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## Ballot committees take opposite sides

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Two ballot proposal committees have been leading the often-heated debate over Proposal S, which seeks voter approval for Wayne to join a public safety authority and levy 14 mills to fund police and fire services.

Concerned Citizens of Wayne, which opposes Proposal S, raised \$1,670, ac-

ording to a pre-primary statement. Supporting the proposal, Wayne Citizens United for Police and Fire raised \$7,752 largely due to contributions from the Wayne-Westland firefighters union.

Among the larger donations to Concerned Citizens of Wayne were \$520 from Ron Roberts, who was a backer of the ward voting change, \$260 from former councilwoman Pam Dobrowolski, along with \$100 from her husband

Tom and \$417 from committee treasurer Vern Amos.

Pam Dobrowolski, an aide to Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, D-Wayne, didn't respond to a request for comment.

The donors also included Brian Ewanciw, owner of Icon Computers, and Phillip Wagner, owner of Bit 'n Pieces, who each donated \$100.

Described as retirees, Wayne resi-

dents Jerold Parrott and Roger Koromos donated \$120 and \$100, respectively.

Wayne resident Chris Miller, who lists himself as an assembly worker Ford's Wayne Assembly plant, donated \$147.

"We had a rally at (UAW) Local 900 (in Wayne) with the Ford workers. We

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James Garcellano of Westland helps daughter Danae, 5, with her visor design at the Westland library.

## Voter turnout expectations differ in Wayne, Westland

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

A voter turnout of at least 20 percent is being projected in Wayne for Tuesday's primary election — about double the expected turnout in Westland.

The difference is likely due to Proposal S on the Wayne ballot. The hotly contested Proposal S seeks voter approval to have the financially strapped city join Hazel Park and Eastpointe in the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Agency. That membership is strictly a funding mechanism carrying with it 14 mills to be levied to fund police and fire services in Wayne.

Wayne City Clerk Matthew Miller made the prediction of at least 20 percent turnout but added that it could be significantly higher.

With 12,915 registered voters, Wayne had filled 891 absentee ballot requests with 580 absentee ballots returned by several days before the election.

"That's a little high — we usually send out about 800 absentee ballots," Miller said. "There are still 300 to come back. We should have higher than average voter turnout."

In Westland, City Clerk Richard LeBlanc is predicting an 11.5-percent turnout for the election. The city has just over 60,000 registered voters.

"That's less than many primaries. I don't want to see less than 10 percent turnout, but the trend has been low turnouts," he said. "We've had 59 percent of our absentee ballots returned. That's very low five days before an election."

That low response can be attributed to several things, he said, including not having a hot-button issue on the ballot.

Westland doesn't have any local issues on the ballot. However voters in Westland and Wayne will consider countywide proposals including to continue .2459 mills to fund county and local parks. The proposal specifies \$50,000 or 15 percent of the total fund — \$9.8 million in 2016 — will go to local parks.

A second proposal is renewal for 10 years of .1-mill to support the Detroit Zoo. The millage doesn't expire until 2017 and would be expected to generate \$3.9 million in 2018.

State Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, is seeking his third term representing Westland and Wayne in the 16th state house district. He has no Democratic opponent but in November will face the winner of the Republican primary, Pat Gaffka or Matthew Morrow.

While former Wayne mayor and councilman Al Haidous, D-Wayne, is unopposed in the primary seeking a second term as 11th District Wayne County commissioner, there is a race in the 12th District. Wayne resident Jacob Johnson filed an affidavit to run as a write-in candidate on the Republican

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## Youngsters, parents team up at Make-It, Take-It craft event

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Danae Garcellano, 5, was enjoying fun with dad James of Westland on Thursday night, July 28, at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland.

"Good job, Danae," encouraged dad. "OK, now because it's glued you're going to hold it a bit. Oh, nice," James Garcellano told his daughter of the colorful visor she was decorating in the youth area.

"I like this," said Danae, reaching her hand out to a set of markers on her table. Fish shapes and other decorations were available, with some kids spelling their first name on a visor. "Let's make it a cloud," Danae told her dad, adding, "That's OK, daddy" of his work.

A Make-It, Take-It Craft that evening brought some 10 kids, with several parents helping. "We tend to do the Make-It, Take-It because it's more of a simple program," youth librarian Laura Flaherty said. "We like to have this program for kids who are into art."

The library hosts art programs for kids during the school year, too. Thursday was open to all age groups, which



Sisters Quamori Wilson, 7, and Joiya Jones, 18, have fun at the Westland library event July 28.

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side.

Former state representative and state senator Glenn Anderson was appointed to fill the seat earlier this after LeBlanc resigned to become Westland city clerk. Anderson, D-Westland, is being challenged in the Democratic primary by retired Wayne-Westland Observer editor Sue Mason, also of Westland. No Republican has filed to run in the heavily Democratic district meaning the primary winner will take the seat.

Voters will also make selections in various countywide races along with the 13th Congressional District. Veteran U.S. Rep. John Conyers, Jr., D-Detroit, is being challenged by Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey in the primary. Jeff Gorman is running on the Republican side.

The polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday. Those in need of an absentee ballot can pick one up at either city hall Monday but the ballot must be completed on site and returned in person.

In Westland, voters from the two precincts who usually cast their ballots at Johnson Upper Elementary School will vote during this election at the Hellenic Cultural Center. Livonia Public Schools is renovating the school, making it unavailable for this election only.

"Each person has been notified via mail and there will be signs at both locations. The information has been on cable television," LeBlanc said.

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# CRAFTS

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gathered around tables to affix decorations to their colorful visors, with some using paint. Some kids made ice cream cone designs as well.

Sisters Quamori Wilson, 7, and Joiya Jones, 18, were also enjoying the library fun. They work together on visors, Quamori's pink with her name and Joiya's lavender, also with her name. Both sisters used several small designs on their creations.

Volunteer Amanda DeLuka, 17, a Westland John Glenn High School senior, was volunteering for the evening. "I do volunteer at the Y, too, YMCA Plymouth," the teen explained. She is helping out with weeding and chores at the Vista Maria facility in Dearborn Heights and foster homes, balancing that with a summer job at Dairy Dan in Westland.

"And I'm off next week. Only on Monday and Tuesday (for work) and that's it," DeLuka said. She'd like to study after Glenn graduation to be a teacher assistant.

Librarian Flaherty told some departing



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Youth librarian Laura Flaherty said, "We like to have this program for kids who are into art."



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Amanda DeLuka, 17, a John Glenn High School senior, volunteered for the evening. Here she shows the visor she created.

youngsters, "Thank you guys for coming. You made some really good projects."

Summer Reading for kids is wrapping up in Westland, although a new challenge is here for August. "Kids are encouraged to read a book for every section of the Dewey Decimal System," said Flaherty of that system that divides up

nonfiction by category.

"We do have some easy readers" for preschool, kindergarten and first grade, Flaherty said, agreeing the non-fiction challenge will appeal more to older kids. Families can pick up a sheet at the library on Central City Parkway and starting this coming week of early August check in with youth li-

brarians on nonfiction books read.

Summer Reading drew over 800 kids from birth through sixth grade who enjoyed great books, fun programs and each other's company this summer. "It's been going really well," said Flaherty.

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got them riled up," Amos said. "There are about 200 retirees in town and 325 active workers."

"Vote no" proponents had been knocking on doors using a list of registered voters, Amos said, until the heat and humidity got too high. "We've been rubber-banding literature on the doors. We've had a pretty positive response," he said.

Along with literature, the "no" group also had a large two-sided sign made and drove it around on a trailer.

Similarly, the firefighters had a 1992 Tempo painted yellow with "vote yes" signs all over it and have been parking it around Wayne at various businesses with permission from the owners, said Mitch Tokarski, firefighters union president.

Wayne Citizens United for Police and Fire received \$3,500 from the Wayne-Westland Professional Firefighters Union Local 1279. In addition, there was a \$2,500 donation from the Westland Firefighters Separate Segregated Fund.

The Wayne Police Officers Association donated \$1,500 to the campaign with \$500 from

the Wayne Command Officers Association.

"We had many citizens who have wanted to donate or hold fundraisers. We know this is a tax increase for residents," Tokarski said. "We asked them to keep their money and vote yes. We want residents to focus on getting the word out, rather than fund-raising."

The 12 Wayne firefighters are part of the larger 84-member Wayne-Westland Firefighters union, Tokarski said, which allows more financial support for the ballot proposal.

Wayne Citizens United for Police and Fire also received donations from

individuals: \$500 from Councilman Chris Sanders, \$200 from retired Community Development director Peter McInerney, \$100 from retired city manager John Zech, \$200 from retired fire chief Thomas O'Brien and \$265 from Mayor Susan Rowe. Fresh Choice Supermarket owner Jerry Pattah donated \$450 worth of in-kind services.

Both sides of the proposal are planning to have people working at the polls on election day.

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# Garden City Gladiators put CARE program to work

**Diane Gale Andreassi**  
Staff Writer

The Garden City Gladiators travel baseball team is hitting home runs on and off the field.

They've been scoring amazing service programs throughout the community in efforts they call "Gladiators CARE — Caring Attitudes Reward Everyone." Most recently they delivered pizzas to Garden City police, fire and hospital workers July 17.

They've also recently helped serve meals to senior citizens at Sports Venue in Garden City; volunteered for the Sports Venue's canned food drive; collected and shopped for more than

150 toys for children at Orchards Children's Services; and brought in more than 200 cases of water during a Farmington Elementary School drive for Flint residents.

### On their own

The 11U travel baseball team was previously involved with the Garden City Youth Athletic Association, and has become independent this year.

The boys will be going to Cooperstown, N.Y., to play in a week-long tournament in August 2017.

The team has been hosting fundraising projects to pay for the Cooperstown trip, as well as other regular tournaments, uniforms, equipment and other expenses.



The Gladiators baseball team in Garden City recently donated pizzas to local emergency workers.

And they're also willing to help others.

"These boys and their

families love baseball," said Tony Widmer, Gladiators manager. "But,

something that we love just as much as baseball is helping people."

It seems the boys are learning some life lessons from their philanthropic work. After they collected cans at Sports Venue, owner Laurie Viviano wanted to reward them for their hard work and she planned to give them a pizza party. The boys forfeited the reward so they could give it to others.

"They gave up their pizza party to pay it forward," Viviano said. "They're a great group of kids."

Team members took pizzas to the Garden City Police department, "who have been taking a real beating in the press late-

ly," the Garden City Fire department "who put their lives on the line every day," and the Garden City Hospital emergency room staff, "who save lives on a daily basis," Widmer said.

"I must be doing something right, because the players, not me, asked if we could donate the pizzas from our party to someone even more deserving," Widmer said. "I was blown away. Of course I said 'yes.' We're trying to instill the idea of goodwill toward men. We're trying to do something off the field as well as on the field."

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# Wayne votes on public safety authority, millage Tuesday

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After months of debate, argument and several informational town hall meetings, Wayne voters will decide Tuesday whether to approve Proposal S to join a public safety authority and levy 14 mills to fund police and fire services.

A requirement for Wayne to join the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Authority is that the funding level be matched. That is 14 mills to be levied for 18 years.

If approved and the full amount is levied, the owner of home with a \$35,000 taxable value — a \$70,000 state equalized value — would see a \$490 tax increase annually.

The millage would generate an estimated \$4.9 million and would be levied on the winter tax bill. The city is projected to run out of money by December 2017.

"I'm hopefully optimistic. I do understand

how for some people it comes down to their financial situation," Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe said. "It comes down to the city not being able to do anything (without funding)."

Joining SMORSA is strictly a financial move. There would be no operational merger with the current SMORSA members, Hazel Park and Eastpointe. The move allows additional funding to be generated by communities recovering from the recession and the resulting drop in property values.

Since 2008, Wayne's taxable value has dropped from \$607 million to \$350 million. As property values increase, the amount of revenue the city receives is capped at the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

City officials also cite a \$7.5-million loss of state shared revenues over 10 years, along with a \$590,000 tax tribunal settlement owed to Ford

Motor Company that begins in October.

Wayne's workforce has been reduced by 54 percent over the last 10 years, services have been consolidated with other communities such as joint dispatching, a merged fire department with Westland, ordinance and a shared Department of Public Works director.

"I know the city needs the money. But I don't believe they need the full 14-mills," said Vern Amos, treasurer of Concerned Citizens of Wayne which opposes Proposal S.

The council passed two resolutions: one calls for a millage rollback after the city's finances have been stabilized and once a 20-percent fund balance is reached; the other commits to hiring four additional police officers and three firefighters if the millage is approved.

Amos was skeptical that the 20-percent fund balance would be achieved to trigger the

millage rollback.

"I'm not trying to say the council or mayor or (City Manager) Lisa Nocerini are doing anything wrong. I'm trying to be a voice of people I know who can't afford 14 mills," Amos said. "I know the city needs money. There has got to be another way out of this."

What specific steps will be taken if the millage isn't approved haven't been spelled out, although the city expects an emergency financial manager (EFM) to be appointed once the city runs out of money.

Shorter term, there would likely be an impact on services. The fire department, for example, currently has only 12 firefighters — the minimum needed to staff three shifts. As a result, when a firefighter had a day off the shift was covered using overtime.

The current city budget has reduced overtime from \$350,000 last year to \$52,000.

"That will affect staff-

ing levels in Wayne. We've discussed preliminary options," said Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy, who was going to be meeting with Nocerini and Westland Mayor William Wild.

That affect will likely be leaving firefighters short-staffed and taking an engine or Rescue out of service. Since Mutual Aid requires communities be able to reciprocate services, Reddy said.

"Other cities would not be required to respond if Wayne can't reciprocate. They have that option," Reddy said. "Nothing is carved in stone at this time. We're also waiting to hear about

the SAFER grant for six firefighters."

Amos has called for the city to look at an on-call fire department and obtaining EMS through a private ambulance company.

"It's frustrating to talk at the podium (during city council meetings) about private EMS and the city doesn't even talk to a private ambulance company," Amos said. "If we had a private ambulance company, we wouldn't have four guys sitting. We had 47 fires last year in Wayne and 4,000 EMS runs."

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## Superintendents share thoughts on school finance study

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

School districts in Michigan don't have a lot of say on their finances, according to a new study from Michigan State University.

Major areas cited in the research are declining enrollment, higher shares of special education students and drops in state funding — which, the study notes, policy makers control.

These have made the difficulties in Michigan's low-income urban districts like Detroit even worse, according to David Arsen, professor of education policy in the MSU College of Education.

The research, to be published this fall in the Journal of Education Finance, is the most comprehensive study to date to determine what causes school budget deficits in Michigan. Arsen and colleagues estimated the relative influence of multiple factors on the fund balances of all Michigan public school districts over nearly 20 years.

Derek Fisher, superintendent of the Garden City Public Schools, has thoughts on the MSU research. "Almost all districts across Wayne County have experienced declining enrollment," Fisher said.

Fisher noted the recession of recent years caused Michiganders to leave the state and

the birth rate is also declining, with most families of two children or less. "So it's not necessarily where the kids go," he said, noting some school children simply didn't get born.

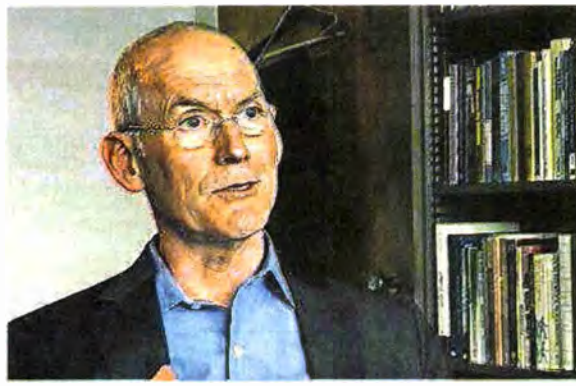
### 'It creates competition'

Of charter schools, Fisher said, "It creates competition. There are other choices. In my estimation and my studies, it's the birth rate" that influences enrollment more than charter schools, he said.

MSU's Arsen cited Michigan policies that relate to district fund balances and the role of local leaders. Arsen points to the state's emergency manager law and other policies that place sanctions on districts.

The research that Arsen and colleagues did found local spending decisions matter, but overall the impact is small. Study authors cite changes in the school district's per-pupil foundation allowance and their enrollment, especially where school choice and charters are prevalent.

Since Proposal A passed in 1994, Michigan has seen one of the nation's most dramatic shifts in financial responsibility for public schools from local tax revenues to a centralized per-student funding system. Arsen said increased funds in the decade starting with 1994 and Proposal A "produced significant improve-



David Arsen, professor of education policy in the MSU College of Education, studies school funding issues and related inequity.

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ments in student achievement," with rural districts as big winners often.

Those achievements have lessened in more recent years, as has funding to schools in our state, he noted.

Garden City's Fisher said of policy makers, "They have equal expectations for all students as far as academic performance," whether that's the Grosse Pointe district or Detroit. Fisher cites Proposal A and "having it (school funding) driven by property values, the disparities that exist. The state needs to look at that formula."

A recent study by a Colorado consulting firm commis-

sioned by the Michigan Legislature recommends a "base cost expenditure" of \$8,667 per student for Michigan schools.

Garden City's current per-pupil allocation is \$7,517 per student. Fisher and colleagues are hopeful for the proposed \$114 increase that will bring Garden City up to \$7,631.

Fisher is proud of the Garden City teaching and administrative staff and their efforts. "Absolutely. That goes without saying," Fisher said, including his reference of the "hard work of our teachers."

Also proud of her team is Michele Harmala, Wayne-Westland school superinten-

dent, where the per-pupil allocation for 2016-17 is \$7,511. "I commend our staff here in Wayne-Westland. They took it upon themselves to make sure programs stayed intact," she said of recent employee contracts, including teachers.

Harmala noted Wayne-Westland has declining enrollment and its leaders cannot cut expenditures at the same rate as others. "So that has a significant negative impact. You make guesses about the kids you will have," she said, adding Wayne-Westland's enrollment predictions have proven fairly accurate.

Harmala is sharing Arsen's study findings with colleagues.

Of declining birth rates and charter school competition, "I would say both have an impact," she said. About 12 percent of resident Wayne-Westland students attend charters at various locales, with district officials not knowing who those charter students are.

"They both have an impact on our funding. They both matter," she said of birth rates and charter schools.

Added Harmala, "We provide very high-quality programs for limited dollars," with almost 88 percent of the Wayne-Westland budget used on salaries.

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## Charters, special ed: MSU professor shares his expertise

Julie Brown  
Staff Writer

David Arsen of Michigan State University has extensive thoughts on charter schools in Michigan.

"The key thing is how are the school choice policies designed," said Arsen, a professor of education policy and educational administration, as well as coordinator, Education Policy Unit for MSU's College of Education.

He's not opposed to choice in general; Arsen noted it's also key how charter schools interact with school financing pol-

icies.

There's a higher concentration of low-income students at urban charters. "You see it in the suburbs as well, rural," he said.

"Inter-district choice has put a strong financial pressure on," he said of public schools. Public districts such as Bloomfield Hills offer no competition for charters, he said.

"The kids overwhelmingly move from lower to higher of socioeconomic status," Arsen said of charter enrollment. "There's no overall regulation of the supply of charters" in Michigan.

He also noted in school finance the totally different issues when it comes to school facilities. Arsen has studied school finance and student achievement for years, including work with researchers from MSU and other institutions.

He said other states handle charters differently and Michigan laws could change to lessen socioeconomic impact. "You could moderate that," Arsen said, pointing to Massachusetts as a state where student achievement has risen considerably.

He and colleagues find

school facilities and special education the two main areas most "broken" in education. Special education students have different rights than others under federal law for services they must receive, he said.

"The feds don't provide all the money. They leave it mostly to the states," Arsen said of special education funding, which has spawned litigation in Michigan.

He noted county-level intermediate school districts, such as Wayne County's RESA, a regional educational service agency, and their role in spe-

cial education millages which vary widely based on location.

"All of this funding is coming from local property taxes at the county level," which must be shared equally in the ISD, Arsen said. "If you get to Wayne County, man, that's tough," due to smaller high-end socioeconomic communities in Wayne.

"In each one of the counties, they're doing it differently," he said of ISDs, noting such funds help local districts a lot.

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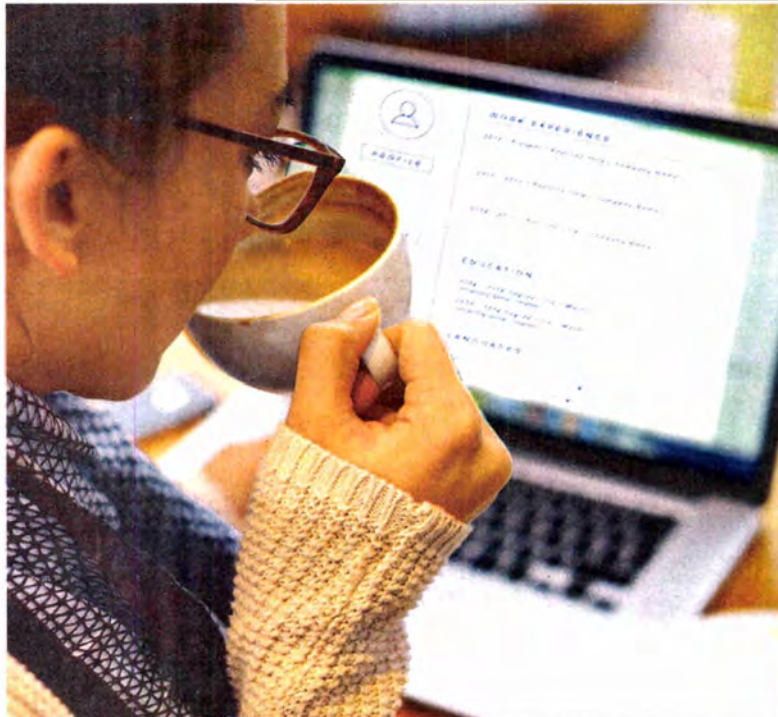
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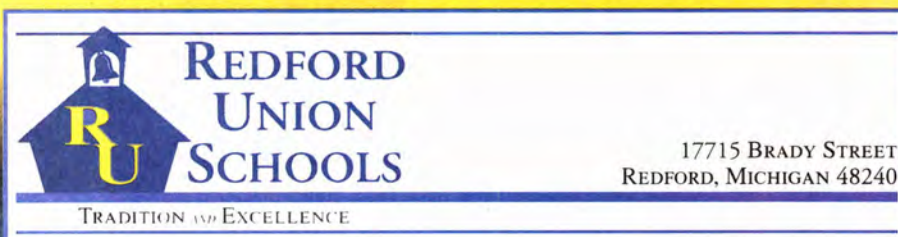


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# Westland City Council confirms 3 reappointments

Three mayoral appointments were recently confirmed by the Westland City Council.

Robert Dunajski and Sam Durante were reappointed to Westland Planning Commission. Scott Catalo was reappointed to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

» Dunajski has been a Westland resident since 2007. He lives with his

wife Miranda and has worked at Alta Equipment Company as a Regional Operations Manager for 14 years. He has also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and was appointed to the Planning Commission in 2012.

» Durante is a 20-year Westland resident who retired nine years ago from Terminex as a



Dunajski

Durante

Catalo

sales associate. He also served as director of environmental services at Sani Hospital. Durante

has served on the Planning Commission since 2010 and was appointed to another three-year term.

» Married with three children, Catalo has lived in Westland for

over 20 years. He is an architect at NORR. He also serves on the Economic Development Corporation and the Tax Increment Finance Authority. Catalo was first appointed to the Brownfield Authority in 2010 and was appointed for a three-year term.

» These gentlemen have worked hard on their respective boards

and commissions during their previous terms. I look forward to continuing to work with them throughout their upcoming terms," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "They bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience from their unique fields and will continue to be great assets to the community they serve."

## Redford teens charged with beating duck to death

Scott Daniel  
Staff Writer

Two teenagers were arrested and charged with cruelty to animals after allegedly beating a duck to death in the 14100 block of Lucerne Street in Redford on Monday.

Township police were dispatched to the area at approximately 11 a.m. on a report that one teen had beaten the duck with a stick while another recorded the incident with his phone. The two teens were seen riding away on Minock Street toward Schoolcraft Road shortly after the incident.

Police found one teen riding on east on Schoolcraft and stopped him. According to police reports, the 15-year-old told officers he was going to meet his friend at a 7-Eleven party store at the corner of Inkster and Schoolcraft.

The second teen, also 15, was found at the 7-Eleven moments later by an officer. Both teens were then transported to the Redford Police Department without incident.

Redford Police Detective Sgt. Kevin Crittenden said the teens are being charged as juveniles. He said the department only seeks adult status for teens under 17 for capital crimes. Crittenden, nonetheless, described the alleged incident as serious.

"It's not appropriate behavior," he said.

After the teens were arrested, officers made contact with Redford Township animal control. The body of a duck was taken to the animal disposal bin after photographing. Reports said the animal control officer would follow up on the incident.

Both teens were released to their parents, reports said. Under the juvenile system, charges will be pursued as "petitions" through Wayne County, Crittenden said.

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### Car stolen from lot

A Redford car dealership reported one of its vehicles stolen to township police on July 25.

Representatives from Sneathcamp Chevrolet, which is located in the 11600 block of Telegraph Road, told police the vehicle had been delivered July 15. A salesperson at the dealership attempted to sell the vehicle July 25 but was unable to locate it.

Police reports did not list the exact make or model of the vehicle. Police have listed the vehicle as stolen and are continuing to investigate.

### No foul play suspected in death

Redford Police were called to 24200 block of Cathedral Street on July 25 on reports of a body found at the residence.

A property manager for the home told police that she last spoke with the renter, a female, on July 18. After several unsuccessful attempts of reaching her over several days were made, the manager had maintenance workers check on the woman.

Workers found her dead just inside the residence near the front door. Police arrived on scene a short time later

### POLICE BRIEFS

and noted that the woman's body was "very decomposed." Prescription pills were found on a table inside the apartment, but reports didn't indicate if they played any role in the woman's death.

Reports said there was no signs of foul play in the apartment.

### Township man suffers severe beating

A Redford man was beaten by two men in the early morning hours of July 23.

Police officers made contact with the victim at an area hospital and

observed that he was in a neck brace, eyes swelled closed and dried blood all over his face. Reports said the man could barely speak.

Officers then spoke in a waiting room to a friend of the victim's. She told police her friend agreed to go out with two men for a drink, but that the two men assaulted him instead. The township man called her for help from a gas station at Six Mile Road and Five Points Street.

Reports did not list a description for the two suspects, who will be charged with felonious assault if apprehended.

### Break in

On July 13, a resident in the 4200 block of Niagara told police someone entered her home during a power failure July 10. She said the backup power to home security alarm had failed and someone apparently entered through an unlocked window.

Reported stolen were a 36-inch television, a 42-inch television, three pairs of Air Jordans and a pair of Air Force One shoes, two Sony Playstations, a tablet, two MacBook Pros, \$450 in cash, baseball/basketball

cards, a 24-carat gold chain, a football championship ring, a gold watch, a FitBit watch, a pair of Cartier glasses and a gold and purple Coach purse. The total loss was estimated at \$8,655.

### Larceny from vehicle

Two touch-screen navigation system/radios valued at \$1,000 were reported from stolen vehicles at Bank Auto Sales, 33003 Michigan Ave., July 19. Employees showed police surveillance video of a vehicle entering the parking lot of the adjoining Wendy's at about 2 a.m.

Two men were seen exiting the vehicle and using flashlights to look

into vehicles on car. One vehicle had a smashed window, the other had been left unlocked.


### Vehicle damaged

About 7:45 p.m., police were called to the 4100 block of Columbus after a resident backing into his driveway struck the left side of a vehicle parked on the street. The parked vehicle was reported to have damage to the rear quarter panel, including having its bumper knocked off.

A neighbor told police she had confronted the driver after he completed backing into the driveway and found that he was intoxicated. The man then went into his home.

The officer reported initially getting no response when he knocked the man's door. After a short time, he said the man came out onto the porch. He told the officer he had consumed two beers within the past hour and had gone out to get cigarettes. He offered no explanation why he had gone inside after hitting the parked vehicle.


After field sobriety tests and a breathalyzer reportedly showing a .26 blood alcohol level, the man was arrested for operating while impaired, leaving the scene of a property damage accident and improper backing.



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The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

**Petition #2839-Greenwood Villa-7648 Woodgreen/7600 Nankin**  
Req. for a non-conforming building/structure variance from Ord. 248 to make repairs/improvements to existing non-conforming buildings and structures within the development that exceed 25% of the market value of the structures/buildings to which they are made; whereas Sec. 5:2.1 states that a non-conforming building/structure may be repaired, improved, or remodeled provided such repair/improvement does not exceed 25% of the market value of the structure/building to which they are made.

**Petition #2840-P. Lemus-2020 S. Crown**  
Req. for a side yd. fence location variance, a 1' 6" side yd. fence hgt. variance, a front yd. fence type variance, and a 3' front yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the City Code to install a 6' high vinyl screening in the south side & front yds. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence, Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt., Sec. 22-304(a)(3) states that front yard fences are allowed as a split rail/ranch style fence & Sec. 22-303(f) states that front yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 3' in hgt.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
PROGRAM STATUS AND SUBMISSION OF THE CAPER  
(July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016)**

The City of Westland will hold a public hearing on the status of CDBG and HOME programs, year ended June 30, 2016, August 23, 2016, 5:00 p.m., 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland. Draft CAPER available for comment August 17 - September 12, 2016. Submit written comments to: Department of Housing & Community Development, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI.

CDBG FUNDS		
Project	Status	Amount
CDBG Administration	Annual, Complete	\$194,467
Housing Rehabilitation	Annual, Ongoing	\$41,334
Senior Programs	Annual, Complete	\$155,000
First Step	Annual, Complete	\$3,500
Wayne County Family Center	Annual, Complete	\$2,000
Friendship Center Improvement	Ongoing	\$0
Community Resource Officer	Annual, Complete	\$116,000
Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer	Annual, Complete	\$105,000
Samuel B. Ware Community Center	Annual, Complete	\$15,000
NSP - Acquisition/Demolition	Ongoing	\$147,666
Norwayne Parks	Ongoing	\$6,887
Norwayne Infrastructure (Jefferson Barns Center)	Ongoing	\$104,507
NSP3 Family Self-Sufficiency	Complete	\$510
Rental Rehabilitation Program	Ongoing	\$78,033
Jefferson Barns Center - Section 108 Loan Proceeds	Complete	\$575,000
Jefferson Barns Center - Section 108 Loan Payment	Ongoing	\$2,146
Central City Park Handicap Improvement	Complete	\$27,912
<b>TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$1,574,962</b>
HOME FUNDS		
HOME Administration	Annual Complete	\$30,299
Homebuyer Program	Ongoing	\$83,377
NSP - Acquisition/Renovation	Ongoing	\$170,130
HOME Housing Rehabilitation (Limited)	Ongoing	\$80,779
<b>TOTAL HOME EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$364,585</b>

CDBG program income is \$24,313. HOME program income is \$238,581. Financial data is subject to reconciliation and audit adjustments. The City of Westland will submit the CAPER to the Detroit HUD Office on September 25, 2016.

William R. Wild, Mayor  
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# Find the 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275.

## Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the mid-level SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the top-line SL trim. New LED running lights up front and angular tail-lights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

## How it drives

The Rogue's powertrain is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option. Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

## Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior,

creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable.

The second row of seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

## Ergonomics and electronics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a 5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information.

A full complement of information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue features not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

## Cargo and storage

Pop the rear hatch (a power liftgate is optional) to reveal a spacious cargo area with low bumper liftover. The second-row seats fold flat in a 40/20/40 split, and the levers are accessible with a stretch from the cargo area to unlatch the seatbacks.

Fold the front passenger seat flat as well to get a cargo area able to accommodate an 8-foot ladder. For models without the third-row seat, under-floor storage is



The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.



Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types.

presented with two reconfigurable dividers that can also act as package shelves.

The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include the following:

## Exterior highlights

- » 17-inch steel wheels; 17-inch and 18-inch alloy wheels available
- » Halogen headlights
- » LED daytime running lights
- » Rear spoiler
- » Available power moonroof
- » Available fog lights
- » Available power

## liftgate

- » Available heated outside mirrors

## Interior highlights

- » Available front seat warmers
- » Six-way adjustable driver's seat
- » Six front storage areas
- » Available Nissan-Connect™ with naviga-

tion

- » Available Nissan Voice Recognition
- » Available Travel Link

## Under the hood

- » 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine
- » Continuously Variable Transmission
- » Front- or all-wheel drive
- » Active Trace Control, Active Engine Braking and Active Ride Control

## Safety features

- » Required in every new car: front airbags, anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system
- » Blind spot warning
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# Livonia student takes road less traveled to graduation

**Brad Kadrich**  
Staff Writer

By the time she'd finished her sophomore year, Avalon McKinney had become increasingly dissatisfied with the educational experience she'd been getting within the brick-and-mortar walls of Oxford High School.

Dealing with a bullying situation, a burgeoning student enrollment due to the district's status as a schools-of-choice district and disenchantment by the way the teaching experience was being affected by those factors, Avalon began to believe there must be an alternative.

With a move to Livonia coming for her family, Avalon began exploring those alternative and found one: Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy, an online school chartered by the Manistee Intermediate School District.

In September 2014, Avalon joined a small — but growing — number of students seeking their education outside the constraints of brick and mortar.

"(Oxford) was changing, they were bringing in students from outside, it was just going downhill," said Avalon, 18. "Online offered me more opportunities to do things that a brick-and-mortar school didn't have."

### Biggest class

In June, Avalon joined the largest class MGLVA has graduated since it opened in 2013. Nearly 90 students graduated, including 21 who finished in January. McKinney put together a 3.7 grade-point average that earned her designation as class salutatorian.

She plans to go to Hillsdale College to study international business and foreign language.

The bumpy road to

*"I used to look at myself and figure I'd go to college and get a desk job. Now I feel I can go out into the world, do something to help people, and do something bigger than myself."*

**AVALON MCKINNEY**

high school graduation is one Avalon is glad she took. The online high school allowed her to study not only at her own pace, but to focus on subjects she really enjoyed.

Classes take place in virtual classrooms staffed by licensed teachers who are, according to MGLVA Principal Abby Brown, required to obtain the same educational levels as brick-and-mortar teachers.

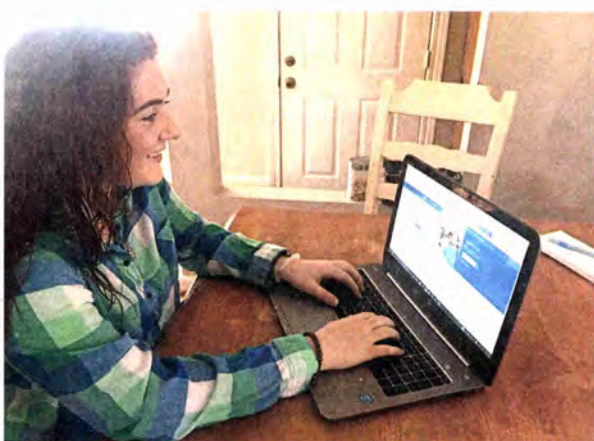
### Better pacing

Students have a chance to interact with teachers, there's a chat window so they can talk to other students, and they're required to do six hours of study a day.

The curriculum, according to Brown, is just as rigorous as any public school, but also allows students to move through it in a way that suits the student and doesn't necessarily have to conform to the more rigid pace of a public school.

With a curriculum available 24/7, Brown said, the virtual classroom allows students more flexibility.

"If you have a doctor's appointment, you can go," Brown said. "In a brick-and-mortar school, you're going to miss that class. Here, they can go back and watch it."



**BRAD KADRICH**  
Avalon McKinney, 18 of Livonia, built a 3.7 grade-point average to earn Salutatorian honors at Michigan Great Lakes Virtual Academy.

"They're so independent, I've been able to trust them," she said. "(The school) figures out pretty quickly which kids are doing their job." Brown, the MGLVA principal, acknowledged online learning isn't for everyone. Because the teacher isn't "sitting right there next" to the students, the kids are responsible for making sure the work gets done.

### Changing views

And not all kids enjoy the experience.

"We have students who come from brick-and-mortar schools, who do really well here, and then go back to brick-and-mortar so they can graduate with their class," Brown said.

That's what happened to Alena McKinney's twin brother, Jared. He tried the online thing for awhile, but went back to the public school so he could be around classmates. He now attends Franklin High School in Livonia.

"I'm more of a social person," Jared said. "I didn't really like sitting at my computer (for school)."

The girls did. Avalon is running to be a Republican precinct delegate — she's a Donald Trump fan — with an eye toward something in politics.

"I'm interested in politics," Avalon said. "With everything that's going on (in the world) I want to get involved."

She said she believes the experience changed her world view.

"I used to look at myself and figure I'd go to college and get a desk job," Avalon said. "Now I feel I can go out into the world, do something to help people, and do something that's bigger than myself."

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**BRAD KADRICH**  
Sisters Avalon (right) and Alena with brother Jared (seated). That's mom Karen Lithgow in the middle.

Avalon isn't the only one in her family to do the online thing. Younger sister Alena, 15, is also enrolled, and finding the experience to be altering her world view.

### Independent study

She said the independent nature of the curriculum has allowed her to

study more things about which she's interested.

"I've learned a lot more about things I actually want to learn," said Alena, who helped her sister explore the options. "I've found a love for history, especially American history. It's helped me discover what I want to do."

The students are required to log into each of their classes, and attendance is monitored. Avalon's mom, Karen Lithgow, is responsible as a kind of "coach" for making sure they do what they're supposed to do.

But her daughters, Lithgow said, don't need much motivation.

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A 1948 Ford English vehicle is on display at the Garden City Public Library car show held Tuesday evening.



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Garden City residents Betty Adams and fiance Jessie Gallagher with their dog, Bobert, look at a "72" Mark IV Continental.



TOM BEAUDOIN

Garden City resident Leo Duford checks out the 1973 Ford Mustang that was on hand.

# Classic cars, magic for kids and more: GCPL Adult Summer Reading effort a success

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

It's been a great summer of both learning and fun at the Garden City Public Library. Tuesday, July 26, in the evening the finale of the Adult Summer Reading Program, featured a classic car show.

Children and teens are wrapping up their participation this coming week, with the younger kids having enjoyed Jeff Wawrzaszek in a magic show the evening of Wednesday, July 27. His A2 Magic is billed on Wawrzaszek's website as "Outstanding Comedy Magic Shows, Telegrams and Sleight-of-Hand Entertainment that will Guarantee the Success of your next Michigan Children's, Family or Corporate event."

The kids had fun at the magic show, as did those at the adult classic car show. Library officials are pleased with this summer's programs.

"We've had high registration and high participation for all ages," said Erin Look, youth services librarian. "I would

say it's gone really well."

The younger kids will wrap up their Summer Reading Program Thursday, Aug. 4, and the teens the day before. "This summer, it's all been kind of rolled in," Look said of child and teen participation, which was higher among the younger kids.

Through the third week of August, a free book prize from the Garden City Public Library will be given out in person at the library to all child and teen participants. Kids will need to show they've participated.

"Then we'll give them a free book," said Look, who's among a number of people who make the Summer Reading Program a success.

The Garden City Public Library is available to answer inquiries during normal business hours in person or over the phone. When visiting, enter the Balmoral side of Maplewood Center, located at 31735 Maplewood St. in Garden City. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday noon to 5 p.m.



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# Q-and-A with former Livonia resident who builds small satellites

**Jay Grossman**  
Staff Writer

A former Michigan resident and Detroit Country Day School graduate is playing a key part in launching North Dakota's first satellite.

Jeremy Straub, 35, is the director of the OpenOrbiter Small Spacecraft Development Initiative at the University of North Dakota. The satellite he's building with a group of students will weigh just a couple of pounds and can fit in the palm of your hand. It will be launched into orbit in early 2017.

Straub, who spent his early life growing up on Ingram in Livonia, later continued growing up in nearby Northville/Novi Township and graduated from DCDS in 1999, said

the goal of the program is to demonstrate it's possible to build a functional spacecraft with a budget of a few thousand dollars:

**Q: Why a small satellite instead of a large one?**

Straub: One of the key goals of the OpenOrbiter program is to try to make spacecraft accessible to a wide variety of users, including educational institutions, small business, government users and such. The single biggest reason that most — including us — go with a small spacecraft is cost. In particular, launch costs go up significantly in conjunction with increased mass and volume, so keeping the spacecraft small reduces both development costs as well as the

ability to get the craft into space.

In the context of a university, keeping the craft small facilitates making it so students can take a mission from concept to launch in the span of their academic career. Particularly once we make all of our designs public, it may be that a basic spacecraft could be put together in only a semester. Of course, many will choose to adapt the designs to their own mission needs, which could make development take longer.

**Q: What can your satellite do in outer space?**

Straub: Our satellite is going to have three main goals. The first and foremost — in 'space speak' this is called the primary objective — is to demonstrate that the designs work. This will give others confidence in basing their spacecraft on them. The second is to demonstrate the ability to 3d print in space. The third, in support of the second, is to capture imagery in orbit.

**Q: How long did it take you to design and build your satellite?**

Straub: We started planning for the mission in late 2011, so we're going on about five years of total elapsed time. The design and development really gained momentum in 2015 when we were selected as the top choice of the NASA Educational Launch of Nanosats program's CubeSat Launch Initiative.

Since then, it has been a whirlwind of design, development and testing



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Jeremy Straub is helping to launch the first North Dakota spacecraft.

activities. This will all culminate in handing the spacecraft over to NanoRacks (the company that manages CubeSat launches from the International Space Station) in October. From here, the spacecraft will be integrated into a launcher and taken up to the ISS in December. It will be launched into its own orbit early next year.

**Q: How deep will it orbit in outer space, and what are the possible risks once it's launched from the rocket?**

Straub: The CubeSat will be staying pretty

close to Earth. It will be in an orbit that is pretty similar to the International Space Station. They, of course, separate the craft from the ISS slightly to prevent any concerns regarding collisions.

Earth orbit is pretty safe — NASA and other space agencies plan missions to avoid potential hazards. Fortunately, even with a lot of other satellites and other stuff up in orbit, space is a pretty big place and, thus, the chances of running into something are pretty low.

Since the whole goal

of this work is to test the spacecraft design, one of the biggest risks is that we've overlooked something. On Earth, we have to test a lot of things in isolation (as we can't simulate everything relevant to being in orbit at once). Thus, there could be some combination of factors that we didn't consider — or couldn't fully test — that impairs the performance of the spacecraft. We hope that it works fully, of course, but finding out what works and doesn't work allows the next version of the spacecraft to be even better.

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### CITY OF LIVONIA - 06/20/2016 REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

**Present:** Brosnan, Jolly, White, Bahr, Meakin, and Kritzman  
**Absent:** McIntyre

Items were received and filed.

- #233-16 Approved minutes of the 1,802nd Regular Meeting of the Council on June 6, 2016.
- #234-16 Approved request to waive the Noise Ordinance for Laura Walker to have a live band to play at a party at her home on Huff Ct. on Saturday, June 11, 2016.
- #235-16 Approved request to waive the Noise Ordinance for VegMichigan Summer Festival at Madonna University on Sunday, August 7, 2016.
- #236-16 Waived sidewalk requirement at 18601 Brentwood.
- #237-16 Waived sidewalk requirement at 30687 Mungler.
- #238-16 Approved request to close Brentwood between Jacquelyn and Meadowlark on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 11am - 10 pm for a block party.
- #239-16 Approved request to close Van Court between Raleigh and Levan each day, August 8, 2016 through Friday, August 12, 2016, from 9am to 1pm, for Vacation Bible School.
- #240-16 Approved request to close Lathers between Gillman and Curtis on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 12 pm - 11 pm for a block party.
- #241-16 Approved reappointment of Craig S. Pastor to ZBA for 3-year term.
- #242-16 Authorized purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford Transit 350 HD EL Dual Rear Wheel 15-Passenger Wagons and conversion of said vehicles from Signature Ford as replacement vehicles for Livonia Community Transit.
- #243-16 Accepted bid of Jacobsen for one (1) Jacobsen GP400 Demo Golf Course Greens Mower for Whispering Willows Golf Course with a two-year warranty and authorized disposal of the replaced mower at public auction.
- #244-16 Accepted bid of low bidder, Jan Door, for work required to replace (13) overhead doors and accepted bid of second lowest bidder, Suburban Door, in the event that the low bidder is unable to complete the project.
- #245-16 Accepted a grant from DTE and authorized use of these grant funds and City funds to retrofit 124 Mercury Vapor Streetlights to LED along Farmington Road from Six Mile Road to Eight Mile Road.
- #246-16 Referred question of cost to convert all City streetlights to LED to Infrastructure and Community Transit Committee for its report and recommendation.
- #247-16 Accepted bid of Rotondo Construction for 2016 Concrete Road Selective Slab Replacement Program - Contract 16-J, and authorized budget transfer and expenditure from budgeted funds.
- #248-16 Approving request to waive Noise Ordinance, Saturday, July 16, 2016, from 3 pm - 10 pm for a graduation luau party at 10580 Laurel.
- #249-16 Approving request to waive sidewalk requirement at 15231 Santa Anita.

**First Reading was given to an ordinance vacating the use of portions of street, alley and public ground. (Pet. 2015-07-03-01)**

**Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 13.03 of Article XIII, (P District Regulations) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended.**

**Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 040 of Title 13, Chapter 08 (Water Service Rates and Revenues) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.**

**Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 050 of Title 13, Chapter 08 (Water Service Rates and Revenues) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.**

**Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 120 of Title 13, Chapter 20 (Livonia Sewage Disposal System) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.**

**Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 130 of Title 13, Chapter 20 (Livonia Sewage Disposal System) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.**

**Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 050 of Title 13, Chapter 28 (Industrial Waste Surcharge) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.**

- #250-16 Approved fee increases for various Parks and Recreation activities and Park rentals.
- #251-16 Approved a Special Assessment connected with the 2015 Sidewalk Program, Contract 15-G, authorized payment options and penalties chargeable with the 2015 Sidewalk Program.

VP Kritzman stepped down at 7:48 pm and passed the gavel to Brosnan  
#252-16 Authorized a contract amendment between the City of Livonia and Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., to provide Design Engineering Services for the Amrhein Road Reconstruction Project.

VP Kritzman returned to podium at 7:49 pm  
Meakin stepped down from podium at 7:50 pm  
#253-16 Approved Petition 2016-04-02-06 (O'Malley's Bar and Grill), to expand the existing food service operation and Class C Liquor License of the restaurant to include an outdoor dining patio located at 15231 Farmington Road, subject to conditions

Meakin returned to podium at 7:52 pm  
#254-16 Determining necessity and approving inclusion of 2 outlots at 9824 and 9825 Richfield to Special Assessment Roll No. 424.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash  
Livonia City Clerk

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### CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

**PETITION 2016-04-01-03** submitted by Dave Phipps, to rezone the properties located on the west side of Farmington Road between Lyndon and Five Mile Roads (14851 and 14931 Farmington Road) in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, from OS (Office Services) and R-2 (One Family Residential) to R-9-I (Housing for the Elderly, 4-Stories Maximum Height of Buildings).

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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### CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: On or about August 16, 2015 the City of Livonia-Housing Commission will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383), as amended, to be used for the following eligible community development activities as identified in the 2016-17 Annual Action Plan.

#### PROJECTED USE OF CDBG FUNDS

A. Major Home Rehabilitation	\$66,405
B. Emergency Rehabilitation Program	\$20,000
C. Minor Home Repair Program	\$37,188
D. Rehabilitation Inspection	\$2,500
E. Acquisition/Rehabilitation and or Demolition of Properties	\$50,000
F. Management & Maintenance of City-owned Single Family Rental Units	\$100,000
G. Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative	\$35,000
H. Rehabilitation of Public Facilities	\$215,000
I. Planning & Administration	\$60,000
J. Public Service Activities:	
• Senior Van Transportation	\$48,000
• Mental Health Counseling	\$5,000
• First Step	\$20,000
• WMCMA Emergency Utility Assistance	\$7,000
<b>Proposed Budget (CDBG Funds, Program Income &amp; Unprogrammed Funds).....</b>	<b>\$666,093</b>

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) which documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at the Livonia Housing Commission-Community Development Office located at 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 and may be examined weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. No further environmental review of said projects is proposed prior to Request for Release of Federal Funds. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Livonia Housing Commission at the address listed above. All comments received on or before August 15, 2016 will be considered by the Livonia Housing Commission prior to authorizing submission of request for release of funds.

**CERTIFICATION:** The City of Livonia-Housing Commission certifies to HUD that the City and Dennis K. Wright, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental reviews and administrative action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on this certification is that upon its approval, the City of Livonia may use the CDBG funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Livonia's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is for one of the following bases: a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Livonia; b) The City of Livonia has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; c) The grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or d) Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, McNamara Federal Building, 17th Fl, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director  
Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

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# RTA board can't muster votes to OK \$4.7B transit plan

**Matt Helms**  
Detroit Free Press

It's up to Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and top leaders in four counties to see if they can salvage a \$4.7 billion plan for expanded public transportation for the region after the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan board couldn't come up with the votes to put the proposal before voters.

The board on Thursday couldn't overcome objections from Macomb and Oakland counties, leaving the proposal's fate in limbo even as time runs short for the plan to appear before voters in November.

The board on Thursday couldn't overcome objections from Macomb and Oakland counties, leaving the proposal's fate in limbo even as time runs short for the plan to appear before voters in November. Sending the proposal to voters required approval from seven of nine members of the RTA board, with at least one representative from each of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties on board with it. But the representatives — two each — from Oakland and Macomb counties voted no, leaving at most two weeks for the leaders of the counties to try to rescue the ambitious 20-year proposal to expand transit in a region that has underfunded public transportation for decades.

"This isn't the plan that we're looking for," said Chuck Moss, an Oakland County representative, during an RTA committee meeting Thursday morning. "It does not provide regional transit. ... What we have now is a regional taxation plan without transit."

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel say they can't support the plan unless the gov-

ernance structure of the RTA board is changed and more services are provided to outlying parts of their counties that wouldn't be served by the centerpiece of the plan, bus rapid transit lines along Woodward, Gratiot and Michigan avenues between Detroit and the suburbs. The plan also calls for express service to Metro Airport and a commuter rail between Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Patterson and Hackel say the structure of the RTA should be adjusted so that decisions on where to deploy funding and service require supermajorities or unanimous board votes and not simple majorities. That would make it more difficult for the RTA board to make major changes to the 50-50 split of federal transit funding now shared by the Detroit Department of Transportation and the suburban SMART system.

Moss said residents from northern and western parts of Oakland are "screaming bloody murder that they're going to have to pay" for transit that won't benefit their areas.

Voters in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties would be asked to approve a 20-year, 1.2-mill property tax to pay for the transit expansion, costing the average homeowner about \$95 a year.

Freman Hendrix, Detroit's representative on the board, said the plan should be approved.

"We've waited way too long, and it would be unfair to the ... to the riders and the citizens in this region" if the plan isn't put before voters, Hendrix said.

Hendrix said Detroit



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This is the Louis Stokes Station at Windermere in East Cleveland where passengers are waiting by the RTA's HealthLine. It is a state-of-the-art bus-rapid transit system that offers rail-like convenience with the flexibility of a bus.

Mayor Mike Duggan told him that city leadership will do whatever it takes to reach a compromise with Oakland and Macomb's leaders, including extending rapid transit and bus routes, adding more stops and offering more on-demand and dial-a-ride options for outlying areas of the counties.

"Our eagerness is to do whatever is possible to work things out in a positive manner," Hendrix said. He expressed optimism that the Big Four regional leaders could work out their disagreements in time to salvage the plan.

Board Chairman Paul Hillemonds said there could be as little as one week left to come up with agreements that overcome Patterson's and Hackel's concerns.

The RTA board "has taken this as far as it can, and ... we essentially have one more week in which we could call an emergency meeting, and I think it will be up to the four leaders — the three county executives and the mayor of the City of Detroit — to work through the governance issue, which is a stum-

bling block right now," Hillemonds said.

Hillemonds said RTA lawyers are still studying what it would take to adjust the RTA's governance without running afoul of the state law that created the agency.

"We're still working on that," he said. "That's partly a legal issue, but it's also a political issue. Will the four leaders of Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and Detroit be able to agree on governance?"

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said allowing residents to vote on the transit plan is critical.

"While individual concerns must be addressed, we cannot afford to once again delay development of true regional transit," Evans said in a statement. "Failure to place this millage on the ballot in November could impede the progress we have made in the region. I'm committed to working to address the concerns of our regional partners to bring them on board."

It was a stunning turn for a plan that appeared to have broad political support until the last couple of weeks, when

Patterson and Hackel made their concerns public, taking some RTA board members and transit advocates by surprise, given that there had been years for either county executive to bring up objections.

Hackel and Patterson released a 19-page critique of the plan, but the two main objections now center on veto power over major funding changes and providing a greater amount of localized transit service and routes that would move residents from more rural parts of Oakland and Macomb into the southern parts of their counties, where bus rapid transit lines run.

The bus rapid transit routes would run from Detroit to Mt. Clemens along Gratiot, to Pontiac along Woodward, and to Metro Airport on a route that includes Michigan Avenue. The BRT routes wouldn't directly serve large swaths of the tri-county area, but RTA CEO Michael Ford said there are creative alternatives, including large vans that feed into major bus lines or BRT stops and enhanced localized services such as on-demand and dial-a-ride services that could be provided to areas where BRT and fixed bus routes aren't justified.

Patterson said he could not support the plan as it stands.

"The current regional master transit plan abandons more than half a million Oakland County residents in 40 of our communities, leaving them with little or no transit services but demanding they pay more than \$700 million in taxes over 20 years," Patterson said. "I support regional transit, but I won't be

stamped into a bad deal."

Patterson said the region will get only one chance to approve a transit plan, and it has to be done right.

"I'd rather take the time to get the details right than be saddled with a system that doesn't work well because some were willing to abandon the interests of almost half of Oakland County's residents," he said.

Vicki Barnett, a Farmington Hills resident running in Tuesday's primary for a shot at challenging Patterson in the fall, called for the plan to be put to voters.

"A reliable, coordinated, regional transportation system is the key to the future success of our region," Barnett said in a statement released before the vote. "Millennials want it, workers need it and our growing senior population deserves it so that they can spend their golden years living independently in the community of their choosing."

"Add to that the clear economic benefits including increased community investment around transit hubs, connecting workers with jobs, and making our region much more attractive to talented workers and the growing businesses who need them, and the need for a dramatic improvement in our transit system is clear," she added. "It is time for adults to get it together, come to the table, and reach an agreement to put the RTA proposal on the ballot."

Staff writer Brad Kadrich contributed to the story.

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## CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 19.08 of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, and having received an appeal from a determination made on **June 28, 2016** by the **Planning Commission** in its resolution **#06-65-2016**, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the City Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

**Appeal of the denial of the Planning Commission** regarding Petition 2012-09-02-22 submitted by Marx Collision, requesting to modify Council Resolution 462-12 in connection with a previously-approved waiver use adopted on November 21, 2012, in order to allow the overnight outdoor parking and storage of vehicles in connection with the auto repair business, located on the southwest corner of Eight Mile Road and Milburn Avenue (30731 Eight Mile Road), in the Northwest ¼ of Section 2.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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**PETITION 2016-06-01-04** submitted by Soave/Oro Construction, L.L.C., to rezone the property located on the north side of Lyndon between Harrison and Barkley (28200 Lyndon) in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, from R-U-F (Rural Urban Farm — minimum ½ acre lots) to R-2 (One Family Residential — 9,600 sq. ft., 80 ft. x 120 ft. lots).

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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## CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 19.08 of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, and having received an appeal from a determination made on **June 12, 2016** by the **Planning Commission** in its resolution **#07-76-2016**, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the City Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

**Appeal of the denial of the Planning Commission** regarding Petition 2016-06-02-11 submitted by Livonia Office Center, requesting waiver use approval to operate a massage establishment (Refuel Massage) within the Livonia Office Center, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads (28200 Seven Mile Road) in the Southeast ¼ of Section 1.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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## CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

### AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals

**August 16, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Livonia City Hall – Gallery (5th Floor)**  
**33000 Civic Center Drive**  
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**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-48:** Ford Road Ventures, 40700 Woodward, Ste., 250, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, seeking to erect two (2) identical ground signs, one on each of two major thoroughfares, on property located on the **west side of Middlebelt (19043) between Middlebelt and Melvin**, resulting in excess sign area, sign height and width.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-08-56:** Mark Williams, east side of Shrewsbury (19112) between Seven Mile and Bridge, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall privacy fence upon a corner lot, resulting in the fence being excess in height and being placed in the side yard which is not allowed. Privacy fences cannot extend beyond the rear line of the home toward the street.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-08-57:** AMBEC, LLC, (David Mathieu), east side of Cardwell (9114) between Joy Road and West Chicago, seeking a variance to sell this nonconforming vacant property to construct a future single family dwelling. Nonconformity is based on deficient lot width, lot area, and the lot width not being one-quarter of the lot depth.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-08-58:** Ashley Livonia South, LLC, 2575 S. Haggerty, Suite 500, Canton, MI 48188, on behalf of Lessee, Roush Industries, Inc., **north side of Plymouth (28200) between Hartel and Deering**, seeking to erect a wall sign, resulting in excess wall sign area and maintaining a ground sign. For a single tenant industrial building, only a wall or ground sign is allowed.


**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-08-59:** Michelle LeBlanc, north side of Perth (29162) between Middlebelt and Garden, seeking to erect a covered rear porch, resulting in deficient rear yard setback.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-08-60:** Gold Family Limited Partnership, 30774 Woodstream Court, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, on behalf of Lessee, Summit Auto Sales, 7047 East Eight Mile, Warren, MI 48091, seeking to operate wholesale used car sales from a building zoned Industrial on property located on the **west side of Levan (12119) between Plymouth and Commerce**, which is not allowed. All proposed vehicles on this property will be stored within the building.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 – all comments must include name, address and signature.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND – ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**  
**2016-2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**  
Public Notice

The City of Westland proposes to amend the CDBG Annual Plan as follows:  
**PROPOSED REPROGRAM OF CDBG FUNDS**  
**CDBG funds – Estimated: Reprogram \$65,000; Program Income \$200,000**

- Reprogram \$65,000  
From: Homeowner Rehabilitation
- Program Income \$200,000  
From: Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds
- To: Norwayne Infrastructure – Jefferson Barns Community Center Roof Replacement

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – 2016-2017 Action Plan**  
**Public Hearings:** August 23, 2016, 5:00 p.m., Jefferson Barns Community Center; September 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Westland City Council. The 2016-17 Annual Action Plan is available for review at the Housing and Community Development Dept during normal business hours. Submit written comments to: Housing and Community Development Dept, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland 48186 until September 1, 2016.

Joanne Campbell, Director  
William R. Wild, Mayor, City of Westland

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# Hiring your child can have certain tax advantages

**Q: I have a couple of questions that I hope you can help me with. I am in business by myself as a self-employed plumber. My 16-year-old daughter has recently expressed an interest in doing some part-time work for me. My first question: Is there any problem about hiring my daughter? Since I never have had an employee, I am curious if there is anything I should know such as withholding for taxes and those types of things. I do want to make sure that I don't run into any problems. You should know that I plan to pay her about \$9 an hour and anticipate that I will pay her somewhere between \$4,000 and \$5,000 from now through the rest of the year. Also, can you**



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**tell me if there's anything else that I should know?**

A: I think it is great that your daughter has shown an interest in working. I've always been a believer that it is important for people to work at a young age. Work teaches life skills that cannot be taught in the classroom. Congratulations to your daughter for wanting to enter the workforce.

From a legal and tax standpoint, there is absolutely no problem in your hiring your daughter. In fact, there are some benefits from a tax standpoint.

One of the benefits of hiring a child is that you're exempt from a variety of taxes. Typically, when you hire an employee, you have to withhold taxes, including Social Security. In addition, you have to match their Social Security and also pay a variety of employment taxes. That is not the case when you hire a child. As long as your child makes less than \$6,300, you do not have to pay unemployment or Social Security tax. In addition, your business can deduct the amount of wages you're paying your daughter and, at the same time, because of her standard deduction, more likely than not there will be no tax liability that she will incur. Therefore, it is a win/win for both you and your daughter.

There is another benefit you should definitely take advantage of. Because your daughter will have earned income, it means she is eligible for a Roth IRA. Many people are under the false belief that you have to be over 18 years of age to do a Roth. There are no age limits when it comes to IRAs. The only requirement is that someone has earned income. Therefore, you definitely should be encouraging your daughter to open up a Roth IRA and invest money for her future.

I recognize that it is a tough sell to have a 16-year-old put money away for retirement. You may want to offer an incentive. For example, you can set up a matching program. For every dollar she puts in, you'll match it. This is a won-

derful opportunity to be able to invest money long term on a tax-free basis.

The maximum your daughter can put into an IRA is the amount of her earnings or \$5,500, whichever is less. If your daughter earned \$5,000 this year, she is eligible to put the entire \$5,000 into a Roth IRA.

There is another benefit you should take advantage of and that is an opportunity to teach your daughter about the basics and the benefits of investing. Learning the basics and benefits of investing is invaluable. If she can learn the importance of investing on a regular basis, she will be head and shoulders above her peers.

One last note for parents who are self-employed and hire their children: there are some

great benefits. However, like everything else in the law there are some caveats. If your business is set up as a corporation, your children's wages are, unfortunately, subject to Social Security, Medicare and federal unemployment taxes. In other words, they're treated just like any other employee. In order to avoid those taxes, your business has to be set up either as a sole proprietorship (which means you are filing a Schedule C) or you can be a limited liability company, as long as it is a single member limited liability company or a husband and wife limited liability company.

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

## Generational conflict at work real, can be overcome

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Sharon Miller, involved for decades on challenges of the workplace, sees changes in the millennials, born between 1981 and 1997.

"How do we fit employees of different ages into the workplace and make everyone happy and productive?" she

asked an attentive audience July 22 at Plymouth Noon Rotary.

She noted millennials don't want to have bosses and seek regular feedback, coaching and mentoring.

"It doesn't have to be formal because that measures the past," she said of millennials. Miller works out of Midland and lives with her husband in

Cadillac.

She described as well: Gen X, born 1965-80; the baby boomers of 1946-64, her own age group; the 1945-29 silent generation; and the 1900-28 greatest generation.

Miller was raised to think hard work would pay off in business.

"That's not really true. That was my belief system," she told Rotarians and guests. Baby boomers, at least 20 years ago, were "pretty inept" at work/life balance, she

said.

"They've been through a lot more than we have in our lives," she said of the greatest generation, which lived through the Great Depression and world wars. She asked her audience about working with millennials.

"We're been taken over, which is good, because somebody has to pay in the Social Security system," Miller said, noting millennials are now the largest work-

force group. "They want to learn more, they want to contribute. They come in the workplace with a lot of confidence."

Millennials will leave an employer if not getting that, "having constant turmoil in our workplace," she said. That means higher training costs.

Rotarians asked her about worldwide issues. Miller has visited China and said it's no coincidence there law has changed, allowing two

children to be born. "The standards of living are changing, too, in China," she said of its emerging middle class and wealthy.

Miller's also studied Russia and work she does with some small businesses who operate there. She was careful to differentiate between the Russian people and Russian government.

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### CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland - Jefferson Barns Community Center, located at 32150 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186, on **August 19th, 2016 @ 10:00am**, (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

JEFFERSON BARN COMMUNITY CENTER BASEBALL FIELDS

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

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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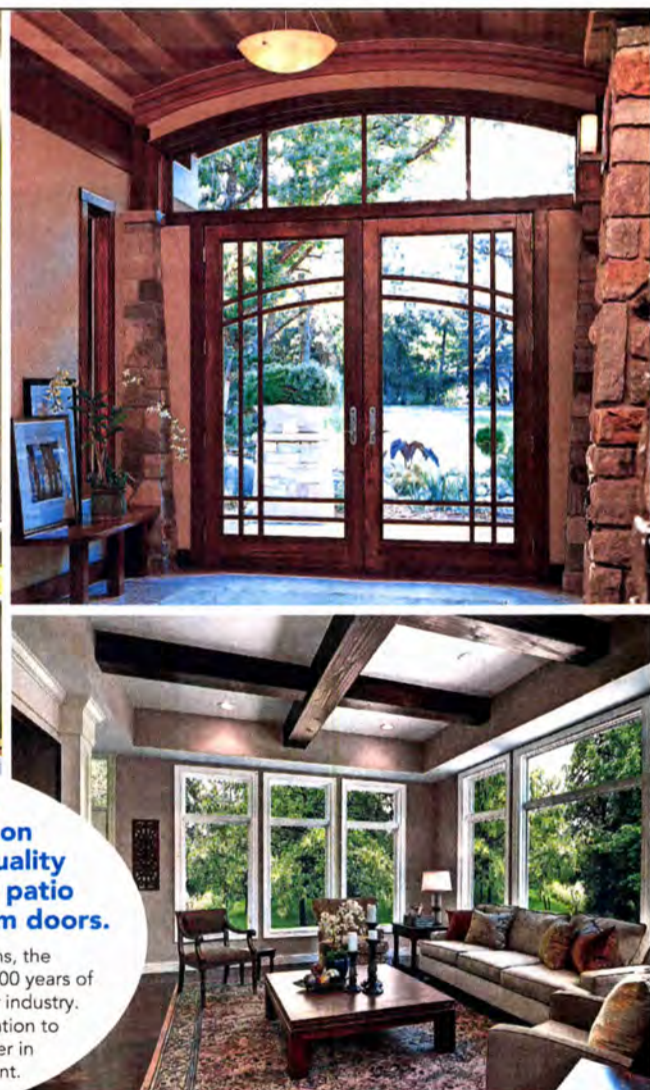
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### RESOLVED:

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

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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.

**Back-to-school tools**

**Building Families**  
First Community Development Organization (BFFCDO) in partner with Fenmore Block Club will host a "Back to School Tools" supply drive. The drive seeks to collect new school supplies and back packs for local students K-12.

Collection boxes are set up to accept donations at 38099 Schoolcraft Road (inside the TRUST Office Building) in Livonia. The supplies will be sorted and packed into back-packs for distribution to families on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Needed supplies include new backpacks (particularly for students ages 12-17), binders, supply cases/bags, colored pencils, markers, wide ruled paper and one-subject notebooks, highlighters, pens (red, black and blue), rounded-tip scissors, No. 2 pencils, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, composition books and folders.

To donate or volunteer, contact Tonia Cramier at 734-743-1351 or email info@bffcdo.org

**Rummage sale**

Bargain hunters will find everything from clothes to appliances and even antiques at the Garden City Presbyterian Church annual rummage sale. Members will run the sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 11-12 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 13 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road in Garden City.

Entry to the rummage sale is free.

Other items for sale include electronics, books, toys, seasonal items, furniture, glassware, jewelry, knick-knacks, lamps, pictures, outdoor items and other hidden treasures. Luncheon will be served each day and all the money raised will go the church's mission work.

For more information, call 734-721-3599.

**Punt, pass and kick**

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard.

Registration takes place day of event at 10 a.m. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 8-15 as of December 31, 2016. Boys and girls compete separately in four age classifications: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15.

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

**Colbeck hours**

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and District Manager Penny Crider will conduct monthly office hours for August in Plymouth on Monday, Aug. 1. The office hours are 6-7 p.m., at the Plymouth District Library in the Friends Board Room and will be open to the public.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. All are welcome, and no appointment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information or to contact Colbeck, please visit www.SenatorPatrick-Colbeck.com or call 517-



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373-5713.

**'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 Ngagey 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.

**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.

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, call Karen at 734-261-3602 or visit wilsonbarn.com

**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.

The 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. For more information, 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.; the craft show is 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.

The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, Central City Park, in Westland. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

**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

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COLLEGE SPORTS

# Ocelot fishing club is the 'reel' deal

Ocelot duo earns draw with mighty Penn State

Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

In a modern-day "David vs. Goliath"-caliber showdown, diminutive Schoolcraft Community College actually tied mighty Big Ten powerhouse Penn State University in an athletic event earlier this month — and that's no fish story.

Well, actually it is a fish story given that the eye-opening draw unfolded on Lake Chautauqua in upstate New York during a College Fishing Western Conference event.

The Schoolcraft Fishing Club's duo of Anthony Gilmore and C.J. Hatton reeled in five bass with a combined weight of 13 pounds, 3 ounces — the

identical result registered by Nittany Lions Derek Horner and Clayton Frey.

The Ocelots ultimately came out on the short end of a fine-print, tie-breaking formula — Penn State entered the tournament before Schoolcraft, thus, giving it the first-place prize of \$2,000 — but it didn't diminish the performance of Gilmore and Hatton, who earned a second-place prize of \$1,000, which will be deposited into the two-year-old club's bank account.

There were 64 boats (with two fishermen per craft) entered in the event, making the Ocelots' effort even more impressive.



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Schoolcraft Fishing Club members Anthony Gilmore (left) and C.J. Hatton tied for first at a recent FLW tournament and qualified for the 2017 national event.

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## FAST-LANE LEGACY

With help from friends, Canton native Allison Schmitt has persevered some rough patches on her road to the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Peter Baugh  
Correspondent

The University of Georgia swimming team was nervous. The Bulldogs were sitting on the Texas A&M pool deck in College Station, anxiously waiting for the 2009 NCAA Championships to begin.

As head coach Jack Bauerle looked around, his eyes fell on Allison Schmitt. To his surprise, the star freshman was giggling.

"Schmitt, did someone tell you a joke?" he called out. "What's going on?" "No, I'm just so happy," she told her

With help, Schmitt set for third Olympics appearance

coach. "I can't wait to just start." Schmitt won the NCAA title in the 500-yard freestyle that year, and she went on to have one of the most successful careers in the history of Georgia athletics.

Looking back, Bauerle clearly remembers Schmitt's joy before her first NCAA Championships.

"That's how she viewed competition," Bauerle said. "She looked at it in a good anxious way ... she just had fun with it."



Schmitt

The same love of competition carried Schmitt, now 26, far beyond her hometown of Canton Township and the University of Georgia campus. The passion has brought her American records. It has made her one of the greatest swimmers in U.S. history. And Aug. 5, it will take her to her third Olympic

Games. Her competitive spirit has given her the highest of highs. And it's shown her

how far she can fall.

Personal

Looking through Allison Schmitt's Instagram account, there is no indication that something was once wrong. She wears a friendly smile in many of the photos. Other images show beautiful scenery, swimming pools, family and friends.

What the photos do not display is the pain that Schmitt was hiding. She kept that to herself.

"To me, it seems like everything has

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FARMINGTON SWIMMING

## Gators capture fifth straight city meet title

Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Farmington Glen Aquatic Club extended its championship streak to five in a row, winning the city swim meet July 16 by 448 points over host Woodbrooke Hills.

The Gators accumulated 1,589 points; Woodbrooke Hills 1,141; Beechview Swim Club, 1,086 and Piemontese Club, 326.

Piemontese participated for the first time, replacing Kendallwood Swim Club, which closed last year.

Farmington Glen was led by six double winners: Madeline Greaves, Hannah Gurgel, Ryan Gurgel, Brody

Jamieson, Trevor Jones and Jack Tomlinson.

The Gators also won four of the six relay races. Beechview had four double individual winners and won the other two relays.

CITY MEET RESULTS

**Glen double winners:** Madeline Greaves, girls 11-12, 50-meter backstroke, 34.69; 50 freestyle, 29.91; Hannah Gurgel, girls 8U, 25 backstroke, 22.17; 25 butterfly, 19.95; Ryan Gurgel, boys 11-12, 100 IM, 1:19.49; 50 butterfly, 33.84; Brody Jamieson, boys 13-14, 50 backstroke, 32.06; 50 freestyle, 28.06; Trevor Jones, boys 13-14, 100 IM, 1:09.20; 50 butterfly, 30.06; Jack Tomlinson, boys 8U, 25 backstroke, 23.80; 25 freestyle, 18.39.

**Beechview double winners:** Emme D'Errico, girls 9-10, 50 butterfly, 37.68; 50 freestyle, 34.12; Emily Evers, girls 11-12, 100 IM, 1:19.37; 50 breaststroke, 41.05; Drew Hoelscher, boys 15-18, 100 freestyle, 58.87; 50 butterfly, 29.06; Ashley Turak, girls 15-18, 100 freestyle, 1:00.11; 50 butterfly, 30.21.

**Glen relay winners:** Mixed 40U 200 freestyle (Jack Tomlinson, Brendan Golick, Mya McEvilly, Hassan Ezeddine, 2:23.24;



ARLEEN DUARTE

Farmington Glen Aquatic Club won its fifth consecutive city championship, scoring 1,589 points in the four-team competition.

Mixed 40U 200 medley (Annie Kindseth, Amelya Heard, Ryan Gurgel, Hannah Gurgel), 2:46.67; Girls 52U 200 medley (Bella Feenstra, Julianna Petrak, Madeline Greaves, Viv Kindseth), 2:15.47; Boys 52U 200 medley (Brody Jamieson, Matt Lane, Trevor Jones, Jared Vesser), 2:08.57.

**Beechview relay winners:** Girls 66U 200 freestyle (Grace Xu, Hailey Stewart, Dayna Borregard, Ashley Turak), 1:55.84; Boys 66U 200 freestyle (Brendan Pau, Dillon Hess, Drew Hoelscher, Drew Hincley), 1:45.18.

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## YOUTH HOCKEY

# New hockey club set to debut this fall

HB Hockey Club will serve as developmental pipeline program

There will be a new youth hockey club debuting for the 2016-17 season, formed from a merger of three long-standing organizations.

The new HB Hockey Club will be a developmental pipeline program with a unified club culture, launched under the storied history of HoneyBaked Hockey.

HoneyBaked Hockey has been one of the most successful Tier I (AAA) Hockey programs nationally since the mid-90s. Over the years it has grown to eight boys teams and four girls teams.

Given the changing dynamics in hockey, the time is now right for the Suburban Hockey Club (founded in 2007) and pioneering Michigan Icebreakers Girls Hockey Club (founded in 2003) to merge with HoneyBaked Hockey into one new association: HB Hockey Club.

"We are very excited about the opportunities ahead of us by the formation of one club," said Geoff Bennecks, general manager of Suburban Ice in Farmington Hills. "There is so much that can be done in terms of player and coach development and enhancing the experience for players at all levels in the program."

"While it is sad to turn the page on both the Suburban Hockey Club and Michigan Icebreakers girls program, they really will live on as part of the HB Hockey Club and much of what has made them successful will still be a huge part of the new program."

The new unified club will create efficiencies and synergies to improve the development and competitive experience for players, as well as provide



opportunities for coaches and players to start out in the "Learn to Play" program and progress inside the club to whatever level that they strive to attain.

This change also creates opportunities for coaches at different age

groups and competitive levels to work together to improve the experience for all players.

"We have always had in 'informal affiliation' between the programs, with many players and coaches advancing to the Tier I HoneyBaked level," HB director Lyle Phair said. "With the direction that USA Hockey and MAHA have been heading, it made sense to formally create one association that would allow us to operate more efficiently and create a better experience for the players and families moving forward."

The eight Tier I boys teams and four Tier I girls teams will continue to wear the HoneyBaked Hockey name on their jerseys. Tier I (AAA) teams will stay skating at both Hazel Park Ice Arena and Suburban Ice Farmington Hills.

Teams at the Tier II level for boys and girls will now be called HB, and will wear uniforms featuring the newly created HB Hockey shield logo. Below that, teams will be formed at the 10U, 12U and 14U B/Tier III (house/recreational) level and those teams will also be designated as HB.

The 8U program within the HB Hockey Club will consist of three different levels of play: Level 1 (for 4-8 year old players learning to play), Level 2 (for 5 & 6 year old players) and Level 3 (for 7 & 8 year old players).

The HB Hockey Club Tier II, Tier III, B League and 8U programs will all skate exclusively out of Suburban Ice Farmington Hills at 23996 Freeway Park Drive.

For more information, visit [www.hbhockeyclub.com](http://www.hbhockeyclub.com).

## Bombs away! Farmington team advances



SUBMITTED  
For the second consecutive year, the 14U Farmington Bombers baseball team recently won the District 4 championship and advanced in the Little League playoffs. They beat Waterford to advance. Pictured are (back row, from left) coach Chris Brendel, Jason Stockmeyer, Jack Donehue, Mike Crawley, coach Paul Donehue, Garrett Gendjar, Gabe Smith, head coach Greg Gietek, (front row, from left) Matt Kohls, Jack Johnson, Issac Brendel, Chris Ihm, Brandon Strickland, Jack Stanley and Luke Thomas.

## SCHMITT

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gone right in my life," Schmitt said. "I've had a perfect family, perfect friends, I graduated from college, I had successes in my sport. Everything seemed to be going right, and something didn't feel right. And I didn't understand. I didn't think depression. I didn't think that was even a possibility."

It turned out to be a reality. Schmitt began to struggle emotionally after the 2012 Olympics. Fearing that she would sound ungrateful, she did not talk about her feelings.

"She kind of went through every day just feeling like she had to go through it, not because she wanted to go through it," said Michael Phelps, one of Schmitt's closest friends.

The depression affected Schmitt's swimming. Since the 2012 Olympics, she has not competed at a major international competition.

"She was so far down, really struggling both in her performances and also outside of the pool," said Bob Bowman, Schmitt's coach at North Baltimore Aquatic Club. "It was a very long process to work through those issues."

At a meet in Austin, Texas, in January 2015, Phelps approached Schmitt. Phelps and Schmitt have trained with each other for 10 years, and Bowman says the two are "like brother and sister."

Phelps could see that Schmitt wasn't herself. The 22-time Olympic medalist told her that he would listen when she was ready to talk about her feelings. If she didn't want to open up to him, he would find someone else to help her.

Schmitt remembers beginning to cry on the pool deck.

"The way he said that really got to me," she said.

Two days later, Schmitt was on her way to a psychologist.

Schmitt's mood began to improve, and she realized that asking for help was not a sign of weakness.

After her cousin died by suicide in May 2015, Schmitt has made her struggles known to the public. She hopes it can help others going through similar struggles.

"It's OK to not be OK," she said. "It's OK to ask for help, and I think asking for help shows that you're human, shows that you're strong. Because I think life is a bigger thing than anything we've ever experienced, and it's something that we can't get through alone, and we'll always have to ask for help in some sense."

When Bowman took the head coaching job at Arizona State, Schmitt and Phelps moved with him to continue their training. The two swimmers live together in Tempe, along with Phelps' fiancée and son.

Like Schmitt, Phelps has also gone through rough times since the London Games. He went to rehab after a DUI and has been public about his emotional struggles. Now, the two are able to help each other.

"I can trust him with anything," Schmitt said. "I'm able to ask him for help, and I think that now we both have good days, we both have bad days. We're able to see that in each other and help each other out. Sometimes I think that he



Allison Schmitt of Canton will swim in two relays at the Rio Olympics.

MELISSA LUNDIE PHOTOGRAPHY

can read me more than I know myself."

"Her and I are pretty much an open book for one another," Phelps added. "If I'm in a bad mood and she sees it, it's kind of like she cries whatever it is out at me. And it's the same for her. She pretty much wears it across her forehead, and I can always tell when something's going on."

Bowman agrees that Schmitt and Phelps' friendship is mutually beneficial. He said that the two hold each other accountable and are supportive.

Phelps feels that he and Schmitt are both bad about compartmentalizing their problems, and it's something that they help each other with.

"I think I've kind of helped her make sure that she gets everything in the open and doesn't sit on it and let it keep eating her until she kind of puts herself in a dark hole again," he said. "I think that's some place that neither of us want to get back to."

Looking back at what Schmitt has gone through, Bowman notices major changes.

"She's just so much more at peace now," Bowman said. "And I think she's learned quite a bit about herself, about life and has been able to deal with some very difficult things in a very positive way."

### Rio

Moments after touching the wall in the 200-meter freestyle at 2016 Olympic Trials, Allison Schmitt smiled and grabbed Katie Ledecky's outstretched hand. The two hugged. It was official: They would be teammates at the Rio Olympic Games.

Schmitt finished fourth in the event, giving her a spot on the 800-meter freestyle relay with Ledecky, Missy Franklin and Leah Smith.

"Just looking up and knowing that I'm going to yet again represent the U.S. at my third Olympic Games was definitely happy tears," Schmitt said. "I was grateful that I was able to share it with the people that have helped me get to where I am today."

Though Schmitt won the 200-meter freestyle at the 2012 Olympics with an American record, she will not swim the event individually in Rio, as only the top two finishers at Olympic Trials qualify. While she would have liked to defend her title, she is excited for the relay nonetheless.

Schmitt enters the games with six

Olympic medals — three gold — and has a good chance to add to her total in Rio. The foursome of Ledecky, Franklin, Smith and Schmitt are heavy favorites in the 800-meter freestyle relay and have a legitimate shot at setting a world record.

Bowman, who is also the head coach for the U.S. men's team, feels good about the relay's chances in Rio. He has watched Schmitt practice going into the Olympics and likes what he has seen.

"She's training very, very well," he said. "She's in a good place mentally, so I feel good about it."

Like Bowman, Phelps believes Schmitt is in a good place going into Rio. "She's positive, she's happy, she's swimming well," he said. "And that's when she swims her best is when she's in a good mood."

Schmitt also qualified for the 400-meter freestyle relay team and is "ecstatic" about having the chance to compete in two of the three relays at the Olympics.

"I love relays," she said. "I think it's so much more fun when there's a team of four of you going into the ready room and swimming together and cheering around. We all know all the dedication, sacrifices we've made throughout the years, and to be able to come together and represent your country together is an amazing feeling."

It is likely that Schmitt will leave Brazil with two new medals, adding to her already impressive resume.

Bauerle says her veteran presence will be vital in Rio.

"To have her on the relays, the experience of her on the relays, is a little bit comforting for all of us," he said. "She's such a great team person."

### Helping Others

Bauerle, who will serve as an assistant coach for Team USA at the Olympics, remembers Schmitt's personality on the Georgia team. He can look back on her leadership and strength in and out of the pool.

"She's an amazing person," he said. "She was the star of our team, but she didn't act like it, and she was as friendly to the best kids on the team as she was to the (other) swimmers on the team. It didn't really matter to her."

Schmitt's caring personality didn't stop once she graduated. She has continued to lead, and was named a captain of the women's Olympic team.

"She's a very positive influence on

people around her," Bowman said. "She's very sensitive to how other people feel, and if she senses somebody needs some help, she's the first one to offer it. And she's also a good example of what to do and how to behave and how to go about your business on these national team trips."

Bowman has noticed Schmitt help first-time Olympians like Abbey Weitzeil and Caeleb Dressel.

Bauerle says that he and Bowman weren't the only people happy that Schmitt made the team. He feels her experience and personality will be invaluable to the swimmers around her.

"I think the biggest gift she has is just making others feel good," he said. "She's great, she's great for this team."

### Legacy

Bob Bowman does not hesitate to say that Allison Schmitt is one of the best female swimmers in American history.

"Not only will she have three Olympic Games on her resume, but she'll have a very impressive medal tally," he said. "Even if she doesn't win a medal this time, it would be impressive. But I have a feeling she's going to add to that maybe a couple times."

Bauerle is constantly reminded of Schmitt's legacy at Georgia. A donor endowed a scholarship to the school in her name, and Bauerle expects her to someday be inducted into the school's Circle of Honor.

The Bulldogs coach calls swimming a rugged sport. He feels that it's a grind, and that success is nearly impossible without hard work and dedication. He sees Schmitt's longevity in the sport as an accomplishment.

"If you make it (to the Olympics) one time, you're a great swimmer," Bauerle said. "If you make it twice, you're exceptional ... If you make it three times, it's an absolute achievement."

Coaches have a tremendous impact on athletes, but Bauerle says that athletes help the coaches grow, too. He describes Schmitt as fun to coach and is thankful for the attention she has brought the Bulldog program.

For Schmitt, each trip to the Olympics is unique. She has her eyes on making the podium, but she sees the experience at the games as something more than success in the pool.

"Looking back at the past two Olympics, the memories I have ... (are) beyond medals or records, and more the friendship and the memories that we've created with our teammates," she said. "I'm looking forward to the journey."

At age 26, Rio is likely the last stop in Schmitt's Olympic journey. Through all the medals and records, all the disappointments and failures, Bowman is thankful he had the chance to coach Schmitt.

"Allison is just such a great representative of the sport and one of the most special people I know," Bowman said. "It's just been an honor, really, to have coached her for so long. It's just a thrill for me to be able to help her go to one more Olympics, and I'm really excited for what happens next for her, because I think she's got a good plan and has her life in a very good place."

Peter Baugh is a student journalist at the University of Missouri



COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING

# Building self-esteem is Force's No. 1 goal

**Ed Wright**  
Staff Writer

Winning gold medals is nice, but it takes a back seat to confidence-building for the orchestrators of the Champion Force Garden City Cheer program, which is headed by founder Jenn Wicker.

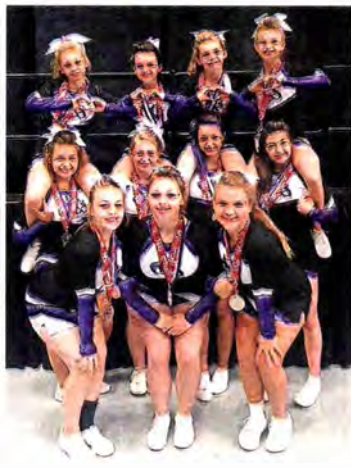
"The No. 1 thing I like to see is the young girls coming in here to feel more confident about themselves when they leave," said Wicker, a former gymnast who has coached cheerleading for the past 11 years. "We also teach them skills and routines. We ask the girls to do their best and if we win, that's a bonus."

"I'm very proud of these girls for what they've accomplished, because we only get to work with them one day a week for a few hours. They're very hard workers and they take pride in their performances."

Building self-esteem and excelling in competitions has gone hand-in-hand for Wicker's program, which qualified three squads for a national tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C., during the last week in July.

The Force's trio of teams that qualified to head south were two elite teams (representing Divisions 5 and 6) and a Division 4 all-star squad.

"Some of these girls had never cheered before this year, so they've come a long way in a short time," Wick-



Pictured is the Garden City Force Elite Division 6 team.

er said. "I also have girls who have been with me for several years. It's exciting to see their confidence and skill level grow every year."

The teams practice in the Maplewood Center in Garden City, the city that draws most of the participants.

"We also have girls from Westland and other nearby communities," Wicker added.



Here is the Garden City Force's Division 4 all-star team.



This is the Garden City Force Elite Division 5 team.

The program is not affiliated with the Garden City High School cheerleading program.

The age range for competing cheerleaders is 7-17, Wicker said.

"We'll be competing against teams from Texas, California, Arizona and a

lot of other states," Wicker said. "Michigan teams actually very, very well at the national competitions."

Wicker's teams compete in both a fall and spring season.

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EXTREME SPORTS

# ROCK AND RAUL ALL DAY LONG

Instructor passionate about training triathlon competitors

**Marty Budner**  
Staff Writer

Raul Sosa believes anyone can tackle a triathlon.

"Everybody can do it," said Sosa, head coach for the Beverly Hills Club triathlon team. "All you have to do is put in the work and put in the time. I highly recommend it."

Sosa should know. The 54-year-old Troy resident has participated in more than 50 triathlons, including 10 full Ironmans — the mother of all triathlons — which consist of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run. He is well aware of what they're about and what it takes to train for such a grueling event.

However, Sosa also recognizes everyone may not have the time nor energy for an Ironman. In that case, there are alternative events for the beginner triathlete.

For instance, half-marathons are scaled-down versions of the Ironman — 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike and 13.1-mile run. The Olympic distance triathlons include a one-mile swim, 25-mile bike and 6.2-mile run. The smaller and popular sprint triathlons consist of a half-mile swim, 12-mile bike and 3.1-mile run.

Sosa is adamant that triathlon training can not only help you physically, but can provide a huge boost to your daily lifestyle.

"The benefits of doing triathlons are that it gives you a healthy lifestyle," Sosa said. "You learn to be a little more disciplined, you will be more committed to train and you will challenge yourself. I try to implant in everyone's mind to believe in yourself."

"If you work hard, you are always going to make it," he added. "Besides being fun, it is something where you can apply all those different elements to your daily life. It can teach you to reach a goal, do your best and don't give up."

**Willing to train anyone**

Sosa, whose been at his full-time job at Fiat Chrysler Automotive in Auburn Hills for 28 years, is willing to train anyone at his part-time job at the Bever-



Tyler Smith of Birmingham (right) cheers athletes competing in the Olympic-distance event as they head out of the Detroit River.

ly Hills Club.

The Mexico native, who came to the U.S. in 1988, says it's just a matter of getting to know a person and what they're capable of. He will get to know the trainee through one-on-one interviews, then set an agenda and make sure each individual has the proper regimen to complete the task at hand.

Everyone can be taught how to run and bike. The biggest challenge is swimming, because not everyone comes from a swimming background.

"Everybody is welcome to join our team," said Sosa, who also works as a bike instructor at Lifetime Fitness.

"Based on what I learn about the person, I will advise a training program for them based on their strengths and weaknesses."

"I will make sure they improve and help them out to reach their fitness goals or do their first ride or get a new personal-best time," he added. "I just want to help them. I customize their training programs based on their ability levels. We do a lot of practicing."

Sosa's recruited 20 triathletes who

are fully engaged in their sport since he began working at the Beverly Hills Club. Most of them have participated in a series of triathlons — in Brighton, at Belle Isle and in Portage — held throughout the state over the past couple of months.

In fact, Sosa and two team members are qualified for the nationals, set for Aug. 13 in Omaha, Neb.

Sosa and Berkley resident Jamie Badhorn, 27, are qualified in the Olympic-distance competition, while team captain Stacey Smith of Birmingham is qualified in the sprint event. If they finish among the top 18 in their respective events, they would qualify for the U.S. national team, which competes on the international circuit.

Two other BHC team triathlon members — Jon Hartzell of Bloomfield Hills and Trevor Garrison — participated in their first full triathlon May 14 in Texas.

**Set your own pace**

Sosa likes to joke that it's not a rock and roll session with him, it's "Rock and Raul."



Raul Sosa leads a spin class for the Beverly Hills Club triathlon team.

"It works very well and everyone gets involved with it to a point that people are hooked to the sport," he said. "It keeps them healthy, it gives them a fitness level they didn't think they could ever reach."

"People like to be challenged. I have very fast runners, I have medium runners and I have some that are working hard to improve. I want to make them feel that they can do this."

"I just try and encourage people and tell them that your pace is the best pace, concentrate on yourself," he added. "When you are racing, do your own race and continue. Don't worry about what others are doing. That is a key motto that I have."

Sosa says there's nothing like triathlon training and being in top physical and mental shape. His goal is to implant that same feeling in all of his trainees.

"I love the sport. It is my passion. I love the three disciplines and I love to be healthy," he said. "I can tell you my three important things in life are my family, my job and to compete in triathlons."

## FISHING

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"It's pretty intense waiting for all the boats to come in when you're in first place like we were," admitted Gilmore. "Our flight (there were four flights of 16 boats) came in around the middle, so we had to wait a while. You just keep your fingers crossed and hope for the best."

Gilmore, who is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, founded the club in 2015. Hatton is a graduate of South Lyon High School.

The team also consists of Garrett Paquette of Canton, Zach Fadden of Plymouth and Shamus O'Hare.

"In order to compete in the FLW (Fishing League Worldwide) college tournaments, you have to be recognized by your school, so I approached someone in the student activities department at Schoolcraft and they agreed to do it," Gilmore said.

"Schools aren't restricted as far as the number of participants they can enter in a tournament; it's just a matter of having enough boats."

The Ocelots have two boats at their disposal — each owned by members

of the team. The newer of the two vessels carried a price tag in the neighborhood of \$60,000, Gilmore said.

"My boat is 14 years old, so it's not as valuable as the new one, but it gets the job done," he added.

Like any competitive activity, successful fishing requires practice and experience, Gilmore emphasized.

"The best advice I'd give to a young kid who is thinking about getting serious about fishing is to join a youth club like I did," Gilmore said. "You really have to get dialed into your equipment, too. A bad cast is a wasted cast and time management is important because you're only out there eight hours. There's a lot involved, including line sizes and weights. And decision-making is really important."

College Fishing is free to enter. All participants must be registered, full-time students at a college, university or community college and members of a college fishing club.

Gilmore said the club has received important sponsorships from Lesley Hodge of Remax, Chris at Lagoon Marine, Mizmo Baits and Cruncher Baits.

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## Pro Secrets Baseball Academy

Noah Zacharias, currently with the 16U Red Sox, defeated a downriver team at Ypsilanti 9-1. Noah had 9 K's for his 3rd win. His ERA is under 2. He is a league strikeout leader.

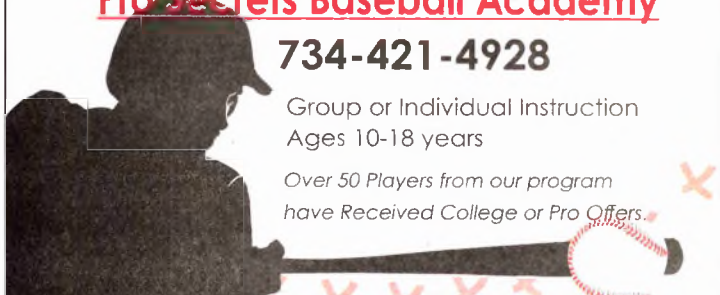
Noah had no losses for Groves High School or for the Reds this season. **You Could be next!**

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**BAILEY**



**SHIRLEE MARIE (nee SNELL)**  
Age 85, died on July 23, 2016. Shirlee was born in Viroqua, Wisconsin on November 2, 1930. Due to a sibling illness in her immediate family and challenging economic times, Shirlee was raised by and ultimately adopted by her uncle and aunt, Lee and Frankie Snell, and was their only child. Shirlee attended St. Francis nursing school in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and became a registered nurse. While working in Madison, WI as an RN, she met her future husband Jim Bailey on a blind date. Shirlee and Jim raised two boys (Curt and Tom) while moving to various locations following Jim's sales engineering career. She relished her role as homemaker and mother, maintaining a beautiful home, volunteering at school, and shuttling her sons to all their athletic endeavors. We look back in awe at everything our Shirlee did for us and we are forever grateful for her loving care. Shirlee also had a passion for interior decorating with a special interest in antiques. She used her skills to decorate her many homes and to organize estate sales for her nursing club; proceeds funded scholarships for community members interested in pursuing nursing degrees. Shirlee cared deeply about her community. As founding residents of Celebration, FL, an innovative Disney community, Jim and Shirlee received the inaugural Good Neighbor award. As wife, mother, neighbor, antique collector, or estate sale coordinator, Shirlee took on each role with a conscientious work ethic, an attention to detail, and an emphasis on quality. Her love for her family was unconditional and unlimited. Her positive influence will live on through the family members she has left behind. She is survived by her loving husband Jim, her sons Curt (Jenny) and Tom (Jenny) and her grandchildren Ben, Danny, Pippa, and Roland. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 10:30am at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009. Donations may be made to Seasons Hospice Foundation, First United Methodist Church of Birmingham or the Alzheimer's Association. Please share a memory by signing Shirlee's guestbook at [www.cremationmichigan.com](http://www.cremationmichigan.com).

**DeCLEERK**



**DENNIS GEORGE** passed away unexpectedly on July 21, 2016 at the age of 80. He is survived by his beloved wife of almost 33 years, Barbara Carey DeClerk, and by Barbara's four sons, Michael Carey (Michele), Patrick Carey (Tricia), Timothy Carey (Michelle) and Christopher Carey (Maren). He was "Grandpa DD" to 11 grandchildren (Michael, Franklin, Alexandra, Jameson, Robert, Ethan, Andrew, Caroline, Madison, Maxwell and Julia). He was the brother of Jacqueline Cornelle (Charles). Family will receive friends Tuesday, August 9, 6 - 8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Avenue (between 13 - 14 Mile), Royal Oak, MI, 248-549-0500. Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, August 10, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon at Woodland, Birmingham, MI. Visitation at church begins at 9:30 a.m. Family suggests memorials to Child Safe Michigan, 4415 Springer Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48073 or Lawrence Technological University, 21000 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075. Dennis was born in Detroit, but lived his early years in Grosse Pointe. Recently, he split his time between Bloomfield Hills and his home in the Harbor Springs, Michigan area. He was a proud graduate of Grosse Pointe High School and Lawrence Technological University. He also served in the Air Force. Dennis was devoted to his family and his profession. His greatest love was for his wife, Barbara. High school sweethearts who drifted apart, they were fortunate to find each other later in life. Once they did, there would be no separating them again. They were married for almost 33 years before his passing. His love for Barbara knew no bounds and he would do almost anything for her. When they were together, their love for each other was palpable to all who were around them. Through Barbara, he became a second father to her sons, Michael, Patrick, Timothy and Christopher Carey. He accepted them as if they were his own and took enormous pride in referring to them as "my sons." He was generous and patient with them and could always be counted on to help when any of them was in need. He loved being included in their golf games and their annual golf tournament, The Carey Cup. One of his greatest pleasures was his annual Christmas tradition of presenting his sons with a gift in which he had hidden other gifts. He took enormous joy in preparing each year's gift within a gift. Dennis had a long career in the construction business, never really retiring from the work of building something from nothing. His first job was in his father's company, DeClerk Industries, and ultimately he was a business owner of his own. His most notable enterprise was Stress-Con Industries. Through these endeavors, he contributed to the construction of many great landmarks and projects in the City of Detroit and throughout the State of Michigan. Dennis was a "doer." Never content with what was, there was always another project around the house that needed to be done. Dennis wasn't content to sit still, but always wanted to make things better for those around him. He was full of life, vitality and wit. He never stopped smiling and loved to poke fun at everything around him. He could always be counted on to make colorful comments about the situations he was in, but it was impossible to be offended by anything he said, because everything was done in a spirit of innocence and fun. Dennis was generous to those who knew him and could be counted on to help with difficult situations his friends and family found themselves in. In recent years, he began to play golf on a more regular basis with his sons and grandchildren and his favorite playing partner, his brother-in-law, Robert Barrett (Jane). Dennis was also ruthless in gin rummy. An excellent player, he gave no quarter to Barbara or his sons and grandchildren when they played cards, often winning hands within a few moves in the game. Dennis will be greatly missed. It was a joy and an honor to have him in our lives. Share memories and sign guestbook at [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com)

**FELIX**

**ELIZABETH C. "BETSY"** passed away on July 21, 2016 in Lexington Kentucky at the age of 88. There will be a Memorial Service on August 13, at 10 a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

**GRZESZKIEWICZ**



**JULIA D. "LOLLY"** passed away peacefully on July 12, 2016. She was preceded in death by husband Walter F. Grzeszkiewicz. Lolly was born in Wilkes Barre Pennsylvania on January 16, 1926 the eleventh child of Sophie and Aloysius Smydo. She moved to Michigan to be near her siblings and married Walter in 1956. She was an active member of the St. John Bosco Altar Society and enjoyed numerous hobbies. Lolly was ahead of her time. She happily believed in physical exercise, becoming an active swimmer, health club member and an enthusiastic walker until her late 80s. She was truly a "free spirit", always speaking her mind with a joy for life and a curiosity for discovering new cultural experiences. Her sunny disposition will be greatly missed by nieces and nephews too numerous to mention. A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday August 6th at St. John Bosco Catholic Church. Contributions may be made in her memory to St. John Bosco Catholic Church.

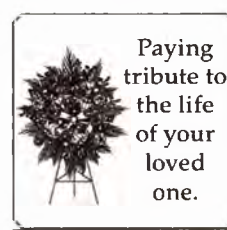
**ROSENBUSCH**



**ROBERT S. 91**, of Bloomfield Hills died peacefully at home on July 25, 2016. Beloved husband of the late Katharine (Evans), Robert (Bob) is survived by his loving sister, Rosella Rankine of Fraser and his three daughters, Ruth (Felix) Martinez, of Puyallup, Washington, Rhea of Bloomfield Hills and Kristeen (Ken Liming) of Silver Spring, Maryland. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Samantha and Kurt. Born in Detroit, Michigan on September 13, 1924 Robert graduated from Southeastern H. S. in June 1943 and immediately entered the U. S. Army to serve in Italy during WWII. After the war he attended the University of Michigan receiving a BA in Political Science and Masters of Business Administration. During college he worked at Stroh's Brewery. The majority of his career was at Chrysler, retiring as a salary administrator in October 1979. After retiring he devoted himself to his family and grandchildren. He loved music, especially classical, show tunes and Frank Sinatra. A private memorial service is planned for family members. Contributions in memory of Robert can be made to the USO or Doctors without Borders.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**DR. "ZAC" ZACHARIAS**  
- August 1, 2006  
So lonely for you all these years  
Miss you so, my dear,  
Love Mariann



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

**REUNIONS**

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

**AUGUST CONCERT**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15  
**Location:** Unity of Livonia, 28860 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** Kim-Char Meredith, a mainstream pop/rock singer and songwriter, will perform at the church. \$15 suggested donation. Advance tickets available  
**Contact:** [unityoflivonia.org](mailto:unityoflivonia.org); 734-421-1760

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Time/dates:** Week 1, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 1, 3 and 5; Week 2, Aug. 8, 10 and 12.  
**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia  
**Contact:** Katelyn: 734-620-4778 or Melissa: 734-765-1827  
**Details:** Serengeti Trek - "Where kids are Wild about God." For grades K-6, enjoy exciting games, Bible stories, tasty snacks and unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends.

**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](mailto:connectingwithGod.org)

**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.-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 will 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](mailto: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.crossroadsnow.org](http://www.crossroadsnow.org)  
**Contact:** [info@crossroadsnow.org](mailto:info@crossroadsnow.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; [nancyelen879@att.net](mailto:nancyelen879@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](http://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](mailto:joshua.genig@gmail.com) or 630-936-6386  
**Contact:** [facebook.com/stinno-cenredford](https://www.facebook.com/stinno-cenredford)

**EXERCISE**

**Time/Date:** 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
**Location:** Clarendence 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](mailto:zumba.com)  
**Contact:** 313-408-3364

**FAMILY MEAL**

**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

**HEALING SERVICE**

**Time/Date:** Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month  
**Location:** The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.  
**Contact:** Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at [sbadeen@tbsm.com](mailto:sbadeen@tbsm.com)

**MOMS**

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners  
**Contact:** Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463  
**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

**PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.  
**Contact:** 313-563-0162

**PRAYER**

**St. Edith Church**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday  
**Location:** Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows  
**Contact:** Parish office at 734-464-1223  
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**St. Michael Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.  
**Contact:** 734-459-3333 for additional information  
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, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.  
**Contact:** Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

**SINGLES**

**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304  
**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.  
**Contact:** The facilitator at 313-283-8200; [lef@dwo.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info) or 248-787-5009  
**Detroit World Outreach**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday  
**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202  
**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems  
**Contact:** 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

**Farmington Hills Baptist Church**

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August  
**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group  
**Contact:** 248-433-1011  
**Merriman Road Baptist Church**  
**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday  
**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City  
**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations  
**Contact:** [www.metrofibrogroup.com](http://www.metrofibrogroup.com); or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

**Fireside Church of God**

**Time/Date:** 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia  
**Details:** Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center  
**Contact:** 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; [www.firesidechog.org](http://www.firesidechog.org); or email to [adm@firesidechog.org](mailto: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.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com) and [www.wardchurch.org](http://www.wardchurch.org) celebrate

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