar Estates properties to Southwest to begin the neighborhood's redevelopment.

"As a nonprofit that is dedicated to finding creative and innovative ways to preserve and rehabilitate affordable housing, we are very grateful to CDT for their philanthropy and commitment to Detroit's exciting resurgence," Thorland said.

"CDT could have easily sold the property to another investor," Thorland said. "Their donation of the Daystar Estates neighborhood provides us with the opportunity to ensure the preservation of these units as quality, safe and affordable rental properties. We also plan to work with the families who move into these

homes and establish a conversion-to-ownership plan that will be completed over the next four years."

The 48 single-family Daystar Estates homes were built during 2004-05 and are located in an area bordered roughly by Mack Avenue and Connor, Dickerson and Charlevoix streets, just east of the shuttered Chrysler Assembly plant, Thorland said. The property was developed using Low Income Housing Tax Credits, the federal housing program that makes rent affordable to lower-income tenants.

While parts of the northern east side neighborhood surrounding Daystar Estates are challenged by vacancy, flight and divestment, Thorland noted that some neighborhoods on the lower east side along the East Jefferson corridor are benefiting from an ongoing redevelopment effort. Jefferson East Inc., which promotes neighborhood redevelopment, reports that \$1 billion has been invested in five neighborhoods from Alter Road to downtown along East Jefferson since 2009, including \$540 million that went to improvements to the giant FCA US plant. Within the past year, seven new businesses have opened in the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood along the corridor.

The original borrower defaulted on the Daystar Estates mortgage loan in 2015. As the first mortgage holder, CDT evaluated its possible alterna-

tives related to the investment and concluded that it did not want to put the 48 properties through an extensive and lengthy foreclosure process, according to Joan Berkowitz, the firm's senior vice president of asset management.

"Bearing in mind our affordable housing mission objectives, we determined that a better solution for the community, the property and the neighborhood's residents would be found if the mortgage loan was donated to a Detroit-area mission-oriented nonprofit," Berkowitz said.

"While investigating our options, we were delighted to find an established, well-regarded nonprofit with a proven track record of success working with real estate-owned affordable housing," she said.

East-side Detroit civic leaders lauded CDT's move and said the transaction will serve as a catalyst to the community's revival. In Chandler Park, for example, which is adjacent to Daystar Estates, officials recently unveiled a new high school-regulation, synthetic turf football/soccer/lacrosse field, United States Tennis Association-sponsored tennis courts with Michigan's only under-10 "tot" courts, a new comfort station, and refurbished baseball diamonds, picnic tables and new tree plantings.

Donna Givens Williams, president/CEO of Eastside Community Network (ECN), a place-based community devel-

opment organization that has worked in the Daystar Estates' neighborhood for more than 30 years, said: "ECN is pleased to endorse CDT's donation that gives control of these properties to Southwest Housing Solutions, and further, to support the rehabilitation of nearly 50 affordable homeownership options in our community."

Jacqueline Bejma, executive director of LAND Inc., a local not-for-profit commercial real estate development organization, added: "Rehabilitation of these housing units is a much-needed step in the right direction for the future of the east side."

Southwest Housing Solutions staff will prepare cost estimates this summer on the improvements necessary to make the Daystar Estates properties habitable, Thorland said.

Working with local, regional and national partners, CDT makes long-term equity investments and originates and acquires long-term mortgages. In its 17 years, CDT has invested over \$1.3 billion in debt and equity capital to properties in 44 states and regions — helping to preserve and create over 40,000 units of affordable housing.

Southwest Housing Solutions, a division of Southwest Solutions, was formed in 1979 and is a leader in the planning, development, and management of affordable housing and commercial property in Southwest Detroit.

Reasonable accommodations for disabled required by law

Q: We are a landlord and are thinking about charging an extra fee or requiring an additional deposit for tenants or residents who have disabilities in order to put in certain grab bars on the steps to grant a reasonable accommodation. It isn't an awful lot of money and I am wondering if it is OK.

A: The answer is pretty clearly "no" based upon the joint statement of HUD and the Department of Justice's publication "Reasonable Accommodations Under the Federal Fair Housing Act." In short, housing providers may not require persons with disabilities to pay extra fees or deposits as a condition of receiving a reasonable accommodation. Therefore, you are best advised not to charge any additional fees or require any additional deposit for any reasonable accommodation that is granted.

Q: Our co-op charges pet owners to have "DNA tested and registered" for any animal living in our community. Do you think that is OK?

A: I think it will probably pass muster as the theory is that any poop left behind can be tested and the offending owner that did not pick up after the pet could be fined or otherwise be subject to legal penalties. The amount charged is presumably just to reimburse the association for the actual costs of testing and registering the DNA in a data base and is not a deposit of any kind with respect to the keeping of the dog which would probably be prohibited.

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Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Sponsored by: Changing Places Moving Company, Devon Title Agency, Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Bank of Birmingham. For more information, contact HallandHunter.com or call 248-644-3500.

Investors

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

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

For more information, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091 or Wayde Koehler at 313-819-0919.

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

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State tax credits support low-income housing

Residents in Metro Detroit are getting a boost in local affordable housing stock with help from \$3.89 million in Low-Income Housing Tax Credits from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

"The LIHTC Program is a public-private partnership that allows developers to renovate and construct quality, affordable housing," MSHDA Executive Director Kevin Elsenheimer said. "This program is essential to meeting the housing needs of families, seniors and special needs populations with low or fixed incomes."

The tax credits are going to five different developers to create four new apartment buildings and rehabilitate one structure that will provide 287 homes for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

Prentis II Apartments in Oak Park was built in 1978. It will be renovated to improve resident safety and energy efficiency. Units will receive new kitchens and bathrooms, carpeting, closet doors, upgrades to existing balconies and upgraded in-unit HVAC systems.

"The generous tax credit to Prentis II Apartments will enhance their commitment to providing safe and affordable housing and residential care to their residents," said Sen. Vincent Gregory, D-Lathrup Village. "I extend my gratitude for MSHDA's continued support of our communities through their partnership and investment activities."

The projects that earned LIHTC awards in Wayne and Oakland Counties are:

» 124 Alfred, Detroit
Developer: 124 Alfred Developer LLC
LIHTC units: 54
LIHTC award: \$918,804

» Gratiot Central Commons, Detroit
Developer: MHT Housing, Inc.
Total units: 45
LIHTC units: 36
LIHTC award: \$740,000

» Prentis II, Oak Park
Developer: Jewish Senior Life of Metro Detroit
Total units: 99
LIHTC units: 99
LIHTC award: \$676,410

» Unity Park Rentals IV, Pontiac
Developer: Community Housing Network, Inc.
Total units: 12
LIHTC units: 12

LIHTC award: \$306,661
» Woodbridge Estates Phase IX, Detroit
Developer: Scripps Park Associates, LLC
Total units: 77
LIHTC units: 61
LIHTC award: \$1,255,000

The federal government provides the tax credits which are administered by MSHDA based on housing needs at the local level. With this round of funding, an estimated 819 units of affordable rental housing will be built or rehabilitated for low- and moderate-income individuals and families across the state.

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The LIHTC program is the most successful affordable housing production program in U.S. history and spurs community investment. In 2015, the 10-year value of LIHTC in Michigan was calculated to create more than \$1.3 billion of investment statewide.

Federal law requires LIHTC be allocated according to a Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). The process for receiving an award includes an application and competitive scoring.

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) provides financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents and to engage in community economic development activities to revitalize urban and rural communities.

MSHDA's loans and operating expenses are financed through the sale of tax-exempt and taxable bonds as well as notes to private investors, not from state tax revenues. Proceeds are loaned at below-market interest rates to developers of rental housing, and help fund mortgages and home improvement loans. MSHDA also administers several federal housing programs. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mshda.

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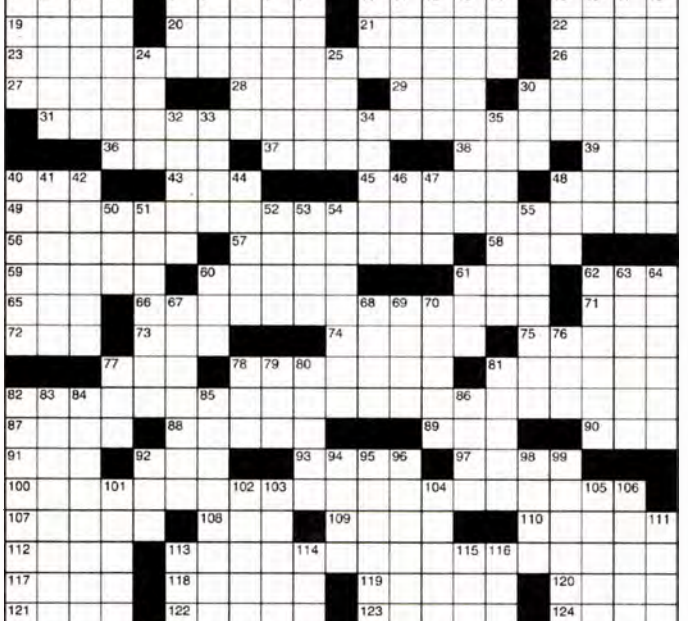
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 - 95 "Shamel"
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 - 99 Obsess (on)
 - 101 Bill settler
 - 102 "That Night" — (old film)
 - 103 1800s veep
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 - 111 Bill blockers
 - 113 — Mart
 - 114 Simile center
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