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Police arrest suspect in deputy's death

Detroit man accused in hit-and-run accident

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A 47-year-old Detroit man was arrested Thursday, Aug. 16, in the death of Wayne County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Lee Smith.

Smith, 55, was killed by a hit-andrun driver while off-duty the morning of Aug. 14 as he jogged on the shoulder of Hines Drive, west of Inkster Road, in Westland. He was a 26-year sheriff's department veteran and Redford Township resident and is survived by a wife and an adult son.

The arrest was made about 5 a.m. in Garden City by Westland police officers.

A 2012 Buick Enclave thought to be the vehicle that struck Smith was recovered on Michigan Avenue in Inkster about an our later, police said.

Westland Chief Jeff Jedrusik, in a press conference Thursday morning, declined to discuss details of the arrest and said the investigation continues. Police expect to send results of their investigation to the county prosecutor's office by Friday, the chief said.

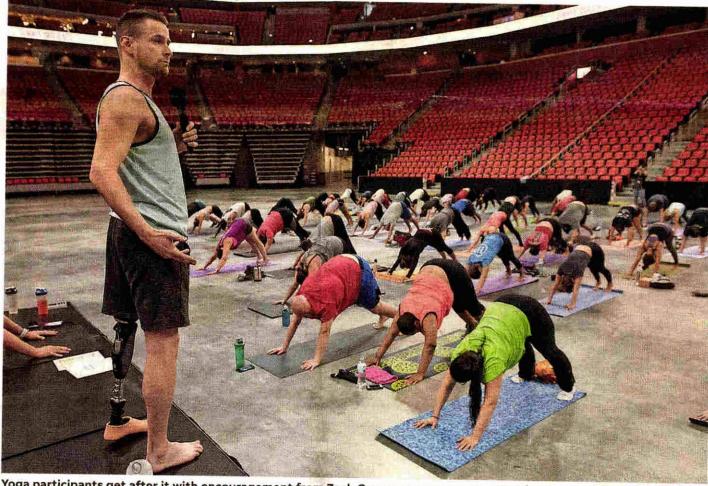
Jedrusik and Sheriff Benny Napoleon said help from the community, plus detective work, led to the suspect.

Napoleon said the investigation had been "deliberate, methodical, tedious"

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Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left) and Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon, at a Thursday press conference after the arrest of a suspect in the death of Sgt. Lee Smith, a deputy sheriff killed in an Aug. 14 hit-and-run. MATT JACHMAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Yoga participants get after it with encouragement from Zach Gowen. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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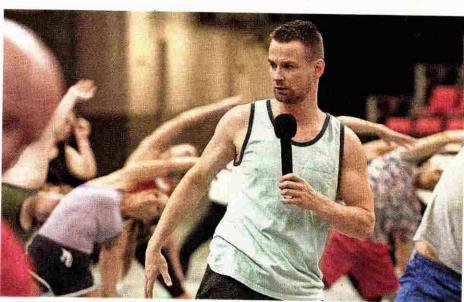
Tim Smith

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When Zach Gowen has gotten knocked to the mat during his life — whether by bone cancer or drug addiction — he's somehow managed to get back up.

Perhaps wobblier than some, which is understandable. The 35-year-old Livonia Churchill alum lost his left leg to osteosarcoma when he was just 8 years

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Zach Gowen leads yoga at Little Caesars Arena, sponsored by Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems of Ann Arbor. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Family revives bar owned since 1950s in Wayne

Darrell Clem

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Dating back to 1926, the old Village Bar in Wayne has reopened after the family that has owned it for generations closed it down for an eightmonth makeover.

It's like an old friend is back in town. The bar, renamed Costas Village Bar, is now owned by 27-year-old Costas Ciungan, grandson of Gus Roussakies, who bought it in the 1950s with his brother, John Roussakies.

Ciungan said he is honored to take over where his late grandfather left off. "It's cool because he did a lot for the people in the community," he said. "We want to carry on his legacy."

Gus Roussakies turned the bar over to new management six years ago, but the family has taken it back, spruced it up and rolled out the welcome mat after reopening in July. The bar is located at 35234 W. Michigan Avenue, in downtown Wayne, just west of the historic State Wayne Theatre.

"We want people to know the family that originally owned it is back and open for business," said Carolyn Ciungan, Costas Ciungan's aunt. She is comanager of the bar with her sister, Christina Tobin.

Family pride is evident in the bar. On one wall, framed photographs, some of them black and white, show generations of the Roussakies and Ciungan families. Not far away, framed jerseys pay tribute to the Ciungan family's boat-rowing days and their wins in competition. Costas Ciungan is a fourth-season rowing member and assistant coach at Grand Valley State

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Top upcoming community history events

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Love community history? Want to get to know your community or neighboring community better? Check out these upcoming history events and vote for your favorite.

No. 4. South Lyon Depot Day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8: Named for and held at South Lyon's iconic 1909 train depot in McHattie Park, the Witch's Hat Depot, this event features turn-of-the-century games for children, train rides, caboose tours, blacksmith demonstrations and more. Also on-site are the historic one-room schoolhouse and chapel. This 38th annual Depot Day is sponsored by the South Lyon Historical Society.

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No. 3. Livonia Greenmead Shadows from the Past Halloween Walk, 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26: Trick or treat in Greenmead's village houses on guided tours that last about an hour. Houses in the historic village include an 1841 Greek revival farmhouse, an 1863 school and various 1800s and early 1900s buildings. Tours leave every 15 minutes and refreshments are served in the Friends Meeting House at the end. Tickets are \$6 each and are available at the Greenmead office, 20501 Newburgh Road. For more information, call 248-477-7375.

No. 2. Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walks, 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 and 27: These popular events, held at Riverside Cemetery on Plymouth Road, feature "ghosts" of Plymouth brought to life by docents in character. Walks leave every 15 minutes and last about an hour. The Oct. 6 date is sold out, but tickets for the Oct. 27 event are \$15 and go on sale to the general public Aug. 13. For more information, go to www.plymouthhistory.org or call 734-455-8940, ext. 2.

No. 1. Northville Heritage Festival, Sept. 14-16: Formerly known as the Victorian Festival, this downtown Northville event celebrates the town's history, with incorporation as a village in 1867. The three-day celebration features the



The Northville Heritage Festival returns Sept. 14-16. TOM BEAUDOIN

Victorian Saloon, where adults can hear local bands and have a beer or two; a Victorian parade; craft booths; horse and carriage rides; a kids zone; and more. For more information, go to www.northvillehertiagefest.com.

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Giving Hope project benefits young women

Philanthropy is a year-round focus for members of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle.

The group used its summer social at the Deadwood Bar and Grill in Northville to collect hygiene products for the residents at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights.

More than 500 items, including shampoo, body lotion, soap, toothpaste and more, were collected and donated to the young girls and women at Vista Maria, a residential center for at-risk youth and young adults.

In addition to the hygiene products, Giving Hope made a \$300 cash donation to Vista Maria.

"Thank you to the Deadwood Bar and Grill for hosting our summer social, where we collected personal care items

to make welcome bags for Vista Maria residents," said Christina Bair, chair of the Giving Hope special events committee. "The generosity of our members and guests was phenomenal and will go a long way to help the young women feel at home."

Bair also offered a "special thank you" to Laura Davoudi of Curves.

"A special thank you to (Davoudi), who hosted a special collection drive at the Plymouth Curves for our event, bringing four large bags filled with hygiene products, and to Soothing Dental of Plymouth, who donated toothbrushes," Bair said.

Bair, along with Giving Hope members Joan Noricks, Louise Garrett, Deb Maloni, Karen Christenson and Sharon Filips, delivered the items July 27 to the Vista Maria campus in Dearborn Heights.

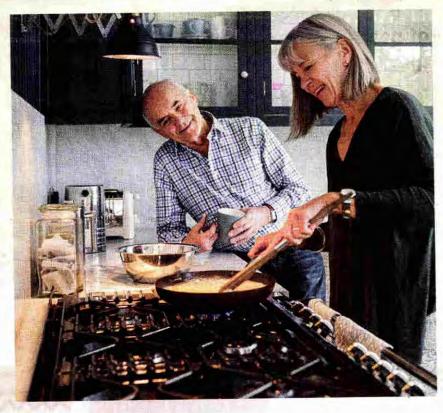
The 37-acre campus on Warren Road is composed of five residential halls, two state-of-the-art mental health centers, two alternative education charter schools, transitional living housing, a health clinic and recreational facilities.

Members were given a tour of the Vista Maria boutique, where the young women are able to select needed items.

Founded 130 years ago as an orphanage, Vista Maria has continued to grow to meet the ever-changing needs of children and their families from Wayne County communities. The agency recently expanded its services to include the only specialized treatment housing and programming for victims of human trafficking in southeast Michigan.

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Bar

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University, where he is one year away from earning his master's degree in public administration.

The family brought in River's Edge Gallery to help with the bar's décor, which also includes framed copies of old newspapers. The makeover included new flooring, tables and other amenities, but the bar area dates back to 1926. The place also offers entertainment with pool tables, dart boards and big-screen TVs.

On the menu, a burger is named after Gus Roussakies, while the Ciungan shrimp and fries meal is named after Costas's other grandfather, the late Virgil Ciungan, who once owned the popular Ciungan's Shrimp House in Ecorse.

One recent sunny afternoon, longtime customer Don Westbay of Westland was enjoying a cold beer and conversation with bartender Christie Shamba. He said he's glad the Ciungan family is running the bar

"It'll do a lot better," Westbay said. "When grandpa had it, he ran it good.'

Carolyn Ciungan said the family tries to support the local community as much as possible, such as buying its meat for hamburgers from Norm's Market in Westland.

Costas Ciungan said he hopes to continue to develop strong ties to the community. It's a commitment he believes would make his grandfather proud.

Where does he see his bar in five years? He hopes Costas Village Bar will be the go-to place for customers, a place where they can find a cold beer, an excellent meal and good friends and conversation.



Carolyn Ciungan, daytime manager of Costas Village Bar in Wayne, and bartender Christie Shamba stand behind the bar at the newly renovated and reopened family bar. DARRELL CLEM | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We want to become more and more woven into the fabric of the community," he said.

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Deputy

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and had continued around the clock. "That net was closing fast," he said of the police work that led to the suspect. The arrest came less than 48 hours after Smith's death.

"We have not closed the loop on any motive," Napoleon said. "We have an idea, I'm not going to deny that."

But investigators were still looking a range of information, Napoleon said, as he cautioned against assuming that

Smith had been deliberately struck. According to Brian Miller, a Westland deputy chief, Smith had been jogging

westward, in the same direction as vehicle traffic, along the shoulder of Hines, while police believe the Enclave was heading east on Hines just before Smith was struck.

Smith

Asked about witnesses - joggers, motorists or other people in Hines Park — police declined to address what, if any, witness statements may have been made.

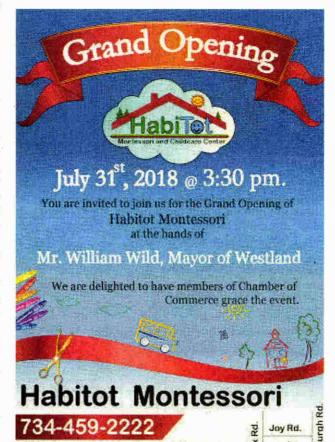
Napoleon said several area police agencies, County Executive Warren Evans's office and the local U.S. Attorneys Office had provided help on the case. He had specific praise for Westland police, his own department and Detroit police.

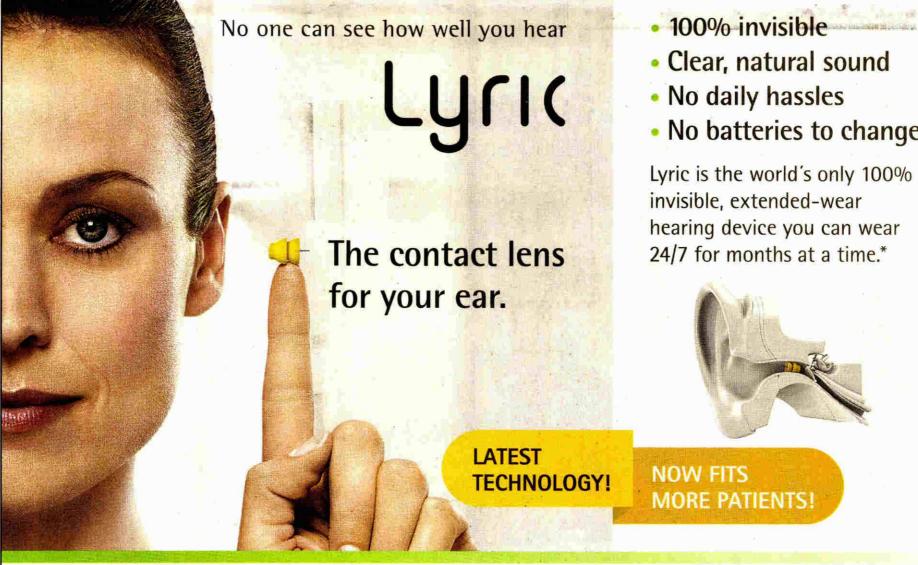
"The collective resources of law enforcement in this area were committed to finding this person," he said.

It's a difficult time for the sheriff's department, Napoleon said, and counseling and spiritual guidance have been offered. Napoleon said he personally informed Smith's widow of the arrest.

"We're getting through this together," he said. "We will do all we can to support the people of this agency." Funeral arrangements for Smith were still pending Thursday morning.

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Kobylarz in critical condition after crash

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Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Township's three-term elected supervisor, was hospitalized in critical condition Wednesday, Aug. 15, following a single-vehicle crash the previous evening.

Kobylarz was driving a black pickup truck west on Five Mile, near Fox, at about 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14 when the truck

veered off the road and struck two utility poles, shearing one of them in half. The truck came to rest when it struck the second pole.

A Redford Police Department statement said Kobylarz appeared to

have suffered a medical emergency just before the crash. She was the truck's only occupant and no other vehicles were involved, police said.



Kobylarz

paramedics to a local hospital, where she remained in critical condition Wednesday, police said.

Redford Capt. Nick Lentine said there were several witnesses to the crash who stopped at the scene. Five Mile was closed in both directions near Fox as police investigated; the crash remains under investigation.

Kobylarz had left township hall, where a regular Board of Trustees meeting had just ended, minutes before the

Kobylarz was transported by Redford crash.

Kobylarz, 57, a Redford native, served four years as a township trustee before being elected supervisor in 2008. She was re-elected in 2012 and in 2016.

She has two adult children, Alex and Amy.

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Clarenceville hires new principal at Grandview

The Clarenceville School District has hired a new principal for Grandview Elementary, Melissa Carruth. She began Aug. 6 at Grandview.

Carruth completed her undergraduate degree in child development from Michigan State University. She received a master's degree in educational technology from Marygrove College and her education specialist in leadership from

Oakland University. Carruth has been developing her leadership experiences through being a classroom teacherleader in the Novi Community School District as a library media specialist, along with her participation in the Oakland Schools Aspiring Principal Academy and the Galileo Leadership Acad-

"We are excited to welcome Mrs. Car-

ruth to the Clarenceville School District family," said Paul Shepich, superintendent of the Clarenceville School District. "She is dedicated to student and teacher growth and has the skill sets that will benefit Grandview Elementary. The hiring process led to a unanimous choice by the interview panel. The interview panel was looking closely at who would be the right fit for their building and our

school district; someone whose abilities would provide strong instructional leadership while fostering strong relation-

Carruth

ships with all staff and families. I believe we have accomplished finding someone who checks all those boxes in Mrs. Carruth."

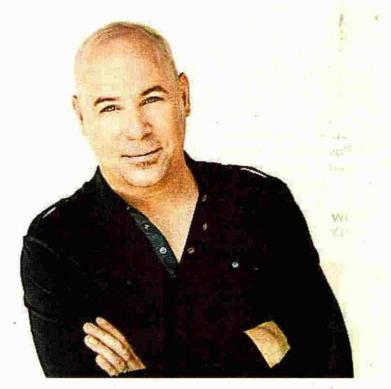




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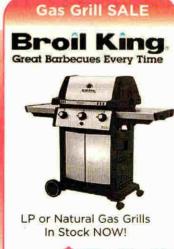
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Three men charged with felonies in the alleged abuse of three patients at a Livonia psychiatric clinic will have their cases heard in Wayne County Circuit

Delvan D. Johnson is charged with two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm and Wynton A. Dixon and Kyle A. Jackson are charged with one count each of the same crime, in connection with their work at the Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies, or COPE, which provides emergency mental health care. The felony is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

All three face additional charges as well, including third-degree vulnerable adult abuse, a two-year misdemeanor. They were attendants at the clinic and were fired after the allegations came to

Johnson, Dixon and Jackson were among 10 people charged last month following a police investigation of activity at the clinic on Schoolcraft Road, which is run by the Hegira Programs, Inc., behavioral health service and contracts with the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, which oversees public mental health services in Wayne County.

All 10 defendants are free on cash or personal bonds.

Dixon, 57, of Detroit and Jackson, 31, of Oak Park were arraigned in circuit court Aug. 9 by Judge Gregory Bill and are scheduled to appear before Bill again Thursday, Aug. 23.



Johnson Dixon



Jackson





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and battery.

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In addition to the felony assault

charge, Dixon is charged with two

counts of third-degree vulnerable adult

abuse and one count of assault and bat-

tery, a misdemeanor. Jackson, in addi-

tion to the felony assault charge, faces

four counts of third-degree vulnerable

adult abuse and two counts of assault

16th District Court with one count of

failure to report the abuse of a mental

health recipient, a misdemeanor, and is

scheduled for a Thursday, Aug. 30, pre-

waived an Aug. 9 preliminary hearing in

district court and is scheduled to be ar-

raigned Aug. 23 in circuit court. In addi-

tion to the two felony charges, he faces

one count each of third-degree vulner-

able adult abuse and assault and bat-

Johnson, 24, of Redford Township,

trial hearing on that charge

Dixon is also charged in Livonia's



The other COPE defendants are:

 Demetris J. Hunt, 29, of Wayne, a former attendant who is charged with one count of third-degree vulnerable adult abuse, two counts of assault and battery and one count of

failure to report the abuse of a mental health recipient. He was arraigned in circuit court Aug. 9 by Bill on the vulnerable adult abuse charge and one assault charge and is scheduled to appear before the judge again Aug. 23.

Hunt also faces an Aug. 30 pretrial hearing in district court on the second assault charge and the failure to report abuse charge, both misdemeanors.

· Victor V. Peterson, 60, of River Rouge, a former attendant who is charged with one count each of thirddegree vulnerable adult abuse and assault and battery. Peterson waived an Aug. 9 preliminary hearing in district court and is scheduled to be arraigned in circuit court Aug. 23.

 Thomas J. May, 59, of Westland, a former attendant who is charged with assault and battery. May has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 13, in district court. A charge of third-degree vulnerable adult abuse was dismissed at an Aug. 9 district court hear-

· Hanumaiah Bandla, 65, of West Bloomfield, a psychiatrist, and former COPE nurses Erma J. Owens, 80, of Inkster, and Beth E. Sharlow, 51, of Redford, who are charged with one count each of failure to report the abuse of a mental health recipient, and former COPE nurse Marjorie G. Frank, 75, of Detroit, who is charged with two counts of the same crime.

Bandla, Sharlow and Owens have pretrial hearings in district court scheduled for Sept. 13, while Frank has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Aug. 23.

County Prosecutor Kym Worthy described the victims in the case as a 26year-old Redford Township man, a 48year-old Romulus man and a 51-yearold Dearborn Heights man.

The nine former COPE employees charged were all been dismissed by Hegira, while Bandla, a Hegira contract worker, was suspended without pay for three shifts. He was not fired because there was no video showing he ignored abuse, but if the charge is proven in court, Hegira will sever ties with him, a Hegira spokesman said.

The alleged abuse occurred in March of this year and the COPE emergency clinic was closed for more than three months pending the police investigation and the retraining of employees. The clinic reopened in July.

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Son's first real job calls for smart savings strategy



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Q: My son graduated college last year and has finally got his first job. At his new employer, he has some options with regards to benefits that we need your help with. You should know that he graduated college without any debt. My wife and I paid for his education. His employer is local and his plan is to live at home for at least a couple of years. Therefore, his expenses will be minimal. We don't plan to charge him rent or anything like that. My first question deals with life insurance. They give him, without cost, his annual salary in life insurance, which is about \$50,000. He can buy more; should he? The company does not provide disability insurance, but he has an option to purchase it at a relatively low cost. Do you think he needs it? Lastly, should he do the Roth 401(k) or the traditional 401(k)? He is going to put the maximum away he can on the 401(k).

A: Congratulations on your son getting a job. Also congratulations to you and your wife - you have done a great thing for your son by paying his way through college. The fact that your son is debt-free upon graduation is definitely a huge bonus for him.

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Yoga

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"All I did was play sports when I was a kid," said Gowen, a Plymouth resident. "So it was super-devastating to have my leg taken away, because I couldn't keep up with my friends on the ball field or on the basketball court."

Gowen's extreme roller-coaster ride he was a headliner on the World Wrestling Entertainment bill at age 20, but by 25 he had to sell pizzas to support his drug addiction — might have been too much for him to bear.

But then he got hooked on something else to get high. He discovered Diamond Dallas Page's yoga program, as well as a desire to help people become champions of body, mind and possibility.

The root of it

On Aug. 8 at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Gowen (with Bryan Durren) taught DDP Yoga to about 150 people as part of the Summer Yoga Series presented by Saint Joseph Mercy Health Sys-

"Everything I do is rooted in spiritual principles," Gowen said during an interview following the LCA session. "So whether it's talking to kids, doing yoga or wrestling or even how I interact and raise my own kids, it's all rooted in the same spiritual principles. And so everything I do is an extension of that.

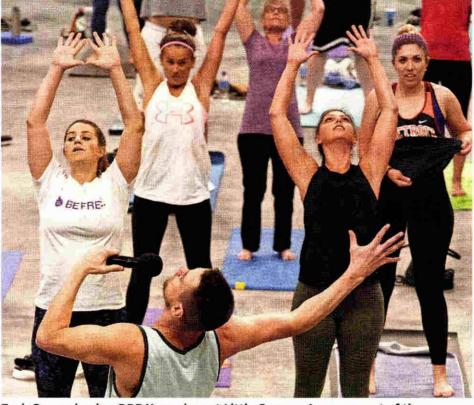
"It's important for me to make a living, it's important for me to stay active in my recovery, it's important for me to be of service to not only myself, not only my family, but my community and the people around me."

Always in role-model mode, Gowen demonstrated some yoga techniques despite having a prosthetic left leg.

"I've been hopping around on one leg since I was 8 years old," Gowen said. "So I don't even think about having one leg anymore, it's just something I'm used to.

"There's always a way around an obstacle or a challenge or a handicap. You just have to put your mind to it. The secret for me is to figure out what doesn't work first and, once I figure out what doesn't work, I'm left with what does work.

Gowen and Durren stood in front of five long rows of yoga participants, who all brought mats and colorful T-shirts —



Zach Gowen leads a DDP Yoga class at Little Caesars Arena as part of the Summer Yoga Series, BILL BRESLER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

including South Lyon resident Lisa Mc-Dowell's "The Farm at St. Joe's" - for the free, hour-long sweat-a-thon.

"Yoga brings so many different fitness levels together," said McDowell, team dietitian for the Detroit Red Wings. "So it gives people a sense of community without feeling you have to compete.

"You can just go at your own level. This is fantastic. I love this series. This is my first time here and I enjoyed it."

All together now

When the group moved in unison, throwing their arms over their head, it resembled a forest of human limbs reaching toward the Little Caesars Are-

Gowen and Durren implored the "yogis" to squeeze imaginary exercise balls. They balanced themselves with one arm off the mat and made like tables with flat torsos supported by arms and legs underneath them.

And then they "Hulked" it up by striking a Hogan-esque pose.

Rochester's Alycia Osstyn and her dad, Brian Sciatto of Commerce Township, both liked doing "the Hulk," a nod to the classic wrestling pose made famous by semi-retired professional wrestler Hulk Hogan.

"I liked doing the Hulk," Osstyn said. "It makes you feel strong and powerful. It's a good release."

Mind over matter

In the DDP Yoga favored by Gowen and Durren, it's much more than bending without breaking. It's all about hitting the fast forward button on what a mind and body working together can accomplish.

Consider the program's founder, Diamond Dallas Page.

"He's a famous wrestler from the '90s," Gowen said. "In the late '90s, he broke his back and doctors told him he'd never wrestle again. And in the rehab process, he started doing yoga with his wife and he started doing rehab poses and moves and he kind of put them all together and he created this system which helped him come back to the ring and extend his career.

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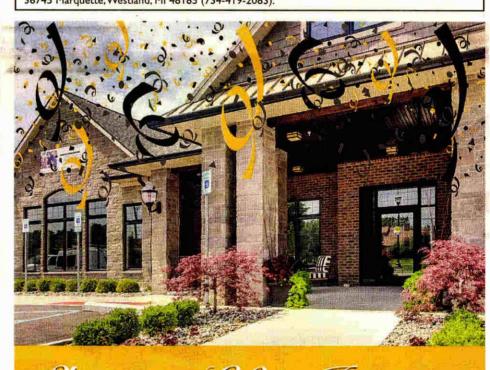




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"Once he retired from wrestling, he wanted to share it with everybody else. I happen to be one of the people that he shared it with."

Page and Hogan were just two of the younger Gowen's heroes, when he was pinning his future hopes on wrestling.

"I found an escape, if you will, in professional wrestling," Gowen said. "More specifically, WWE wrestling, as a fan. And I started my love of the wrestling

"When I was 18, I knew exactly what I wanted to be when I grew up and that was a professional wrestler. So I found out how to become a professional wrestler and I just took some action and I followed direction.

"And at 18 years old, I became the world's first one-legged professional wrestler and, at 19 years old, I signed a three-year contract with the WWE."

Trap door

Even now, Gowen's voice rises with excitement when the subject is wres-

In August 2003, Gowen found himself under the bright lights at Joe Louis Arena for the WWE SmackDown event. He defeated Brock Lesnar in just over two minutes

But the adrenaline and buzz quickly faded and Gowen ultimately looked for something else. Drugs entered the pic-

"Pain pills, alcohol, opioids, for sure," Gowen said. "That was my favorite, that was my flavor. That was my weapon of choice.



Zach Gowen lost his leg to cancer, osteosarcoma, when he was 8 years old. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I think I was genetically predisposed to addiction. And you mix in childhood traumas and you mix in certain other environmental factors.

"And by the time I'm 25, I'm living in Detroit with a guy that supplies me drugs and I'm delivering pizzas to support my habit.'

Gowen remembered the depths of despair he felt. Getting carjacked at gunpoint. Wondering what the hell happened.

"That's how powerful drug addiction is, people don't realize the grip that it has on your soul," he said. "And I'm here to say it's not a moral failing, it's not a moral failing at all. It just ... is."

Plan of action

But Gowen slowly began to emerge from the shadows, with love of wrestling providing the antidote. Today, he is semi-retired from the sport, but intends to eventually make another comeback.

"You can never say you're retired from wrestling," he said with a smile, "because guys always come back after a certain amount of time."

Just as key to Gowen's makeover was getting into yoga. And that led to joining Philadelphia-based CoolSpeak (coolspeak.net), a youth engagement company dedicated to delivering heartfelt and real messages to students.

He is a regular on the motivational speaking circuit and is planning to visit area schools during 2018-19.

"They've really nurtured and invested in me as a speaker and facilitator," Gowen said. "And in turn, I wave their flag at schools all across the country.

'The whole idea is to create a culture of connection and have the kids feel like they are part of something."

Direct message

When Gowen makes a visit, they can't help but be moved by the message.

He also follows up by directing them to go to his website (zachgowen.com) or consider buying his 2018 book "High Risk Maneuvers - How I Turned My Handicaps Into Opportunities."

"It's to nurture them, to find their passions, to let them know that there is life beyond just what they see and to give them hope," Gowen said. "And hopefully, spark some kind of inspiration within the kid that anything is pos-

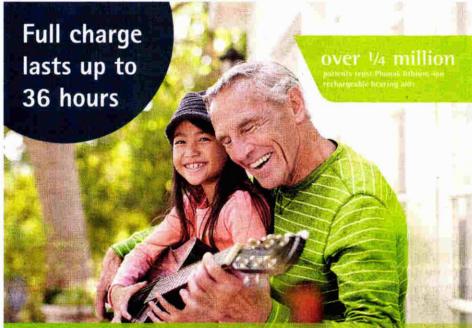
"I use my story as examples of that, as a means of connection. But at the end of the day, the message is pretty simple. Life isn't about what happens to us or what we see every single day. Life is about how we respond to what happens to us.'

Gowen has shown time and again that he is up for the challenge.

"It all comes down to self-care," he said. "If we're taking care of ourselves, if we're feeding ourselves, on a spiritual, emotional and physical level, our lives are going to reflect that.

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Nancy Knorr Polk

LEXINGTON, KY - Nancy Knorr Polk, owner of Normandy Farm passed away peacefully on August 11th, at the age of 75, surrounded by her daughters in Lexington, KY. Nancy was a graduate of Hillsdale College, matriculating with a B.S. in Business and was a proud member of Pi Beta Phi. Upon graduation, Nancy married her college sweetheart, Ralph Lane Polk IV (deceased) and settled in Bloomfield Hills, MI to start her family. Nancy was elected to the Bloomfield Hills City Commission and served honorably in this civic role for 17 years, during which she served four terms as Mayor. Nancy was

elected to the R.L. Polk and Company Board of Directors where she served proudly for 28years. Nancy also served on The Cranbrook Board of Gov-

ernor's for 5 years.

In 1997 Nancy moved to Lexington, KY and purchased the historic 250acre Normandy Farm, where she settled into a new chapter of her life. Nancy began to lovingly caretake the property and buildings and placed the farminto conservation status to preserve the agricultural land for future generations. Nancy built a new foaling barn and began to slowly build from one broodmare to a total of 16 over the years. Nancy was the breeder of Daddy's Lil Darling, a Grade 1 and multiple stakes winner, as well as Breeder's cup winner Mongolian Saturday. Nancy served on the Board of Directors for The Center for Women, Children and Families for 20+ years. Nancy was recognized with the following lifetime achievement awards: Hillsdale College for Exemplary Leadership, Key to the City of Bloomfield Hills in honor of her civic service, Life Master Certificate from the American Contract Bridge League. Nancy's memberships included: The Keeneland Club, The Thoroughbred Club, Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, The Kentucky Horse Park, and The Lexington Country Club.

Nancy is lovingly survived by her three daughters, Kathy, Susan and Jules, four grandsons, Patrick, Reilly, Reece, and Morgan, and her sister Katie,

and brother Fred.

A celebration of Nancy's life will be held at The Lexington Country Club at 2550 Paris Pike, Lexington KY, on Saturday September 8th. The service will begin at 3, with reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Center for Women, Children and Families (859)259-1974; or Old Friends Farm, thoroughbred retirement home for horses (502) 863-1775.

Robert Lorentz Murman

- - Robert Lorentz Murman, loving husband and father, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at the age of 93. He was born on August 18, 1924 in Chicago, Illinois to Robert and Mae Murman and was a WWII Veteran having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Bob re-

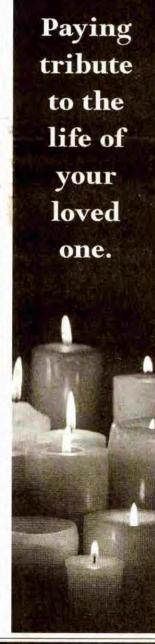


ceived his mechanical engineering certification and was a respected and valued general sales manager for Detroit Hoist and Machine Company. He then worked as a sales rep for Rail Glide Systems until his retirement in 1988. "Bob knew more about hoists than anyone."

Bob had a passion for golf and was a lifetime Member of Meadowbrook Country Club. He was known for his storytelling, outgoing personality,

determination and quick wit.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years Norma (Petitte) Murman and is survived by his son Robert (Becky) Murman; daughter Kristin (Fred) Harvey; son Scott (Aoife-deceased) Murman; grandchildren Jessica Harvey, Melissa (Tucker) Rubino, Ciara and Olivia Murman, Andrew Wagner, Eric (Kyla) Wagner and their children Aleida and Mabel; sister Grace (Jackdeceased) DuHasek; niece Jill (Jack) Cahill and nephew Jack DuHasek. A private service will be held by immediate family members. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a hospice of your choice in his memory. Visit www. schoedinger.com to share memories or extend condolences.



Theresa Milhizer

AVE MARIA, FL Milhizer, Theresa Emilia (Cicchini) passed away in Ave Maria, Florida on August 9, 2018. She was 87 years old. She had moved to Florida to live with her son and family in June 2018.

Theresa was born on September 29, 1930 to Italian immigrants, James

and Michelina Cicchini in Detroit. She went to Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Grade School and then graduated from Dominican High School in 1948. She attended Wayne State with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Literature and English. There she met Eugene Milhizer, a Navy veteran and they married on April 25, 1953. They lived in Detroit until 1957 when they bought their first home in

Theresa raised her sons full time until Robert started school. She became a Library Aide at the Carl Sandburg Library and the Livonia Library main branch until she retired after 27 years. She then enjoyed her free time reading mystery novels, watching game shows and solving crossword puzzles. Mrs. Milhizer is survived by her sons Eugene

(Dianna) and James. Her brother, Rinaldo (Susan) Cicchini lives in Paw Paw, Michigan. She has six grandchildren: Theresa, Eugene, Ashley, Rachel, Michael, and Christopher (Kayla). She has one great granddaughter, Kourtney. She is preceded in death by her husband, Eugene and her son Robert (Sheryl).

A viewing will be held on August 24, 2018 from 6-8pm at the Harris Funeral Home in Livonia. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Genevieve Catholic Church on August 25, 2018 at 11 am. Theresa will be interred at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mass intentions for the repose of her soul are kindly requested.

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Joyce A. Green

FARMINGTON HILLS - Joyce A. Green of Farmington Hills passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on August 10th. Born in 1927 in Iron Mountain, Michigan, she was 90 years old. A graduate of Western Michigan University, and a dedicated



and loved elementary school teacher for more than 25 years, Joyce traveled all over the world, from Europe to Australia. She was an active member of her community, belonging to the American Association of University Women, the Livonia Symphony, Swedish Club, and playing bridge regularly with friends and sister, Carol Dubuque. Married to Alger Green for 53 years, she is survived by their two sons, Donald (Catherine) and David (Tracy), and grandchildren Katie, Jonathon (Aline), Jackie, Andrew, and Melissa. A longtime member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church, her visitation will be held there on Monday, August 27 from 10:30am-12noon, with the service beginning at noon with a luncheon after. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 (248) 476-8860

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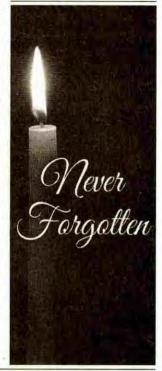
Martin "Marty" Robert Sloan

HIGHLAND TWP. -Marty R. Sloan, age 58 has passed away August 15, 2018, surrounded by family and love ones. He was born March 28, 1960, Son of Robert (Violet) Sloan. He was unified in marriage to Gundi Parris on September 16, 2005.

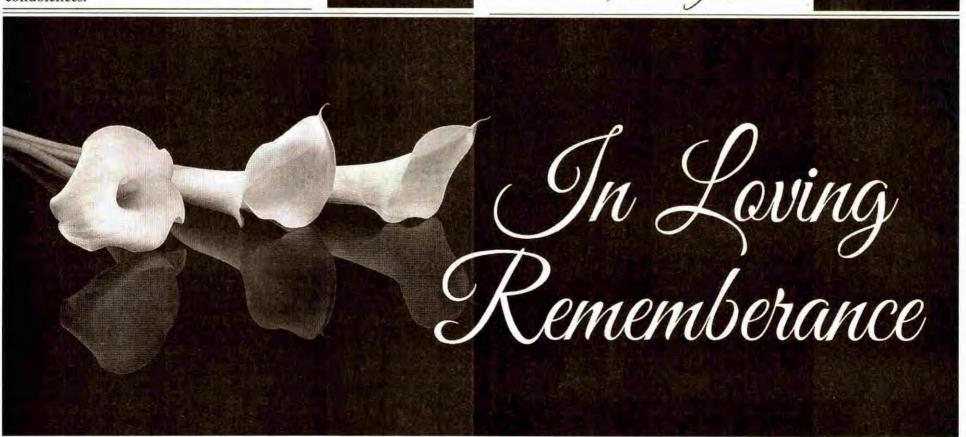
Marty has been servicing the Farmington Hills / Livonia area for over 38 years at United Mower. Marty was a race car enthusiast, loved to snowmobile and had a great love for his family.

Marty is survived by his Parents Robert (Violet) Sloan, His beloved wife, Gundi Sloan; Sister, Cindy Sloan; Son, Burt(Michelle) Steinman and beloved Grandchildren, Carter, Daniel and Sophi Steinman.

The Visitation will be held Friday, August 24, 2018 from 12:00 until 2:00 pm, with a memorial service following visitation at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150.



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Rates for Livonia residents are \$3 per dog and non-Livonia residents are \$5.25 per dog. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www. livoniaparks.org.

Yoga on the Labyrinth

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host its monthly Yoga on the Labyrinth 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23. Enjoy a gentle yoga class and labyrinth walk. Bring a mat. For more information, call 734-427-1414.

Livonia GOP Club speaker series

The Livonia Republican Club has announced its inaugural Summer Night Forums speaking series.

The series will be held at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with programs beginning promptly at 7 p.m. The schedule includes:

■ Thursday, Aug. 23: A local issues forum, with a panel that will feature Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright, Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

These events are free and open to the public, however you must register for tickets via Eventbrite. A link can be found at www.LivoniaGOP.com.

International Overdose Awareness Day

Northwest Wayne FAN's Overdose Awareness Day event will take place 6-8 p.m. Friday Aug. 31, at Heritage Park, 1080 S. Canton Center Drive, in Canton. Community leaders are scheduled to speak, including Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Judge Laura Mack of the 29th District Court in Wayne; Chief Curtis Caid of the Livonia Police Department; and Sgt. Chris Cox of the Northville Township Police Department.

For more information, contact nwwayne@familiesagainstnarcot-

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will host its monthly meeting and potluck dinner Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. A meet-and-greet is scheduled for 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 6:30

Members are asked to bring a dish to pass. Guests and prospective members are just asked to meet. We will be discussing last month's flower show in addition to the business meeting.

'A Doll's House' auditions

Schoolcraft College is holding open auditions for all roles in its fall production of Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House," adapted and directed by Paul Beer, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 4-5, in the James R. Hartman Theatre at the college, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. The theater is located in the Liberal Arts building on the south end of campus. Performances will be late October and early November.

For more information, go to www.schoolcraft.edu/theatre or email theatre@schoolcraft.edu.

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In reviewing your son's situation, I think the \$50,000 in life insurance is more than enough. At this point in time, he has minimal expenses and no one is financially dependent upon him. As far as I'm concerned, there is no need for him to buy additional life insurance. Down the road, if he gets married and starts a family, life insurance will be more important, but it's not important for him at this point.

Disability insurance is something that many people forget about. What disability insurance protects is your son's earning. If for some reason your son is in an accident or has a medical condition and was unable to work, disability insurance would kick in as a way of replacing his income. I do believe that disability insurance is something that he should consider. If, in a couple of years, he moves out and sets up a household on his own, he will have expenses. If he was unable to work, he could run into problems. The disability insurance would provide some protection for him. Considering that disability insurance is relatively inexpensive at his age, I'd recommend that your son pursues it.

I love the fact your son is going to put the maximum away in his 401(k). I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to save for their retirement; the more you put away, the better quality of life he will have in retirement. I encourage everyone who is working to take advantage of their 401(k) plan and to put the maximum possible away.

With regards to Roth vs. traditional 401(k), at his age and his situation, I would definitely recommend the Roth. Considering the new tax law, your son is not going to be in one of the higher tax brackets. If he used a traditional 401(k), the tax savings would be minimal. The advantage of the Roth 401(k) would be in the future, in the fact that when he retires and begins to access the money, he would be able to withdraw that money tax-free. When you consider that your son may not touch that money for 40-50 years, using a Roth IRA would give him huge benefits in the future. Taking a short-term hit today would reap him huge benefits in the future.

Generally, the younger someone is, the more they're going to benefit by using the Roth option. Even people late in their career could potentially benefit from a Roth. After all, who doesn't want money growing tax-free?

Good luck!

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

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FRIENDS in Wayne

The city of Wayne 2018 FRIENDS (People Helping People) group is looking for volunteers. FRIENDS will take place Saturday, Sept. 8 (rain date, Sept. 15). The goal of this program, which began in 1998, is to help a Wayne resident whose home is in need of some care and they are not able to handle the work due to financial or medical reasons.

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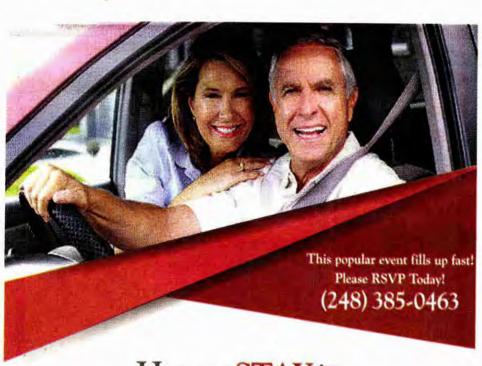
Youth groups are welcome, with one adult for every five youth volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information, call the Community Development Department at 734-722-2000 or email Albert Damitio at damitioalb@gmail.com.

Genealogy event

Budding genealogists will have the opportunity to sit with one of 10 members of the Western Wayne Genealogical Society and receive 30 minutes of free one-on-one assistance during an event set for 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 2777 Five Mile Road.

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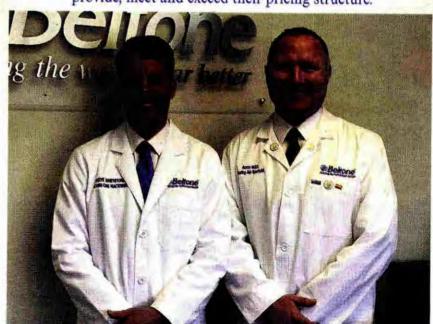


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Sports

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Coaching legend in withdrawal

Hurdle left with time on his hands after resignation

Marty Budner

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Bob Hurdle admits he has coaching withdrawals.

The veteran mentor has coached volleyball at either the high school or college level every year since 1977. However, because of a mid-June surgical procedure, he decided to resign from his post as Bloomfield Hills volleyball head coach.

Hurdle did so figuring he would be sidelined for a while due to his medical condition. Fortunately, his recovery has been faster than a sideline slam and he would have been ready to go had he not

resigned.

But the process is done and Hurdle will watch the Black Hawks from the sidelines this season.

"I had a medical thing I had to have done and I didn't think I'd be ready for the start of the season," Hurdle said Monday. "That, coupled with the fact that I've done this for so long, I just thought it would probably be better for the school to make sure that they had somebody who was going to be there and able to do what they needed to do for the start of the season.

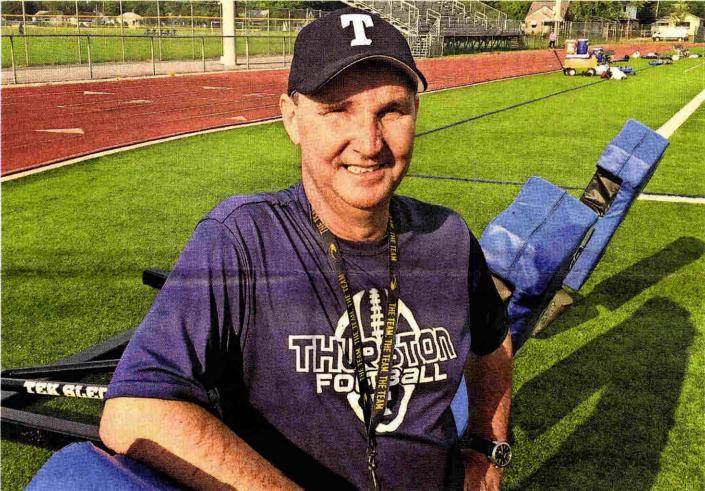
"Now the good news is, my surgery went exceptionally well and, ironically, I

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Bob Hurdle
(left), presenting
last year's
regional
championship
trophy to former
Marian head
coach Lauren
Duquette, has
resigned as
Bloomfield Hills
volleyball head
coach. MARTY
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PREP FOOTBALL



Bob Snell is entering his 31st season as Redford Thurston's varsity football coach. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Coaching never gets old for Thurston's Snell



Baker

Newly revamped Western Wayne Athletic Conference down to eight schools approaching 2018 season

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One of Bob Snell's favorite hobbies is fishing, but 57-year-old Redford Thurston football coach isn't quite ready to use his rod and reel exclusively just yet.

Even after receiving a new kidney in 2016 and undergoing a surgical procedure for skin cancer this summer, Snell can't seem to get football out of his system.

He enters his 31st season with the Ea-

gles sporting an overall record of 156-133. His teams have reached the state playoffs 11 times, including eight of the last 10 seasons.

So what keeps him grinding away? "I love the sport, I love working with kids," Snell said. "I love seeing the kids improve from start to finish. I like working with the staff that we have. For me, every season is a new opportunity to see how well we can build a bunch of kids into a tight team that ex-

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PREP FOOTBALL

New season looms large for area prep teams

Marty Budner

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Believe it or not, high school football kicks off in less than a week.

There are numerous story lines among the Oakland Activities Association teams from the area.

Can Bloomfield Hills sustain success despite the loss of two key recordbreaking players?

Can Birmingham Groves make it three straight OAA White Division titles?

Can Birmingham Seaholm bounce back in the OAA Blue after a tough go in the OAA White?

Following is a brief glimpse of each team.

Bloomfield Hills

Head coach Dan Loria possessed a record-setting passing combination last year with gun-slinging quarter-back John Paddock and sticky-fingered receiver Ty Slazinski.

Paddock, a two-year captain, set a school record for career passing yards (4,086) and touchdowns (26) while helping lead the program to its first state playoff appearances in each of

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The senior trio of (from left) Henry Van Faussien, Josh Salter and Damonte McCurdy hope to lead Groves to another solid football campaign in 2018. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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WWAC

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ecutes. Football is one of the best sports where you can see improvement in terms of a team and grow as a team. I think that's part of the reason why I like coming back. I love seeing that."

Last year the Eagles finished 7-4 and reached the MHSAA Division 4 state playoffs, avenging an earlier season loss to Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division champion Romulus (26-0) before being eliminated by Dearborn Divine Child in the district final (42-6).

Several key players return, including senior running back Leonard Funchess, who led the Eagles with 965 yards on the ground last season, along with senior linebacker Xavier Coleman, the team's top tackler.

New-look WWAC

This year's WWAC will have a different look, as Belleville, Dearborn Fordson and Dearborn High all decided to accept an invitation to join the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, while Dearborn Edsel Ford left as well to become a new member of the Downriver League.

So what's in store for the revamped WWAC?

"It's really hard to tell," said Snell, who has a total of 35 players in camp. "A lot of teams in this eight didn't have JV last year, so you really can't judge how the young kids are. Obviously, Romulus had a good season last year, winning the (Blue) division. We had a good season last year. We return a lot of guys, but I haven't looked at what the other teams have coming back. But I think it's going to be a very even league and I think a lot of good competition."

The remaining WWAC schools are Thurston, Redford Union, Garden City, Livonia Clarenceville, Dearborn Heights Crestwood, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Romulus

"Going into the season, it's either Belleville, Dearborn or Fordson – whichever division they're in – they're going to win it," Snell said. "So it's really open. Obviously, some of the bigger schools have a little bit of an advantage that way. If you look at Thurston, Romulus, Garden City, Crestwood, RU ... those five probably have an advantage over Annapolis, Clarenceville and Robichaud. I think anybody can win it and I have no idea what the other teams have coming back."

Cougars optimistic

Garden City second-year coach Jim Baker likes what sees so far during the preseason.

The Cougars won three games a year ago, but had to forfeit all three victories against Robichaud, Clarenceville and North Farmington after the school district self-reported an MHSAA rules violation when it was discovered they had used an ineligible first-year senior player following the 2017 season.

"It's going to be Thurston up there, Romulus and RU up there as always," said Baker, who has a healthy 43-man roster. "We haven't beaten Thurston in a long time, so we need to beat Thurston. We got a lot of things we got to fix to get past those teams. Garden City doesn't have a rival, so every game is like a rival game to us. That's how we're going to treat it, one game at a time. Right now, all we're thinking about is Flat Rock. And after that, we're going to try and win a couple of league games and make some noise."

The Cougars are led by 6-foot-6, 275-pound offensive tackle and defensive end Hunter McDaniel, who carries a 3.85 grade-point average and is getting some college looks.

"Just a great kid. He's a leader on the team both on and off the field," Baker said of the three-year starter. "He's the first guy in the weight room and I've got to throw him out after the sun goes down. He's been phenomenal to have here."

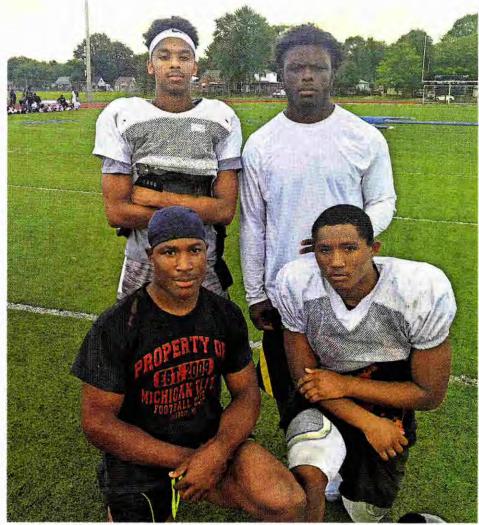
New RU coach

First-year Redford Union coach Ian Iler, who takes over the reins from athletic director Miles Tomasaitis, is still in the getting acquainted stage with his team, which finished 3-6 a year ago and 3-2 in the WWAC Blue.

Iler said he liked the competition Belleville, Fordson and Dearborn provided in the WWAC, but it's time to turn the page.

Iler will bank on four senior returnees: Cameron Wells (running back-linebacker), Carl Ware (quarterback-defensive end), Trevon Williams (linebackertight end) and Derion Gould (tight enddefensive end).

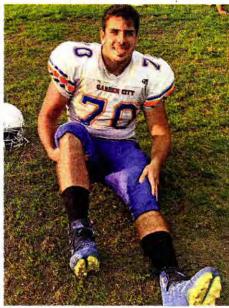
"Coming in as a first-year head coach, I would want to have a crack at those guys with them leaving, but I don't think



Thurston returns seniors (front row, from left) Leon Funchess and Javonne DuBose, along with (top, from left) Keysean Ware and Xavier Coleman. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

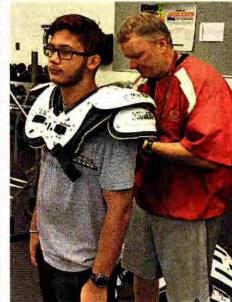


Redford Union will rely on seniors (from row, from left) Cameron Wills and Carl Ware, along with (top, from left) Trevon Williams and Derion Gould. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



At 6 feet, 6 inches, and 275 pounds, senior Hunter McDaniel will loom large on the offensive and defensive lines for Garden City, BRAD EMONS!

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Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish (right) makes sure junior Bryce Olney's shoulder pads fit properly. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

it did anything for us or ourselves," said Iler, an RU grad who served as an assistant for the Panthers last season. "Our goal is just one game at a time, because our goal is to win the league and then the playoffs come after that. Wins and losses aren't everything with this team. It's being good men first. When you're a good man first, winning will take care of itself and that means you're doing the little things right."

Trojans rebuilding

Clarenceville coach Ryan Irish is entering his eighth season and second stint with the Trojans, who are coming off a 2-7 season.

Irish posted 29-27 overall with one state playoff berth (2008) in his first six-year stint before going over to take the head coaching job at Royal Oak for two seasons before moving to Rochester Adams as an assistant.

Clarenceville, which returns just one senior (Will Brown), remains the smallest school in the WWAC with the smallest varsity roster.

"A lot of unknowns," Irish said. "I'm

just trying to put our kids in the best position to be able to be successful. Our biggest thing, as with any football team, my biggest issue right now is safety. Safety is A-1 priority. When you have few kids, injuries can't happen. It's going to be a part of a game, so we've got to be able to be ready for that."

Here is a capsule preseason outlook of the four WWAC teams from the hometownlife.com coverage area entering the 2018 season.

Redford Thurston

Head coach: Bob Snell, 31st season Last year's record: 7-4 Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday. Aus

Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at New Boston Huron

Players to watch: Leonard Funchess, Sr. RB-P; Javonne DuBose, Sr. LB-TE; Keysean Ware, Sr. QB-CB; Xavier Colmen, Sr. LB; Shawn Harris, Sr. OT-DT; Robert Bell, Sr. C; Tim Owens, Sr. OG; Antonion Mathis, Sr. OT; Davon Hedwood, Sr. safety; Martez Nabors, Sr. safety; Keith Lovelady, Jr. RB; Vondell Powell, Sr. RB; Jamari McCroy, Sr. DT; Paul Brissett, Soph. DT; Marvus

McWright, Jr. LB; Maki Dunigan, Jr. CB.

Snell's 2018 outlook: "We're pretty optimistic as far as what we have coming back on both sides. We think we've got some pretty good kids and some skill kids. Obviously, every team is going to have issues with depth. If we get an injury here or there it can take you down quick. Right now we need to bolster our receiving corps a little more. I think we have some good kids out there with some athletic skills. They just need to get a little bit of experience there. Up front, I think we're going to be pretty good. I think our quarterback situation is good. The one variable always in the first game is your special teams. You don't know what's going to happen with that. We had special teams issues in the ninth game, so what's going to happen in the first one? I think we've got some tough kids and some skill kids."

Garden City

Head coach: Jim Baker, second season

Last year's record: 0-9 (three wins were vacated by forfeit)

Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, home vs. Flat Rock

Players to watch: Hunter McDaniel, Sr. OT-DE; Jay Castonguay, Sr. LB-RB; David McDaniel, Sr. RB-DB; Chase McGraw, Sr. DB-WR; Mike Dropsey, Sr. WR-safety; Nick Jannise, Sr. LB-OG; Joe Grove, Jr. DL; Ryan Reed, Jr. DL; Chuckie Gaffem, Jr. QB; Ethan Chowewa, Jr. RB.

Baker's 2018 outlook: "We had a great off-season. A lot of these guys were in the weight room, which was great. The guys are dedicating themselves and have a whole new attitude this year. I coached these guys when I was JV coach and we went 6-3 that year, so these kids can win. We just got to finish on the field. I'm pretty excited. We've got size, we've got speed this year. Chase (McGraw) is another three-year guy for me. He'll play anywhere we want, he's just an athlete. Right now, we have him at receiver. We're trying to get the ball to him on the edge. He can do some things with the ball and we've got to get some touches for him every game. Jay (Castonguay) has got an offer from Air Force right now and other schools. Just a great kid. He's strong, just a specimen, a track kid. He's fast, he's big, he's physical. He's everything you want in a football player."

Redford Union

Head coach: Ian Iler, first season Last year's record: 3-6

Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, home vs. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook

Players to watch: Cameron Wells, Sr. RB-LB; Carl Ware, Sr. QB-DE; Trevon Williams, Sr. LB-TE; Derion Gould, Sr. TE-DE; JuJuan Stokes, Sr. FS-WR; Andrew Draper, Soph. WR; Cam Stanley, Sr. OL; Samir Rashed, Jr. RB-CB.

Iler's 2018 outlook: "My observations are that we're very physical, not afraid of contact. We love competition, but obviously they're trying to get their football knowledge up being our first year there as a staff. I think with where we are excelling in athletic ability, talent and size, our football knowledge needs to catch up to that. I think that was the big takeaway from the first week of practice. I'm very pleased with the physicality, very pleased with the tempo, very pleased with the willingness to compete. It's just getting them from the neck up to be smarter and I think we can do some damage."

Livonia Clarenceville

Head coach: Ryan Irish, eighth season (second stint)

Last year's record: 2-7

Season opener: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Macomb Lutheran North Players to watch: Will Brown, Sr. OL-

DL; Jordan Perfect, Jr. OL-DL; Erik Ro-

sas, Jr. OL-DL; Zac Jones. Jr. RB-LB. Irish's 2018 outlook: "Last year we graduated 22 seniors. We have one returning senior (Will Brown). We have a couple of transfers that never played football before. We have three guys competing at quarterback, so our guys have got to learn multiple positions. (Jordan) Perfect, (Erik) Rosas and (Zac) Jones all played last year. Everybody has a plan, but the biggest thing is can the kids do what you ask them to do, be able to see what their capabilities are? And that's one great thing about football is that you can adjust and make different things happen due to the personnel and the talent you have. Our biggest thing is that we want to be able and go truly represent the Clarenceville community in a positive light, teach the life lessons of football and let's get better every day."

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Seven teams have led OAA past five seasons

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Just call them the Superb Seven. Since the 2013 season, seven football teams have set the pace in the Oakland Activities Association as the only squads with winning records among the mega-league's 23 schools.

Over the past five years, they own a combined 281-112 overall record (.710 winning percentage) and a combined 51-27 playoff record (.650). They have combined to earn 30 of a possible 35 playoff berths. They have combined to play in four state championship games, winning three state titles.

Who are these Superb Seven OAA

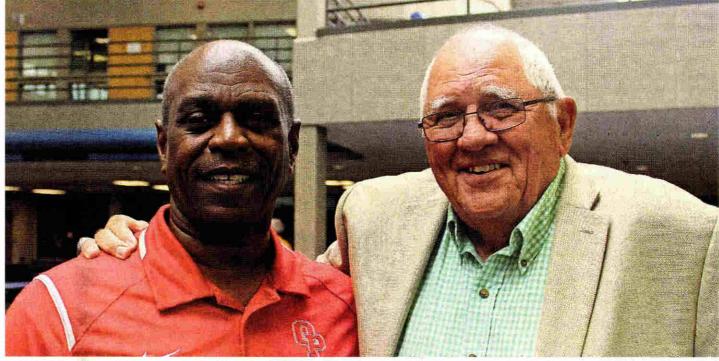
In order of total wins over that time period, the group consists of Clarkston (55), Birmingham Groves (42), Farmington Harrison (42), West Bloomfield (40), Southfield A&T (35), Oak Park (35) and Rochester Adams (32). Each of those schools have had long-time head coaches entrenched for at least eight years -Oak Park's Greg Carter (eighth season) at the low end and Harrison's John Herrington (49th season) at the high end.

The only other two OAA teams with non-losing records since 2013 are Auburn Hills Avondale (23-23) and Berkley (25-25). Every other OAA team owns a below .500 mark.

Following is a brief synopsis of each Superb Seven team over the past five

1. CLARKSTON (55-9): Clarkston is the run-away standard bearer. The Wolves have won at an amazing .860 clip, averaging less than two losses per season. Coach Kurt Richardson's powerhouse has landed three state championships (2017, 2014, 2013) and have never missed the playoffs. They own a 17-2 playoff record. Clarkston registered a perfect 14-0 record in 2014 - its first perfect campaign in program history. Richardson, starting his 31st season, is second only to Herrington in OAA sen-

2. BIRMINGHAM GROVES (42-13): Groves, under veteran head coach Brendan Flaherty, has captured three con-



Oak Park head coach Greg Carter (left) and Harrison head coach John Herrington have led their respective teams to a combined 77 wins and nine playoff berths over the past five seasons. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

was a runner-up the previous two seasons. The Falcons were part of a threeway tie for the White Division title last year and captured outright crowns in the White (2016) and Blue (2015). Like Clarkston, Groves has not missed the playoffs over the past five years. Groves' crowning moment, of course, was the memorable 2016 season, when it registered a program record 11 games en route to the Division 2 state semifinal, where it fell to eventual state champion Detroit Martin Luther King.

3. FARMINGTON HARRISON (42-16): Even though Harrison will be closing its doors following the 2018-19 school year, the football program has remained a power under Herrington, who last year became the state's winningest head coach. In fact, the Hawks advanced to the Division 3 state championship game last year, where they lost to Muskegon. Harrison owns a 9-4 playoff record the past five seasons, missing the postseason just once (2016). It has won outright or tied for the White Division title three times, finishing second in 2013.

West Bloomfield missed the playoffs in 2013, but has been a postseason participant each year since. Last year, the Lakers posted their best season ever with an II-3 record and a trip to the Division 1 state championship game, where they met up with a familiar foe, Clarkston. In a baseball-type final score, Clarkston won, 3-2. Over the past four years, West Bloomfield has won two Red titles and finished second twice under Ron Bella-

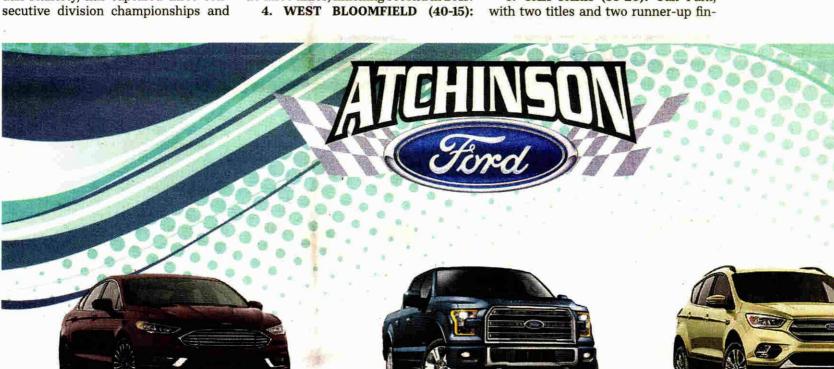
5. SOUTHFIELD A&T (35-20): From 2013-15, Southfield competed in the White Division, where it won the title twice and tied for second. In 2014, Southfield advanced to the Division 2 state semifinal game, where it lost to Catholic League powerhouse Warren De La Salle. After consolidation with Lathrup, veteran head coach Tim Conley's Southfield A&T team moved up to the Red Division and tied for the title in its first season. Conley's four-year playoff streak ended last year when the Warriors posted a 5-4 record.

6. OAK PARK (35-20): Oak Park,

ishes, has been a perennial White Division contender under Carter. The Knights have been in the playoffs every year since 2013, advancing to the Division 2 regional championship game for the first time in program history last fall. In each of the past two years, Oak Park was eliminated from postseason play by the eventual state champion — Warren De La Salle last year and Detroit Martin Luther King in 2016.

7. ROCHESTER ADAMS (32-19): Rochester Adams moved up to the Red from the White last year and posted a nine-victory season, including a 21-14 triumph over Clarkston. The Highlanders, coached by 16-year vet Tony Patritto, tied for the Red title last year with West Bloomfield. Adams earned its second straight playoff berth -third in the five-year span - losing in a Division 1 semifinal to Utica Eisenhower.

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Jets soar to senior league championship

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There was no denying who ruled the Northwest Parks and Recreation Association's Men's Senior Softball League this summer.

The Birmingham Jets, whose home field is at Kenning Park, captured both the 2018 regular-season and postseason 55-over tournament championships. The league's other teams represent the Waterford, West Bloomfield, Rochester, Lake Orion, Clarkston and Oxford areas.

The Jets took the regular-season crown with a 20-4 overall record. On Aug. 8, the Birmingham squad completed its three-game sweep of the twogame elimination playoff tournament.

In winning each crown, Birmingham defeated the Waterford representative. Birmingham was the NWPRA's runnerup last season.

"It was a very good year for the Jets," said team member Jack Burns, a Birmingham resident who helps keep the stats. "It was totally a team effort and these guys were pumped.

"And I'll tell you what — this was an interesting team," he said. "I'd say almost half of them probably still work and they're all still over 55. It's a network team. They're not all just Birmingham residents.

"A friend has a friend and he wants to play. A friend has a friend and he wants



The Birmingham Jets recently won both the NWPRA's regular-season and postseason championships in the Senior (55-over) Softball League.

to play. And over the past two years now, this friend of a friend thing has jelled together as a team. And, oh man, these guys play good ball.

"The good part about these guys is that there aren't any prima donnas," he added. "If we lose, it's not because one of them wasn't there. I think the total roster is 16 or 17 and we have to play 11. So bench half of the game, there is never a

Mark Riley and Rick Sherline served as Birmingham's co-managers. The other team members were Harold Grossbart, Floyd Joyner, Matt Riley, Lee Eisenberg, Ron Silberstein, Richard Gorosh, Lyle Schaefer, Bruce Kaye, Mark

if 13 show up and two are sitting on the Amhowitz, John Shea, Lawrence Reedus, Bob MacMillan, Paul Lubanski, Larry Smith and Burns.

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Teams

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the last two years. Slazinski hauled in 80 passes for 1,013 yards and nine touchdowns last year, setting a state record for single-game receptions with 22 in the season-ending game against

Both graduated and are now playing in college - Paddock at Ball State University and Slazinski at Grand Valley State University.

That dynamic duo will certainly be missed.

But Loria must replace more than Paddock and Slazinski - he returns just three starters on offense and two on defense - if he hopes to again lead Bloomfield Hills to the top half of the challenging OAA Red Division.

"The Red is extremely competitive," said Loria, whose team won the OAA Blue championship in 2016 before moving up to the Red last year and finishing with a third-place mark of 5-2. "We graduated a lot of kids from last year's team, but these seniors have kind of taken the reins and made sure the work got done this summer and to get where we needed to be.

"We have to grow up as the season goes and, if we can get better week in and week out, we'll see what happens," he added. "But they're a great group of guys."

Bloomfield Hills will be inexperienced on both sides of the ball.

The team's leading returnees include seniors Jacob Gasso (running back/defensive back/kick returner) and Darrin Mack (wide receiver/defensive back), plus junior Alec Ward (wide receiver/ defensive back). Ward and Mack are the two returning defensive starters.

Seniors Mike Kramer (two-way lineman), Ethan Polselli (center), Parker Haisha (offensive line/defensive end) and Grant Fox (running back/linebacker) are other players to watch.

The Black Hawks finished with 6-4 last year, losing in the first round of the playoffs to eventual Division 1 state runner-up West Bloomfield.

OPENING GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 23

home vs. Utica

Groves

With a 42-13 overall record and five straight playoff appearances, Groves has been on a tremendous run since the 2013 season.

Groves finished 7-3 last year on the heels of a record-setting 2016 campaign, when it advanced to the Division 2 state semifinals and logged 11 DeWald wins in the process. It has won at least seven games

in each of the past five years.

"I think it's been a combination of things," head coach Brendan Flaherty said, reflecting on the reasons for that success. "We've been able to keep a consistent staff, a very committed staff and that helps keep the core there. The players have been playing Birmingham Patriots football, so they have more experience coming into our program.

"And our guys are just committed," he added. "They wake up wanting to be better football players. That's all part of it. We're fortunate in this day and age, when football is under attack - and it is - that we have young guys who want to be better football players. They believe in the system of the team."

The Falcons figure to rely on a strong defense, anchored by seven returning seniors in Jacob Edelman (end), Tyriq Heard (tackle), Charlie Riddle (end), Damonte McCurdy (safety), Khalil Dawsey (corner, Harvard commit), Josh Salter (corner) and Henry Van Faussien (strong safety).

Offensively, Groves has to make up for the loss of Chaise Ford, the fleetfooted spark-plug of a running back, and elusive quarterback Tyler Newitt. McCurdy (tailback) and junior Markis Alexander (quarterback) figure to fill those key positions in Groves' run-oriented, multiple-formation offense.

Salter and Van Faussien will serve as captains.

"Markis was a backup on the varsity last year, kind of neck-and-neck (with Newitt)," said Flaherty, starting his 18th



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season. "Even though he didn't start a game for us, he got a ton of experience and played a bunch. He's a real good leader and a cerebral guy. He's pretty good and we're excited."

Oddly enough, Groves was involved in two games last year that went three overtimes. The Falcons defeated host Farmington Harrison during the regular season and then lost their first playoff game to Brother Rice in thrilling outcomes.

"I've never been in two games which went three overtimes before," said Flaherty, whose first two games are at home. "We were fortunate in one. We were on the road and went for two and got the win. And Rice was a good team and they got us.

"This year, we have some good leaders and they are a tough, smart group of guys," he added. "Our thing is we just want to keep getting better. Last year, we had the Harrison win - and it was a huge upset win for us, but we kind of flat-lined after that. The schedule is brutal for us and we just want to get better each week, which we didn't do last

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Seaholm

It's been a tough four-year stretch of football at Seaholm in the OAA White Division.

The Maples last had a winning record in 2013, when they played in the OAA Blue. That season - head coach Jim De-Wald's second year at the helm - they went 9-2 and made the playoffs. If 2013 was DeWald's zenith season, last year, at 1-8, was the nadir.

Seaholm's lone win was over Berkley (49-6) in Week 2. The Maples finished with seven straight losses. However, four of those eight losses were by two points or less, including a tough 35-33 setback to district rival Seaholm.

The bottom line is Seaholm was moved from the OAA White Division, where it managed just eight combined wins in four years, back to the OAA Blue.

While the move offers a sense of renewed optimism, DeWald is simply looking to move his program forward, no matter what division it plays in.

'We preach all the time and this year is no different, it's not who we play, it's how we play and that's all I'm concerned about every week," DeWald said. "Every year, it's 'How did we play today?,' 'How did we practice?,' 'How are we going to play on Friday night regardless of what team's helmet is on the other side?

"That's what we really try to preach and that's the proper message," he added. "The Blue is very competitive with three really good teams in Royal Oak, Avondale and Ferndale.'

Seaholm will play this year with sev-

en returning starters. Seniors Max Schumaker and at

Chase Mentag, both three-year starters, return on both sides of the ball.

Seniors Alex Oancea and Max Lloyd, plus sophomore Caden DeWald, are returning offensive linemen. The other returning defensive starters include seniors Tre Hairston (line), Paul Jokisch (line), James DeWald (linebacker), Will McBride (linebacker) and OC O'Connor (linebacker). Jokisch missed the majority of last season due to injury. Gray Kinnie, a senior who also sat our

his junior season with a torn ACL, is an inspirational leader as the starting quarterback. Kinnie, McBride and Lloyd will serve as team captains.

"I think we way underachieved last year, being 1-8," DeWald said. "We fell down way too many times and I was very frustrated as a coach and it's my responsibility to get these guys to perform better. That's our only goal this year - to quit making turnovers and play as hard as we can for as long as we can and move forward.

'We're excited. We have a lot of good pieces and we have a great senior class," he added. "I've never seen a class like this in all my years of coaching - how close they are as a team."

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Hurdle

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probably would not have needed to leave, but I did not know that for sure and I did not want to leave them hanging. I even told Mike (Cowdrey, the district AD) and R.J. (Guizzetti, the Bloomfield Hills AD) that I'm not retiring, that I'm resigning and I might very well be back shortly. Whether it be in Bloomfield or somewhere else, I don't know.

"I'm already missing coaching. We're what, four days into (the season) right now?" he added. "I'm sitting here wondering, what was I doing? What was I thinking? I'm having withdrawals."

Hurdle began coaching in the Bloomfield Hills district at Andover High

School in 1977. After five years, he left the Barons program to coach the fledgling program at Oakland University and made an immediate impact.

Sterling coaching career

In just his third season, Hurdle led the Pioneers (at the time) to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship. He would finish his 11-year tenure at OU with two league titles and two runner-up trophies en

route to an overall 248-150 record. Hurdle was inducted into Oakland University's Hall of Fame in 2007.

In 1993, he returned to Andover, where he coached the Barons until the school combined with Lahser to form Bloomfield Hills to start the 2013-14 academic year. He was hired to coach the newly former Black Hawks program, leading them to the Class A district championship in 2015 with a four-set victory over Birmingham Seaholm.

Hurdle's Black Hawks finished 36-12 last year and they figure to return with another strong team for new head coach

Hurdle's sterling 41-year coaching career included 25 years at Andover, 11 seasons at OU and five more at Bloomfield Hills.

'You know what? It's been a great run and I loved every moment of it.," said Hurdle, a West Bloomfield resident and retired teacher. "Volleyball has obviously been a huge part of my life. Like I said, I'm going through a little bit of a withdrawal right now.

"I've had it very, very good in Bloomfield Hills. The program is fully support-

ed. I'm probably going to coach middle school volleyball for Bloomfield and, as we get close to next fall, I'll decide what I'm going to do. I'm not ruling anything out and that's why I told them it's not a retirement, it's a resignation.

"The bottom line is, if you care about the program, the program has to sustain itself and, to sustain itself, it has to have a coach who is going to be totally committed and I didn't know if I was going to be totally committed in the fall and that wasn't fair to the kids.

"Bloomfield Hills will return with a nice foundation and a fair amount of experience this year," he added. "There is a lot of talent in the program and it has some great young players."

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When it's OK to say no to a promotion

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romotions are often wonderful and momentous occasions on our individual career journeys but are they always the right move? The answer might not be as clear cut as you think.

Sure, promotions typically come with new challenges and opportunities (and more prestige and a bigger paycheck), and bring you one step further up the ladder to professional

But the opportunity for a promotion may come at an inopportune time or under lessthan-perfect circumstances, and it's OK if you're not sure if it's right for you.

This may sound counterintuitive to everything you've been taught about getting ahead, but the wrong move can actually have the reverse effect — and lead you in the wrong direction career-wise or make you feel less professionally satisfied and fulfilled.

Still skeptical? Consider the following scenarios in which it might be wise to turn down a promotion.

The "second job" promotion

Sometimes, getting a promotion isn't as much about shifting to a new job as it is about piling a bunch of new



responsibilities on top of your current job - and chances are you aren't going to earn two full salaries to reflect the fact that you're doing two jobs. This scenario is likely more of a "road to burnout" than a recipe for happiness, and you may be setting yourself up for failure if you can't shoulder the weight of all your newfound tasks in addition to the ones you already handle.

If you suspect the promotion you've been offered falls into this category, you may want to think twice before accepting. Many folks who do this find themselves in a much less enjoyable position.

The "off-track" promotion

After being in the job market for a while and getting to know the ins and outs of the industry we've chosen to work in, most of us have a pretty good idea of how we'd like our career paths to unfold - including the steps up the career ladder. But what should you do if you're offered a promotion that could take you off track? This situation happens more often than you might think, and it means weighing a set of pros and cons before making a decision.

A step up the career ladder might mean more prestige, re-

sponsibility and pay, but it also might set you on a different professional trajectory. Are you OK with that? Some folks who accept such a promotion wind up feeling less satisfied with their jobs and struggle to get back on their original career paths. When deciding whether or not to accept an "off-track" promotion, be careful of chasing short-term gains at the expense of long-term goals.

The unbalanced promotion

When we dream about our next promotions, we tend to assume that the benefits will outweigh any potential nega-

tives. But what if this isn't true? If the offer comes with a price tag that's steeper than the rewards being offered (perhaps it requires a relocation or responsibilities that you're not eager or ready to take on, or maybe the new salary and benefits aren't quite what you were expecting), it may make sense to pause and think carefully before accepting. Remember, when most employers make an offer, they are not averse to negotiating the terms in an effort to make both sides happy. If handled carefully and professionally, you might get what you're hoping for. If you don't, it might make sense to say no.

In many instances, an offer of a promotion is a reason to celebrate - but not always. If you've been presented with an offer, resist the urge to blindly accept. Take a step back and fully weigh the pros and cons. If the deal isn't in your best interests, then be bold and negotiate. In the end, if the offer just isn't right for you, it may be smart to decline and continue to do your current job to the best of your abilities until a better offer comes along.

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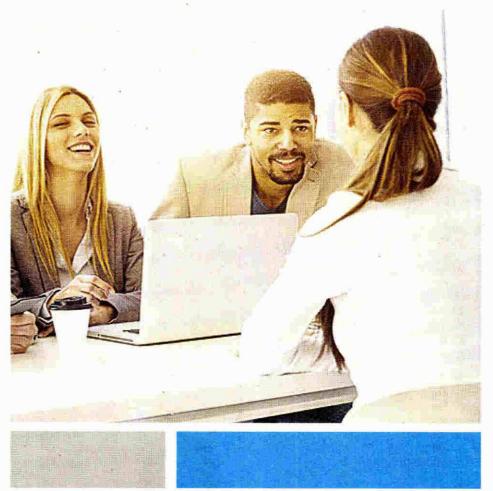
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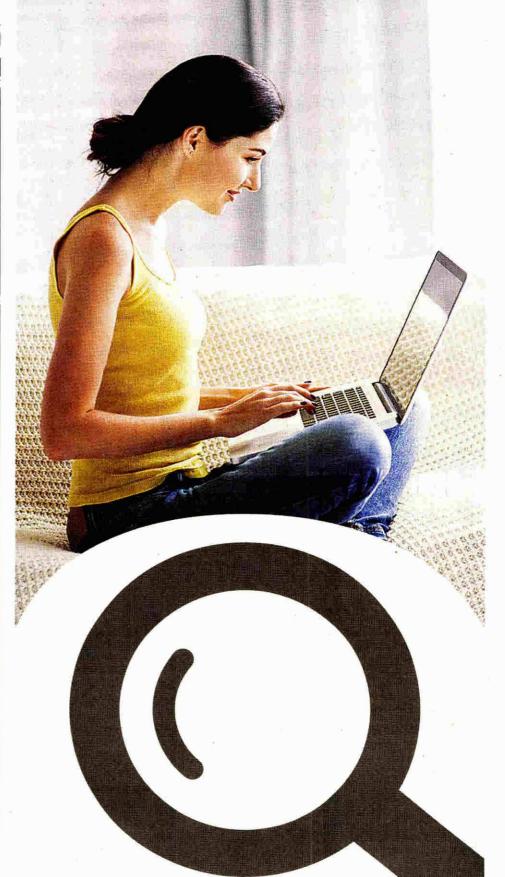


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City of Livonia - 07/23/18 1,853nd Regular Meeting Synopsis Present: McIntyre, Meakin, Jolly, Kritzman, White and Toy.

Absent: Bahr

#259-18 Approved minutes of the 1,852nd Regular Meeting of the Council held on June

Audience Communication: None.

Several items were received and filed for the information of the City Council. #260-18 Approved block party request for August 4, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

on Summers Street, between Mayfield and Westmore.

Approved block party request for August 11, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. #261-18 on Woodring Street, between Oregon and Vermont.

#262-18 Approved block party request for August 11, 2018; from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

on Fairfax Drive cul-de-sac in Bicentennial Estates. Approved block party request for September 8, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 #263-18

p.m. on Sussex Street, between Sherwood and Fitzgerald. #264-18 Approved sidewalk waiver requirement for home located at 16135 Henry Ruff.

Approved appointment of Stephanie V. Roehl to the Plymouth Road #265-18 Development Authority for term to expire May 16, 2021.

Approved sale of City-owned property at 29149 Morlock for sale price of #266-18

#267-18 Approved pay schedule for Seasonal Laborers effective January 1, 2019.

#268-18 Approved hourly rate increase for legal services provided to City by law firm of Keller Thoma. Awarded bid for consultant services to OHM Advisors for Bennett Library #269-18

Fresh Air Intake Room repairs, from budgeted funds. #270-18 Authorized purchase of (2) 2019 Freightliner single axle dump trucks and (1)

2019 Freightliner tandem axle dump truck for Public Service Division, from budgeted funds.

Approved revision to previously approved contract with Etna Supply Company for water meters and supplies, from budgeted funds. Approved waiver use petition submitted by Wade Shows to conduct carnival

#272-18 from August 9, 2018 through August 12, 2018 in parking lot of Sears. First Reading was given to an Ordinance amending Section 28 of Zoning Ordinance.

(Petition 2018-03-01-04) Second Reading was given to Ordinance amending Section 100 of Title 2 of Code of

Ordinances. Second Reading was given to Ordinance amending Section 17 of Zoning Ordinance.

(Petition 2018-01-01) Approved Planned Residential Development of Heritage Square of 50 site

condominium lots for property at 36900 and 36910 Mallory Drive, former Clay Elementary School site, subject to conditions.

Awarded bid for replacement of Air Handling Units #1 and #2 at City Hall, #274-18 from budgeted funds.

#275-18 Approved petition to operate a child care center, Andrews Angels Academy, located at 30931 Seven Mile. (Petition 2018-04-02-09)

#276-18 Approved petition to modify exterior appearance of existing party store, Levan Wine Shop, located at 32617 Plymouth Road.

#277-18 Approved rezoning petition and referred to Law Dept. for prep of Ordinance re: properties located at 34405, 34401, and 34407 Ann Arbor Trail submitted by

Cross Winds Court. (Petition 2018-02-01-03) #278-18 Approved revisions to Section 23.01(a) of Zoning Ordnance which required written consent of 55% of residential property owners within 400' radius of

property lines of proposed day care center as a condition of waiver use. #279-18 Referred subject of ballot proposal re: legalization of recreational marijuana

to the Public Safety, Health and Environment Committee for its report and recommendation

Audience Communication: None. Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk. Susan M. Nash

Livonia City Clerk

Published: August 19, 2018

CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Garden City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on *Thursday*, *September 13*, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on proposed amendments to Section 154.165 (Medical Marijuana Facilities) of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance. Major changes include limiting the number of medical marihuana facilities in Garden City pursuant with State Law

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a meeting of the City Council of Garden City held on August 6, 2018, the City Council adopted an amendment to Section 154.005 (Definitions) and Section 154.030 (Lighting Requirements) of Zoning Ordinance to address lighting around windows and architectural building features.

This amendment to the lighting regulations of the Zoning Ordinance shall be effective eight (8) days following its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135 during regular effects because City, MI 48135 during regular office hours.

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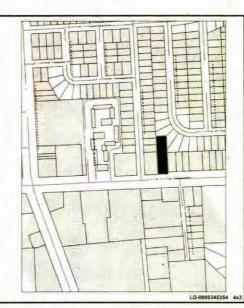
A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2220, Proposed Land Division, Parcel #006-99-0003-001, 30922 Ann Arbor Trail, North Side of Ann Arbor Trail, East of Merriman Road (Lois E. Mc Dermott)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

> Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman Westland Planning Commission

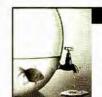


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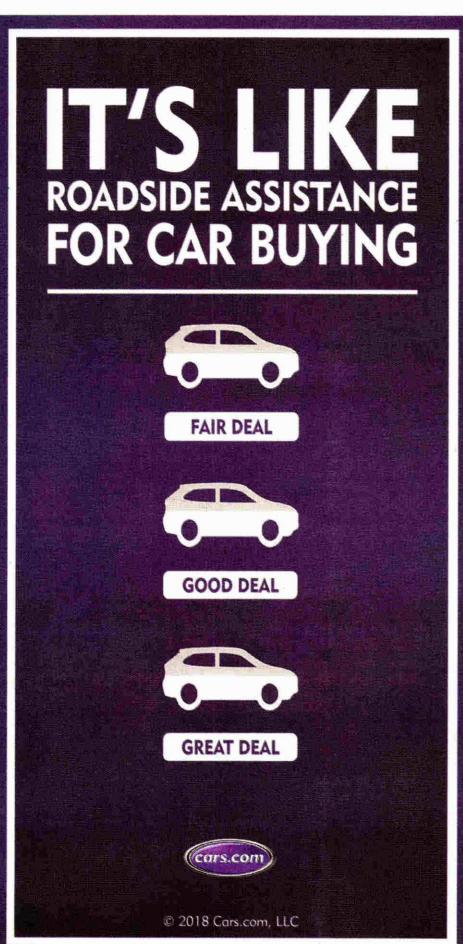
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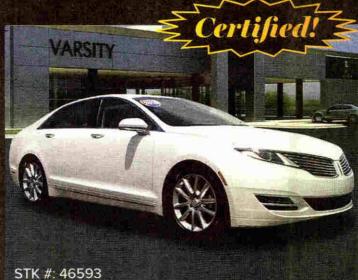
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