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Baby unhurt during Taser incident

Bystander video prompts criticism on social media

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Police in Westland are investigating an incident in which officers used an electronic stun weapon on a man as he held a baby outside his home Friday

The incident prompted a storm of criticism on social media. The baby was

not hurt, according to police, and the man was arrested on several charges.

Chief Jeff Jedrusik, while cautioning that the use-of-force investigation was in its early stages, said during a Monday afternoon press conference that the baby was taken from the man's arms just as the Taser was deployed.

That was a change from a statement police issued earlier Monday that said the child was not in the man's arms as

the Taser was used.

A bystander video circulating on social media showed a woman grabbing the child as the stun gun is first heard. The nighttime video does not show the Taser touching the man, but Monday's initial police statement said it was applied directly to his back.

Jedrusik said the way the Taser was used could not affect anybody in contact with the person on whom it was

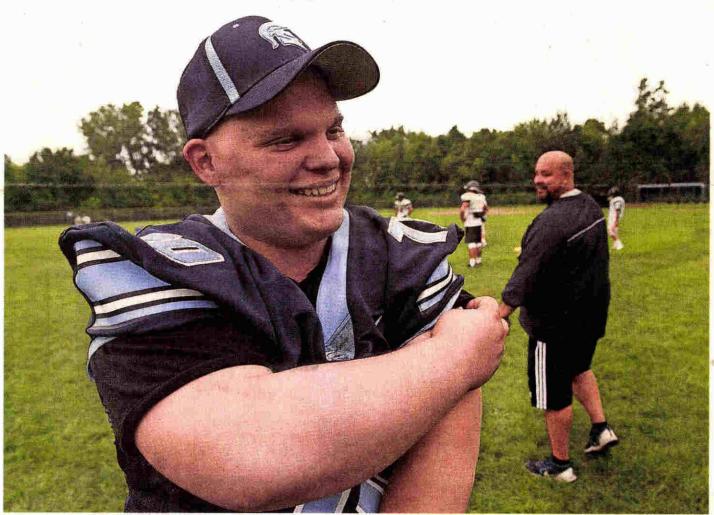
Police said the child was examined by Westland paramedics, who found no in-

juries, and Jedrusik said officers had stabilized both the man and the child, to ensure the two would not be injured, before using the Taser. In the video, the man is shown surrounded by at least three officers just before the Taser is

Jedrusik said the man was gripping the baby so tightly, officers were concerned the child would be harmed.

According to statements made on the video, the baby is two-month-old boy.

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Ed Belea is still a valued team member, according to Spartans coach Randy Micallef. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

DOWN, BUT NOT OUT

Stevenson senior Belea rises to challenge following Hodgkin's diagnosis

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High school football players live for "Friday Night Lights" and hard-hitting encounters on the gridiron.

They also think they are infallible, that bad things aren't supposed to happen to kids in their prime. Yet they sometimes do. Just ask Ed Belea, a 16year-old entering his senior year at Livonia Stevenson.

"I'm sorry Ed, but you have cancer." Those words, spoken May 7 to Belea by a doctor at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, belted the 5-foot-7, 300-pound lineman like a sledgehammer of unfathomable power - much, much harder than the most violent open-field hit.

"It's much worse," Belea said, stand-

ing on the sidelines during a practice he'd do anything to be smack in the middle of. "I've had a lot of collisions as a lineman and it's nothing compared to the few words saying you have cancer. It's just nothing. ... Nothing can mentally prepare you.

The bad news was confirmed May 12 at University of Michigan C.S. Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he heard the official diagnosis of Stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma. His football playing career was over.

But his life isn't - with the Stevenson football brotherhood helping spur Belea through a rough summer of chemotherapy and beyond.

Leader of the pack

Now, it's his turn to help them. On See BELEA, Page 3A

Friday, Aug. 24, the Spartans open their season against Plymouth at Michigan Stadium. Although Belea won't be in the lineup for the 3:30 p.m. Kensington Lakes Activities Association contest, he will be the first player rushing out of the tunnel.

And he is done with his aggressive schedule of chemo and hopes to find out by the end of the month whether the cancer is in remission.

"It's amazing, it's great, leading the team out," Belea said. "It's just going to feel like I'm part of the team again."

Teammates Hadi Beidoun and Dalen Cobb would rather their buddy still be wreaking havoc on the line of scrimmage, of course.

"He is one of my best friends. We've

Suspect charged in deputy's hit-and-run death

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Criminal charges were issued Saturday in the Aug. 14 hit-and-run death of Wayne County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Lee Smith.

Desmond Robinson, 47, of Detroit was formally charged in 34th District

Court in Romulus with one count each of reckless driving causing death, failure to stop at the scene of a fatal accident and tampering with evidence. Magistrate Linda Mack ordered Robinson held without bond; he is due



Robinson

Thursday, Aug. 30, in Westland's 18th District Court for a probable cause conference.

Smith, 55, was off-duty and jogging westward along the shoulder of Hines

Drive in Westland shortly after 10 a.m. Aug. 14, when he was struck by a vehicle that police believe had been traveling east. He was pronounced dead at the scene.



Smith

An around-the-clock investigation involving

several agencies, plus a tip from a citizen made via Crime Stoppers, led police to Robinson, who was arrested by Westland officers in Garden City at about 5 a.m. Aug. 16, police said in a press conference later that day. A black 2012 Buick Enclave believed to be the one that struck Smith was recovered in Inkster about an hour later.

If found guilty of reckless driving causing death, Robinson could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison. Failing to stop at the scene of a fatal accident is also a 15-year felony if it is found that the defendant caused the

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Cultural experience awaits at Greek Festival in Plymouth

Organizers of the annual A Taste of Greece cultural festival in Plymouth say the event is a chance to make time for some Greek fun.

The 14th annual festival takes place 5-II p.m. Friday, Aug. 24; noon to II p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25; and noon to 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 26, at Nativity Church, 39851 W. Five Mile, in Plymouth Township.

More than 7,000 people journey to Greece right in their own backyards at this cultural festival with the sights, sounds and tastes of Greece.

Live Greek music can be heard, traditional Greek dancing can be seen and traditional Greek food, including spinach pie, gyros and saganaki (flaming cheese), as well as famous Greek pastries including loukoumathes (a tasty and sweet doughnut-type treat), can be tasted.

There is also a Greek taverna with Ouzo slushies, a marketplace and a coffee house with the best Greek coffee in town. Church tours are available as well as Orthodox Christianity exhibits. A kids corner with bounce houses, slides and games will entertain children.

There is a free shuttle service from the Bosch parking lot next door and admission is \$2 (free with three non-perishable foods for Northville Civic Concern and free for children under age 12). A Taste of Greece was named the sec-

ond-best festival in the Detroit area two years ago.

For more information, go to http://www.nativityfest.org.



Various aspects of the Greek culture will be on display Aug. 24-26 at the annual A Taste of Greece festival.

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The man referred to the boy several times as his son. Police said the child was turned over to the mother.

The man, whom police did not identify, was arrested and charged with assault and battery, disturbing the peace, vandalism, child neglect and other charges, police said. He was also wanted on outstanding warrants, police said.

Police said they didn't know whether he had been formally arraigned; Westland's 18th District Court closed at 4 p.m. Monday, just as the press conference was beginning.

Officers had been dispatched to the neighborhood, south of Palmer and west of Venoy, on a report that a man and a woman had assaulted another woman and vandalized her car, police said. Another caller around the same time, Jedrusik said, said the man was walking down the street threatening people.

The man who ended up getting arrested took the baby from a bystander part-way through an argument with police, after being threatened with arrest. Police and at least one witness can be heard urging the man to calm down and police tell him to relinquish the baby.

"Our officers were faced with a difficult tactical decision on how to take this man into custody while still trying to ensure the baby's safety," Jedrusik said. "We are in the process of conducting a thorough investigation to determine whether policy and procedure was correctly followed and whether the incident was handled in the proper manner."

After the Tasering, a witness is heard on the video stating that the man had the baby in his hands. "Not when he got Tased he didn't," an officer replies on the

"He had plenty of warnings to let go," another officer says. "He had plenty of chances to calm down."

Mayor William Wild said Monday morning on Twitter that he had asked Jedrusik to conduct an investigation; the police statement said all use-offorce incidents are investigated.

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accident.

Smith, a 26-year sheriff's department veteran, was a Redford Township resident and is survived by a wife and a 28-year-old son.

He had worked numerous jobs in the department and was a longtime member of the park patrol unit at the time of his death; he was also an instructor in defensive driving, horsemanship, firearms use and other skills.

"By all accounts, Sgt. Smith was a dedicated, passionate, and skilled member of law enforcement who was going to retire soon," Kym Worthy, the county prosecutor, said in a press release. "In the blink of an eye, the alleged actions of this defendant destroyed the lives of his family, friends, fellow officers and the many others he had yet to positively influence."

A funeral service is planned for 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. Seven Mile, east of Telegraph, in Detroit, with family visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will take place at Detroit Memorial Park West on Plymouth Road, west of Telegraph, in Redford.

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been together since sixth grade," said Beidoun, a senior lineman. "When I first heard the news, it was just terrifying, but I knew he was the strongest person to ... go through it."

Cobb, a senior linebacker and running back, took off his helmet and shook his head about the dose of perspective Belea's ordeal has taught the rest of the squad.

"Yeah, you never know when it can be taken from you," Cobb said. "Take every moment you can get from it and don't take it for granted. You never know when it's going to be taken away from you, like it was taken from Ed."

Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said the team wasted no time deciding that Belea would lead the team onto the Big House turf. Belea is in a non-playing "utility" role of sorts with the Spartans, doing whatever he is asked to do.

"He's going to be the first one out of the tunnel, the first one leading our group," Micallef said during Friday morning's practice. "He's excited about it and I think it's kind of given him a little bit of an opportunity ... to look forward to a day.

"He's been at U-M a lot for his treatments, now he's got a chance to get back on the field and be there for another reason that's a little bit more positive."

Humor helps

Micallef said the burly lineman's quick wit and ability to deliver the best dead-pan one-liners also will help the team stay loose and connected.

"Ed's personality is bigger than a lot of high school kids," he said. "And through all of this, Ed has his comedic way of looking at things."

There is no doubt Belea still is able to crack jokes and smiles, despite his personal trauma. To illustrate, he removed his team cap to reveal a completely bald dome.

"It was crazy," Belea said. "I had a nice fade, it was short on the sides, a little long on the top. I'd spike it up in the front. But right now, I'm rocking out the bald look. I'm matching with coach."

Of course, he'd like nothing better than to still have his head covered with brown hair — or to be strapping on the pads and playing in the opener.

'Find out what's wrong'

It all changed in a whirlwind of pain, agony and angst during the spring.

As April morphed into May, Belea started getting back pain. There were random fevers and night sweats. He went to a clinic, was told he probably had a virus and was prescribed ibuprofen.

But Belea remained in agony and, May 7, he visited Stevenson athletic trainer Erin Pavlovich for some



Ed Belea and athletic trainer Erin Pavlovich watch practice. Pavlovich told Belea it was time to go to the hosptial after medical professionals failed to find a cause for his serious pain. BILL BRESLER |

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guidance.

"The pain in my back was so bad, I went in for help and Erin gave me a heating pad and she told me 'After this, go to the hospital, find out what's wrong," Belea said. "So that's what I did. I went home, I told my mom (Simona) and we went to the hospital."

The original bad news arrived after hours of scans and other medical tests. He and his parents were given the choice to transfer to C.S. Mott in Ann Arbor or Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and they decided on the former because of its excellent oncology department.

Then May 12, Belea found out the true severity of his illness — he had Stage 4 Hodgkin's, because it had spread beyond the lymphatic system.

Even then, Belea maintained his sense of humor.

"I was diagnosed and, when they told me the results, they told us from the start they believe it's Hodgkins and that it's treatable," Belea said. "And when the results finally came in, I looked at my mom.

"She didn't like me playing football, because I'll get hurt and everything, but I love football. I love hitting and I love being with team and all that. And I looked at her and I told her 'You got your wish' and we laughed it off like it's a joke."

Sickening reality

Yet statistics about lymphoma are no joking matter. The American Cancer Society estimates that 8,500 new cases of Hodgkin's lymphoma will be diagnosed in 2018.

According to the National Cancer Institute, the fiveyear survival rate for Stage 4 patients is about 65 percent.

Those are grim statistics. But like taking on an op-

posing lineman, Belea did not shy away from the literally sickening treatment he faced.

"It's crazy how it sounds, but I'd rather take the pain that I had in the back over the chemo," said Belea, now 325 pounds despite not wanting to eat much of anything. "I get mouth sores, a lot of nausea. I don't have an appetite. ... It messes with your body, it messes with your health. It makes you feel uncomfortable.

"The first day is when they pump all the medicines in and the feeling you have after chemo, it's a seven- to nine-hour day and, when you get home, you're mind is just so exhausted and your body has so much energy. It feels so uncomfortable. It's the most uncomfortable feeling I've ever had in my life."

Watching his Stevenson teammates go through some slow-motion line drills, Belea realizes he won't ever be able to get back in the football trenches.

Challenges await

A different kind of battle awaits him, regardless of whether doctors soon proclaim him cancer-free or not. At the top of the list is eating better and getting healthier.

"I definitely got to eat better, because my cancer fed off sugar," Belea said. "I always ate sugar and, you know, just knowing the things you liked made it worse for your body, it was a weird feeling.

"So I want to eat healthier. And then next week, I want to get in the gym, finally, because I'm able to."

Returning to school, where Belea carries a 3.8 grade-point average, also will help him with his overall mindset.

Plus, everybody else around the football team will be boosted by having Belea around.

"We've got to do everything for Ed, because we know he'd give 110 percent every day," Cobb said. "So we got to work hard for Ed, we got to do this for Ed, because we know he'd love to be out there competing with us."

All about perspective

Beidoun — who more than anybody else on the squad makes it a daily point to check up on his pal — threw his arm around Belea.

"He's just the guy everyone likes, he's funny, he's there, he jokes around," Beidoun said. "Everyone loves him, he just does everything for us."

Including being a constant reminder that blown assignments and defeats really aren't that devastating. Just ask Belea.

"I just hope they realize that it's not every day that you get to be out here as a family and practice," he said. "It's just take it for what it is and don't take it for granted.

"Being on the field, I'd do anything to be back on the field and hit."

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Bridge connecting Livonia park path coming this fall

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Runners looking to connect their route along Curtis Road north of Stevenson High School will soon have their wishes granted.

A new pedestrian bridge is scheduled for installation later this fall at the newly renamed Harry Tatigian Park and Nature Preserve, formerly Helman Park, at 34501 Curtis. The bridge will connect the east and west portions of the park, allowing runners and walkers to easily travel the park and connected paths.

It's just the latest step for the city in identifying areas of Livonia to make them more walkable and bikable in the coming years

"This project was identified as a park of the Bike/Walk Livonia plan and this is going to provide east/west access to the Curtis dead end on the west side of the park," said Ted Davis, superintendent of parks and recreation for the city.

The Livonia City Council reviewed plans for a contractor to install the bridge during its Aug. 8 study meeting and decided to move forward with Novibased Brock and Associates for \$141,025 after putting the project out for bid. The council placed the contract on the next regular meeting consent agenda, meaning the award is all but approved.

Davis said work will begin this fall and is expected to wrap up by the end of November.

In addition to city budgeted dollars, the Healthy Livonia initiative has pledged \$60,000 to assist with costs for the project. This is the same organization that helped provide more money for the new universally-accessible playground that opened at Rotary Park earlier this summer. That helped provide funding after the city was turned down for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, council Vice President Jim Jolly said.

"Although it's a bridge, this is kind of many ways a bridge to the future of our Livonia parks and rec programs and offerings," Jolly said, "because it will con-



The sign outside the newly-renamed Harry Tatigian Park and Nature Preserve off Laurel. A new bridge is scheduled to be installed in the park later this year. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tribute to the overall Bike/Walk Livonia plan, it's going to allow us to further use an under-utilized park."

The park was renamed during the Aug. 8 regular council meeting in honor of Tatigian, a former city attorney.

Davis said the bridge is the first big step the city's taken to implement the Bike/Walk Livonia plan, which was reviewed and put into place several years ago.

"If you look at what people are looking for, it's connectivity," Davis said. "And this is the first step for us in connecting through a park, through an area. The plan is eventually you'll be able to ride a bike or walk all the way from Bicentennial (Park) to Rotary Park."

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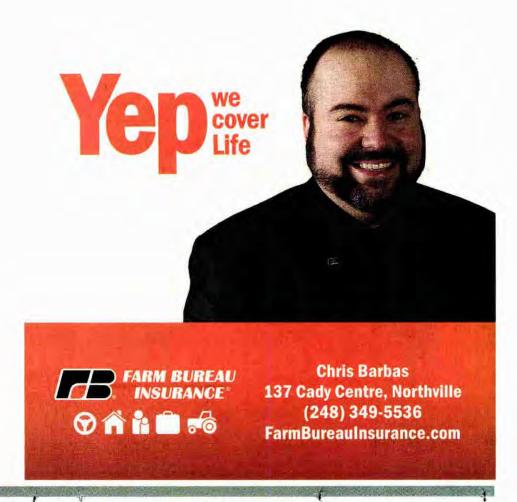
Money Matters
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A couple of articles I read recently have caused me some concern. The first dealt with an increase in spending by the typical American family. The article pointed out that, across the board, Americans have increased their spending. The article attributed the increase to the improved U.S. economy, the new tax law and the favorable job market. The other talked about how charge card debt and auto loans are increasing, along with the rate of default. What is troubling to me is that, unfortunately, Americans are not saving more or putting away more for their retirement.

There's no doubt that the economy and the job situation have improved. For the last three months, there are more employers that have job openings than people who are unemployed. As a result, people are more secure in their jobs than they've been in a long time. It is also true that, because of the new tax law, people are finding they have more money in their paychecks.

their paychecks. But Americans have not learned their lessons from the past. As opposed to taking the extra money in their paycheck and investing it, Americans are spending more and increasing their debt level. I certainly have no problem with someone rewarding themselves for their hard work, but we have to be adults with our money and do what is responsible. Although our economy has improved and people have more security in their jobs, the number of people that cannot afford to retire has not declined. My recommendation is, before you spend your extra money, you first con-

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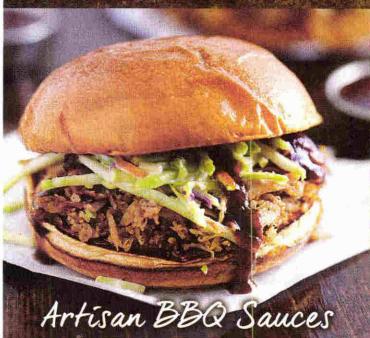
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Who decides exactly what your name is?



The Bible tells the story of when God was ready to send his Messiah to Earth, he wanted someone who would announce that the Messiah had come. So God sent an angel to an old couple who had never been able to have children: Zachariah and Elizabeth.

The angel tells Zachariah that he and his wife are going to have the forerunner of the Messiah and they are to name him "John." Zechariah responds, "You know, I don't think that can happen because we're old and we've never been able to have children." The angel gets mad and says, "That's it! This is a message from God and since you haven't believed God, you're not going to be able to speak until after the baby is born!"

Elizabeth does get pregnant and, nine months later, she gives birth to the boy. The relatives give a writing tablet to Zechariah (who still can't speak) and ask him what he wants to name the boy. There was really only two options in ancient Israel. You either name your son after yourself or after your father. So the relatives were

astonished when Zachariah wrote on the tablet, "His name is John!" That is, "His name is what God says it is!" Zachariah finally got it.

Who gets to name you? Who gets to tell you your value and worth? For many years, this has been a flaw/defect/shortcoming of mine. I listen to other people instead of to God. Maybe the reason goes back to my family growing up (what they call "Family of Origin"). My dad rarely gave us affirmation and then he just left our family. But my mom was always affirming me. She'd say, "Dean, God made you special. He has something great for you to do. This world needs you." So I don't know where the tendency came from to care more than I should about what other people say or think about me.

As I wrote in my last column, I've started doing a study of the Bible to find out what God says about me.

I learned that I'm accepted by God. Romans 15:7 says, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you." There's a little chorus we sing in my church that goes like this: "I'm accepted. Accepted. I'm accepted by the one who matters most." And, as the Scripture says, when I understand that God has accepted me, it leads me to accept others.

Another thing I've learned is that I am not con-

demned by God. Romans 8:1 says "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." I know so many people who carry around loads of guilt and shame, but they don't have to. I've done a lot of wrong and foolish things in my past, but the Bible says I'm not condemned. I don't carry that guilt and shame because, through faith in Christ, he has taken those off my shoulders. Whenever someone reminds me of some foolish thing I've done in the past, I cringe at the memory, but then I think of how God doesn't remember it. He's excellent at forgiving and forgetting.

One more thing I've learned is that I have instant access to God. Ephesians 3:12 says, "We have boldness and confident access to God because of Christ's faithfulness." Because Jesus is faithful, I can talk to God anytime I need to. I can be *confident* that he listens.

That's who I am. Child of God, made in his image, God's work of art, holy and loved. How about you? Who do you listen to? Who gets to name you?

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sider your personal financial affairs. As opposed to spending the extra money, here are a couple of thoughts you should consider.

The first area you should consider putting extra money in is an emergency fund. Everyone needs an emergency fund they can tap into in time of need. My general advice is that people keep three to six months of living expenses in an emergency fund. If it costs you \$5,000 a month to live, you need between \$15,000 and

\$30,000 in an emergency fund. I don't care how secure you are in your job, things happen. The emergency fund of money is to protect you so that you do not have to tap into your investments in times of need, nor do you need to incur additional debt. I recognize that emergency money is not going to get a very good rate of return, because you should invest it in money markets and CDs, which are not paying much. Having an emergency fund is an essential building block in keeping your financial house in order. Before you increase your spending, establish an emergency.

I also recommend that you save for your retirement. If you're working, you need to save at least 10 percent of your earnings for your retirement. After all, the

question you have to ask yourself is, if you retire in your mid-60s, do you have enough resources to last you 30 years? If you don't, you need to increase the amount you're saving for your retirement. I've always said that we live in the greatest country in the history of the world, but there's nothing worse in this country than to be old and poor. When you're old and, you don't have resources, you have very few options. When you don't have options, it also means that the quality of your life will suffer. Before you increase your spending, look for ways to save for your retirement.

A few ways to save for your retirement would be to pay off high-interest rate debt, like charge cards, increase the amount you're contributing to your 401(k) or other salary deferral programs or consider starting a traditional or Roth IRA. I cannot stress enough how important it is, no matter what your age, to save for retirement. Retirement is not like it was 50 years ago, when you could mostly get by on your Social Security. We live in a time when, if you're going to maintain the quality of your life, you must have a rising income throughout your life. The only way to do that is to save, save and save more for your retirement.

I recognize that you work hard and you're entitled to reward yourself, but it is important you learn you have to live for today and save for tomorrow. If you only live for today, your tomorrows are not going to be so good and that is not what you want.

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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; Chief Curtis Caid of the Livonia Police Department; and Sgt. Chris Cox of the Northville Township Police Department.

For more information, contact nwwayne@familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

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 p.m.

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.

St. Mary addiction series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia is offering an ongoing series titled Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do. Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of each month, September through May, in Classroom 11 on the fourth floor. Sept. 4, 11 and 18 are the next series dates.

No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livonia saveouryouth.org or 734-338-9580.

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.

The day (usually about six hours) starts at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at the HYPE Recreation Center. Material, equipment, T-shirts and lunch, plus refreshments, are provided on-site. Youth groups are welcome, with one adult for every five youth volun-

For more information or to volunteer, 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 oneon-one assistance with their research during an event scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 2777 Five

Registration is required and can be found at Tail Waggers fundraiser www.livonia.libcal.com/event/4340521.

Ladywood Class of '78

The Ladywood High School Class of 1978 will celebrate its 40th reunion Saturday, Sept. 8. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with Mass at the Felician Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft Road. After Mass, dinner is set for 7 p.m. at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 W. Five Mile Road.

For more information and to have a private invitation sent to you, go to "Ladywood Class of 1978 Reunion" on Facebook.

Bishop Borgess Class of '78

The Redford Bishop Borgess High School Class of 1978 will hold a 40th reunion dinner dance buffet at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. The cost is \$60 per person and includes cash bar with casual dress.

Send a check or money order, payable to Diane Chiola, to 20712 Fairview, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 or use Pay Pay account http://PayPal.me78.

Children's Sabbath

A Children's Sabbath will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, in Wayne at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. Come and learn about the prom closet, which offers the opportunity to "borrow" a dress for a nominal fee so girls can attend their prom for very little money. For more information, call 734-721-4801.

Caregivers event

The First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square,

in Wayne will host a seminar for grandparents and/or caregivers 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12. No child care available at this time. For more information, call 734-674-7239.

Westland library book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold the group's next book sale info Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 13-16, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Hours are 3-6 p.m. Thursday (preview sale), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday (bag day, \$4 per bag).

Church rummage sale

A fall rummage sale is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 13-15, at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Towne Square, in Wayne. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday (bag day, \$3 or \$6 for bag to fill). For more information, call 734-721-4801.

Tail Waggers 1990, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is hosting its inaugural Cruisin' 4 Critters, a motorcycle fundraiser, Sunday, Sept. 16, at Dick Scott's Freedom Powersports, 36534 Plymouth Road, in Livonia. Registration is 9:30-10:45 a.m., with the cruise at 11 a.m. Registration costs \$25 per rider or \$35 with a passenger.

The motorcycles will start and end at Freedom Powersports. The Wayne County Sheriff Department will escort the riders for safety on a ride to last approximately 2½ hours. A brief stop at the turnaround will give riders a chance to refuel, use restrooms and get a drink. While pre-registration for the ride is recommended to ensure proper headcount for the after-party, ride-ins are welcome until 10:45 a.m.

Following the cruise, a picnic-styled after-party will be provided by the Blue Plate Diner of Livonia, featuring a 50/50 drawing, music, vendors and alumni animals. All money raised directly benefits Tail Waggers' animal care services.

For more information or to register for the event, go to www.tailwaggers1990.org or call 734-855-4077.







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Obituaries

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Laura B. Barber

DETROIT - Laura Barber, age 95, was born October 11, 1922 in Detroit, Michigan to Henry Lee and Birdie Faye (Straughan) Pigg.

After graduation from Mackenzie High School in Detroit, she immediately entered the workforce holding a progression of jobs, including

that of comptometer operator with the Michigan Bell

Telephone Co. On August 22, 1943, Laura married Charles N. Barber, a native of southern Illinois, at the Detroit residence of her parents. The marriage continued for 75 years, until her passing. She is survived by her husband, as well as her son and daughter, Gary N. (Penny Greiling) Barber of Hillsdale and Gail L. (Jeffrey) Whaley of Toledo, Ohio. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Samantha (David) Allen, Jennifer Barber Clark, and Kevin Whaley, and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Leanna (Jasper L.) McCutchan of Akron, Ohio.

Laura and Charles were long-time residents of Livonia, Plymouth, and Northville, Michigan prior to imoving to Hillsdale (BawBees Lake) in 2004. After raising her family, Laura returned to the workforce and served twenty years as the assistant to the personnel manager for the Kroger Co. (Bakery and Dairy Divisions) in Livonia. She was a member of the D.A.R. and had been a cub scout and girl scout leader. An accomplished seamstress, she found great joy and creative satisfaction in needlework of all kinds. Hand-quilting was her specialty, for which she was highly acclaimed. Several of her quilts won ribbons at the Hillsdale County Fair, including first place and best of show several years running.

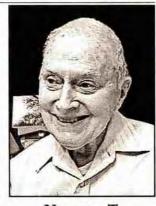
A family memorial/celebration of life will be held at a future date. Interment will be in Swanwick (Perry County), Illinois. Arrangements by Eagle VanHorn Funeral Home-Hillsdale Chapel. http://www.eaglefuneralhomes.com

Donna Marie Keough

PLYMOUTH - Donna Marie Keough of Plymouth, died August 19, 2018. She was 76 years old. Donna was born in Detroit to Stanley and Marion Baloh on February 19, 1942. Donna was the beloved wife of William Keough for 53 years. She is also survived by her two loving chil-

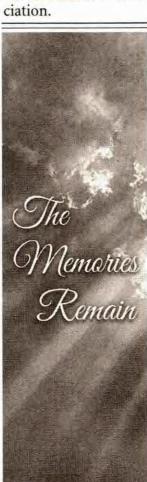


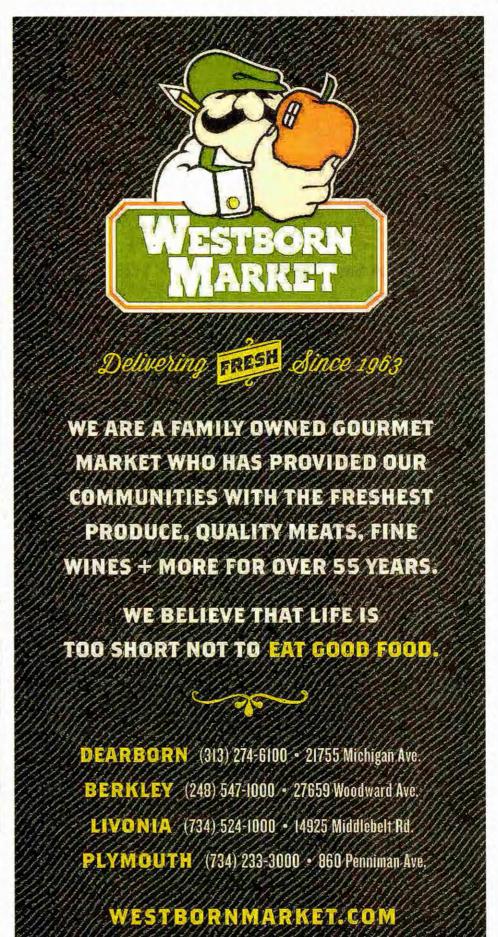
dren Shawn (Chrissy) Keough and Shane (Colleen) Keough, her four precious grandchildren Carley, Megan, Griffin, and Brady Keough, her dear brother Bruce Baloh, her nephew Bruce Jacob Baloh and her niece Brandy Lynn Baloh. Visitation will be Wednesday, August 22, from 2-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170 with a Rosary Service beginning at 7pm. Her Funeral Mass will be Thursday, August 23, at 11am at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, 48187. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Angela Hospice, or the Plymouth Historical Museum.



Norman T. Wollscheid

- - Age 92, passed away on August 15, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Janet. Loving father of Susan (Lamont) Haverkate, Nancy (Eric) Johnson, John (Jean) Wollscheid, Robert (Karen) Wollscheid, William (late Carrol) Wollscheid, and Joyce Colling. Cherished grandfather of 14, great grandfather of 16, and longtime friend of Virginia Macko. Preceded in death by siblings Marie, Nicholas, Charles, and Donald. He enjoyed his work at Westinghouse Elevators. Visitation Thursday, August 23 from 3-9pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral Mass at 10:30am (10am instate) at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, Northville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Asso-





Obituaries

Doris Sams Bouchard

BIRMINGHAM
DORIS SAMS
BOUCHARD, age 92, of
Birmingham died peacefully at her residence on
August 9, 2018. Doris was
born on June 20, 1926
in Bay City, MI, daughter of the late William
and Erilla Sams. She was
also preceded in death
by her husband of 38



years, Donald Bouchard, as well as sons Donald Bouchard II and Jeffrey Bouchard.

Doris is survived by her son Sheriff Michael (Pam) Bouchard; grandchildren Donald Bouchard III, Rebecca Bouchard Townsend, Colin Bouchard, Jordan Bouchard, Kyle Bouchard, Travis Bouchard, Mikayla Bouchard, Michael Bouchard II, and Jacob Bouchard; and great grandchild Grayson Townsend.

Doris was a gentle and classy lady, with a penchant for making everyone laugh. She was a member of the Junior League and Northbrook Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir. A voracious reader, she also loved musicals and classic movies, especially "Gone with the Wind." Doris was the last of the finishing school generation, having attended Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She then attended the University of Michigan, joined Chi Omega sorority and graduated in 1948.

Doris traveled the world and made a wonderful group of friends, but she most enjoyed spending time with her family. Affectionately known as "Grandma Doe" to her grandchildren, she would often sing them "Won't You Come Over to My House."

Private family services and entombment were held at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Southfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 25200 Telegraph Rd, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48033. Arrangements in care of Pixley Funeral Home, Rochester. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.pixleyfuneral.com. Known for her attention to detail, if there was a typo in this obituary Grandma Doe would have fixed it. She will be greatly missed.





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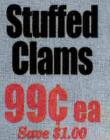
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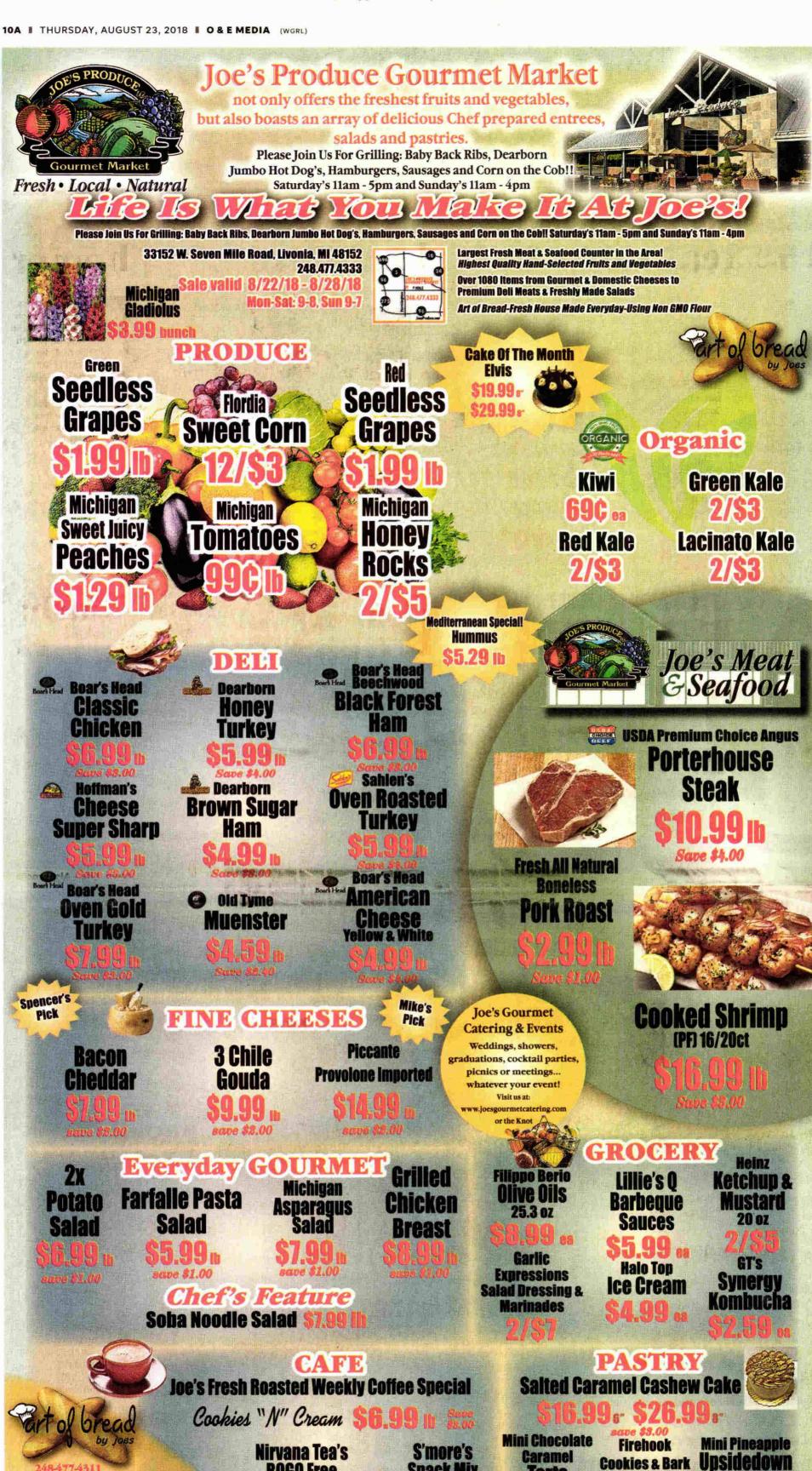
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The 'real story' behind LaMarre's first homer

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In this day and age of social media, there's fake news - and then there's other fake news.

After White Sox outfielder Ryan La-Marre belted a 387-foot homer in his first at-bat Aug. 14 at Comerica Park, local, national and Chicago media outlets reported that an uncle had caught the ball in the stands.

The headline in the Chicago Tribune screamed: "You couldn't dream it up."

The 29-year-old LaMarre, who grew up a Tigers fan, was born in Royal Oak, graduated from Jackson Lumen Christi

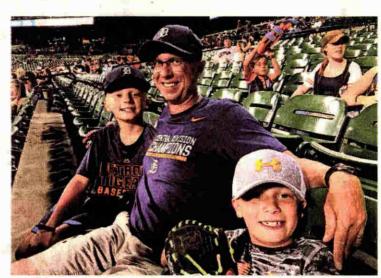
High and played at the University of Michigan. Online newspaper accounts reported that LaMarre's wife Whitney, his parents and grandparents, along with other relatives and friends, were in the stands.

Storybook stuff, right? What are the

Not to be confused with Babe Ruth calling his shot or Roy Hobbs knocking the cover off the ball in "The Natural," but it didn't quite happen that way.

The ball was actually snagged by Livonia teacher and coach Dave Bjorklund, who was at the game with his two sons: Tyler, 9, and Ryan, 7.

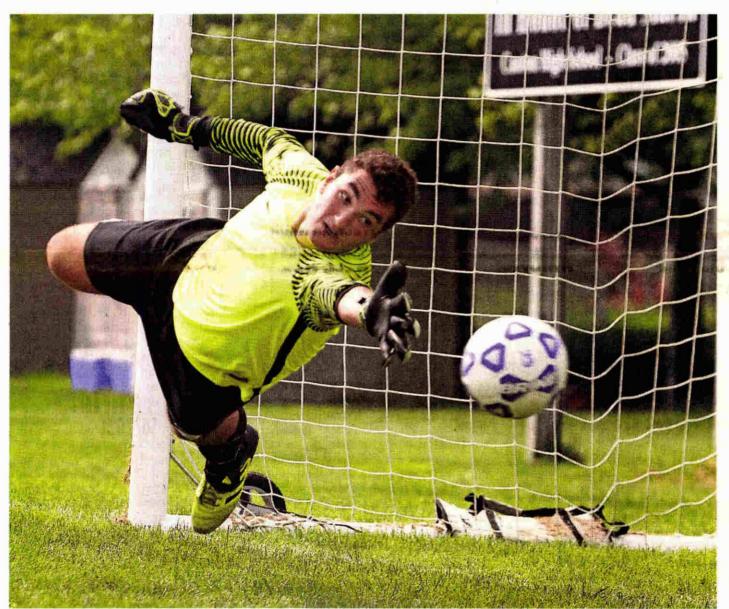
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Franklin cross country coach **Dave Bjorklund** (middle), with sons Tyler (left) and Ryan, caught Ryan LaMarre's first major league homer at Comerica Park.

BOYS SOCCER

A FINE START



Salem senior goalkeeper Buraq Oral tries for the save in vain during a shootout win over defending Division 1 state champion Detroit Catholic Central. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Salem keeper Oral makes key save to win Balconi Invite

Brad Emons hometownlife.com

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

When it comes to penalty kick shootouts, it's really a roll of the dice.

Salem senior goalkeeper Buraq Oral would be first to admit that, as he guessed right to make a sprawling stop of Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Drake Midgley during the third round of PKs.

And the save proved to be pivotal as the Rocks captured the annual Balconi Invitational, 1-0, over the defending MHSAA Division 1 boys soccer state champions at the Canton's Soccer Sta-

Salem and CC had played to a scoreless draw during the 60-minute final of the eight-team tourney, forcing PKs to determine the winner.

"Honestly, I just take a spot where I'm going to dive to and then I show I'm going to go the other way just to confuse the player," Oral said. "It's really all chance, in my opinion."

Salem scored four of its five PKs, capped by the game-winner by Andrew Schwartz after teammates Thomas Dono, Bryan Rodwell and Nolan Chaput also converted against CC keeper Andrew Nicholsen.

Michael Palushaj and Jack Leuker converted for CC, but the Shamrocks missed their first attempt and were denied on their third PK by Oral.

"Burag, he's a stud back there for us," Salem coach Kyle Karns said. "I told him, 'Just tip the scales, give us one or two saves' and I was confident

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PREP FOOTBALL

5 to Watch: **Best games** for Week 1

Brad Emons

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It's that time of year again, my 40th season of covering high school foot-

It's not time for a gold watch just yet, but it's a safe bet there could be some golden match-ups during the opening week of games in the Hometown Life Alsobrooks coverage area.



Along for the nine week regular season ride and playoffs, our three sports prognosticators will give our readers a sneak peak at some of the top area games each week.



Here are this weekend's marquee match-ups, which our

5 to Watch

Novi Detroit Catholic Central (8-5) vs. Walled Lake Western (8-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Wayne State: Western has a new coach in Alex Grignon, who gets to coach returning quarterback Sam Johnson (Boston College commit) and 6-foot-6, 295-pound tackle Spencer Brown (Michigan State commit). Catholic Central counters with returning tight end Mike Harding, QB Marco Genrich and linebacker Samih Beydoun. Picks: Emons (CC), Budner (CC), Smith (Walled Lake Western).

West Bloomfield (11-3) at Birmingham Groves (7-3), 7 p.m.Thursday, Aug. 23: This has turned into a nice little rivalry between Oakland Activities Association schools. West Bloomfield, featuring potent wide receiver Tre Mosley (Michigan State commit), went all the way to the Division 1 final before losing to Clarkston, 3-2, while Groves reached the Division 2 tourney. Picks: Emons (West Bloomfield), Budner (West Bloomfield), Smith (West Bloomfield).

Livonia Churchill (8-3) at Canton (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24: These

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in our shooters, so he did that. He made a save and kind of tipped the scales in our favor."

Oral was a starter during his junior year and he's optimistic about Salem's 3-0 start, which also included a 2-1 semifinal win over Canton and 3-1 first-round triumph over Rochester Adams.

"I'm really excited that we won," Oral said. "To play on this team this year is looking incredible, so I'm very excited for what we're going to do. I love the feel of community that this team gives. It gives me a place where I belong. I've made incredible friends and incredible connections on this team and I'm just super-excited for this season."

In the victory over Canton, Aidan Walsh scored the game-winner for Salem on a header late in the second half from Josh Stevens.

Rodwell also scored a goal for the Rocks, while Bennett Austin tied game for Canton off an assist from Nick Provenzano.

Oral was in goal Salem, while Ian Nielsen was in goal for Canton

Stevens, Rodwell and Dono scored for Salem in the win over Adams, while Buraq and Riley List split time in goal.

"It's a good day when you can play yourself into a final," Karns said. "It's tough when you have the heat and try and find your legs underneath. CC is ob-



Salem's David Burt (left) tries to maneuver around Catholic Central defender Matt Ampunan during the final of the Balconi Invitational. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

viously coming off a state title and to be able to compete and win a game kind of sets you up a good season."

CC survived a PK shootout to beat Plymouth, 1-0, in the opening round after the two teams battled to a scoreless draw for 60 minutes. Nicholsen was the hero for the Shamrocks in the shootout, as he made six saves and scored a PK himself along with Midgley and Palushaj.

Plymouth went 2-of-6 in the shootout, getting goals from Justin Wojcik and Alex Bowser. Senior Ryan Schmatz

and junior Jack Reed split time in goal for the Wildcats.

CC reached the championship with a 1-0 semifinal victory over Saline as Nick Johnson scored the game-winner from John Willemsen.

Goalkeeper Justin Johnson made two key saves in the first half, while combining with Nicholsen (second half) for the shutout.

"Overall, it's a good day," CC coach Gene Pulice said. "In the Balconi, you kind of try and do some different stuff. Sometimes you put out your best and sometimes you fall a little short for the victory. But all in all, I was happy with our guys and our performance. Losing in a PK shootout — things can be worse."

Meanwhile, Canton acquitted itself quite well, going 2-1 on the day.

The Chiefs earned a 1-0 first-round win over Utica Eisenhower on Austin's game-winner from Justin Gottschalk, while Nielsen earned the shutout.

In the final game, Canton got a pair of goals from Provenzano to beat Adams,

For Plymouth it was a frustrating day.
The Wildcats settled for three scoreless draws in regulation play, losing a
pair in a shootout to CC and Walled Lake
Northern, while also battling Saline to a
0-0 deadlock in the consolation round.

Northern went 5-of-5 on PKs, while Plymouth was 3-of-4, getting goals from Cam Cieslik, Bowser and Alec Rogers.

Contact Brad Emons at bemons@hometownlife.com.



The Franklin High girls and boys cross country teams were in attendance Aug. 14 at Comerica Park.

LaMarre

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Bjorklund, the Franklin High girls cross country coach, was part of what has become an annual outing with the boys cross country team (coached by Pat Koelzer) at Comerica Park.

The Franklin runners were grouped in Section 150, along the fifth and sixth rows behind the White Sox bullpen, just to the right of all the retired Tigers numbers and statues.

LaMarre's uncle and some of his relatives were reportedly sitting a couple of sections over.

"That ball just happened to bounce off that (bullpen) roof, it ricocheted and I grabbed it off, like, the second or third bounce," Bjorklund said, "and what you can see in the video it's totally me."

Bjorklund suddenly found himself the most popular fan in his section.

"So, like, within a minute of me getting that — after some kid tried to trade me a ball — I said, 'No, dude, I've never caught one in my life at Comerica Park," said Bjorklund, a Farmington Harrison grad. "So the next thing I know, this guy is heading over to me and he said, 'Hey, can I get that ball?' And I'm, like, 'No.' He said, 'That's my nephew that hit that.' And I'm, like, 'OK, I'm not really buying that one.' He said, 'He's Ryan LaMarre, he's from Royal Oak and that's his first major league home run.' I was, like, 'Who would come up with that that quickly?'"

After some deliberation, Bjorklund believed the story began to pan out and a brief negotiation began with La-

Marre's uncle.

"I'm, like, 'I don't know,'" Bjorklund said. "And he said, 'Dude, I'll give you some money for it.' I said, 'I really don't want your money, whatever.' I said, 'OK, you can have it.' He gives me, like, 40 bucks, which I tried to give back to him. But he doesn't want that and I give him the ball. The story sounds legit enough. Then I started to Googling the guy (La-Marre) on my phone and that all kind of checks out."



This is not the game ball for Ryan
LaMarre's first major league homer,
but it was the next best thing, given to
Franklin teacher and coach Dave
Bjorklund later in the game courtesy of
the White Sox bullpen.

Following the game, won by the White Sox, 6-3, the legend of LaMarre's first big league homer continued to take a life of its own.

"You couldn't draw it up any better, at least for me, personally," LaMarre told The Tribune. "The fact it put us on top and held that way was even more spe-

LaMarre, who has appeared now in 82 major league games with five different teams, is hitting .273 in 22 plate appearances with the White Sox.

"I don't think anyone in the dugout knew it was my first homer, so when (pitching coach Don Cooper) found out about it, he called the bullpen to get that ball," LaMarre told the Tribune. "It was my uncle, he already had it. He was sitting up there. I don't know if he caught it on the fly or on the bounce, but he wouldn't give it back. He was bringing it over to my parents."

Well, it didn't exactly happen that

way.

"After that guy has the ball, the (White Sox) bullpen was yelling up to us," Bjorklund said. "So (the uncle) talks to the bullpen and that's why they all thought the uncle caught the ball. A couple minutes after that, a couple of other family members came down and we said, 'Some uncle came and grabbed

it."

Meanwhile, the Franklin coach did earn a small consolation prize.

"In about the sixth inning, (the uncle) came back over and gave me a different ball that LaMarre had thrown into the stands, which I gave to my son Ryan," Bjorklund said. "Someone else said, 'Dude, you should have gotten a bat.' I didn't know who it was, it wasn't some superstar or something. People said, 'You should have held out for an autograph.' I said, 'I guess, I don't know.' It all kind of happened so fast, too. (The uncle) was so worried about getting that. Usually you would think the organization would send somebody up to talk to you or something, but I think he had a lot of family at that game. And some other people came looking for it, too. I just said, 'Dude, if that's really true, then I want you to have the ball."

Bjorklund posted afterward what had occurred that night on social

"On Facebook, somebody said, 'I didn't know you were his uncle," Bjorklund said. "Now this thing is blowing out of control."

Not only did it turn out to be a memorable night for LaMarre, but also for Bjorklund.

"What's funny is that I've been to however many games and I've never come close to getting a ball, definitely not close enough where I ever had a chance of getting one," Bjorklund said. "I've had some a few rows behind me and bounce and never even been in the conversation about catching one."

Meanwhile, the Fox Sports Detroit cameras told the real story during the postgame highlights.

"If you look at the video of him hitting the home run, you can see ricochet out there and see me just as I'm holding it up in the air by a Tigers fan and the video cuts away," Bjorklund said. "I'm definitely glad he got it, being his first home run ... that's pretty cool."

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Games

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are two battle-tested state playoff teams. The host Chiefs welcome new coach Andy LaFata and return Division I recruit Darius Robinson, a senior defensive end. Churchill counters with third-year quarterback Drew Alsobrooks, running back Darrell Mason and slot-back and receiver Avery Grenier. Canton has won four of the last five meetings. Picks: Emons (Canton), Budner (Canton), Smith (Canton).

Livonia Stevenson (5-5) vs. Plymouth (4-5), 3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at Michigan Stadium: These two area teams will square off as part of the Battle of the Big House. First-year Plymouth coach Brian Lewis comes over from Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, while Stevenson returns six starters off a playoff team. Picks: Emons (Plymouth), Budner (Stevenson), Smith (Stevenson).

Livonia Franklin (11-3) at Northville (3-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24: The Patriots enjoyed a dream season last year, going all the way to the Division 2 state final. They rallied in the fourth quarter last year to beat Northville, 19-16. Franklin returns junior QB Jake Kelbert and running back Julius Simmons, along with top defenders Marino DiPonio and Cal Fournier. The Mustangs, coming off a rare off-year under coach Matt Ladach, will be led senior outside linebacker Novan Fernandez and senior nose tackle Emile Rizk. Picks: Emons (Franklin), Budner (Franklin), Smith (Franklin).

Bonus game

North Farmington (2-7) at Farmington Harrison (10-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24: This will be the 24th and final meeting between the two schools, with Harrison, a Division 3 state finalist a year ago, closing its doors for good in spring 2019. Harrison leads the series, 18-5. The Hawks feature the speedy Rod Heard, who plays corner and some QB, while Bob Chiesa begins his second year at North. Picks: Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Harrison).

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Detroit Catholic Central QB Marco Genrich, during the 2017 game against Brother Rice. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Harrison begins final chapter by hosting rival North in opener

Marty Budner

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High school football is here.

There are many story lines among the Farmington Public School teams in the Oakland Activities Association.



Williams

Can Harrison get to the playoffs in its final season under legendary head coach John Herrington?

Can Farmington ride the momentum of its two-game season-ending winning streak from last year?

Can the rebuilding North Farmington program bounce back after a one-victory season?

Following is a brief glimpse of each team.

Farmington

Kory Cioroch is beginning his second year as head coach after taking over from John Bechtel.

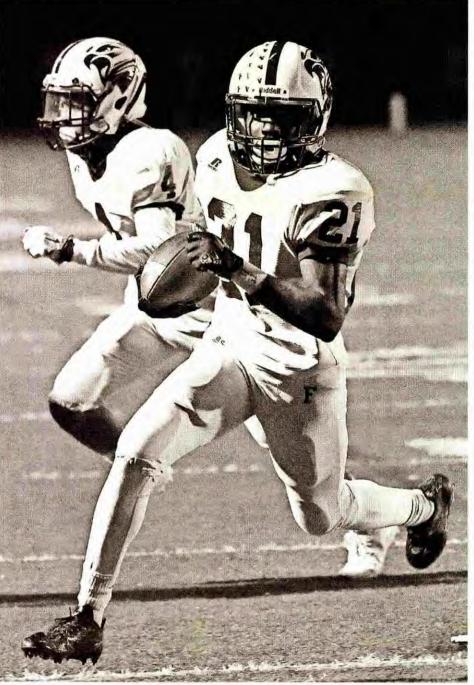
The Falcons were 3-6 last year (2-5 in the OAA Blue), but return seven starters both defensively and offensively, which is cause for optimism in itself.

However, Cioroch has assembled an experienced staff — headlined by former Royal Oak Shrine head coach John Goddard — which generates even more learning opportunities all around.

"We were lucky enough to hire John Goddard and his staff from Royal Oak Shrine," said Cioroch, whose team ended last year on a two-game winning streak. "Coach Goddard has been a coach in Michigan for nearly 50 years and, for a young guy like me, I couldn't be happier to have him with us and teach me how to run a program the right way."

Farmington is an experienced team with a potentially explosive running game, led by senior Kendall Williams. The third-year varsity veteran and second-year team captain led the Falcons in rushing the past two years, finishing with 1,200 yards and nine touchdowns last season.

Massive senior Donovan King, who missed last year with an ACL injury, will anchor both the offensive and defensive lines. Junior linebacker Jordan Turner, a returning captain, led Farmington in tackles (60) last fall.



Farmington senior and three-year starter Kendall Williams rushed for 1,200 yards and nine touchdowns last season. FILE PHOTO

"All three of those players are tremendous leaders for us and set the tone for our program," Cioroch said. "They do things right."

Senior Jayone Fletcher (wide receiver/defensive back) and juniors Jacody Sikora (wide receiver/defensive back) and Keion Shaw (running back/line-backer) will be others to watch.

OPENING GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 24 home vs. Berkley

Harrison

Although John Herrington prefers to downplay it, it's going to be a bittersweet season at Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Hawks have some talented players who figure to help the team contend for another OAA White Division championship and a playoff berth. Unfortunately, it's the program's 49th and final

season under the state's winningest head coach.

Herrington prefers to concentrate on the season's reality rather than its sentimentality

"There's going to be a lot going on about the legacy and the tradition," said Herrington, the only football head coach the school's ever had. "But basically, we're trying to not think too much about that as a team. I want it to be as normal for these kids as possible.

"Obviously, it's tough for the underclassmen not knowing where they will be next year or who they will be playing for," he added. "But we're just trying to all buy in one day at a time. We haven't changed a thing as far as conditioning or what we're doing. The only change is that all the coaches and players will be on varsity."

The Hawks were severely hurt by graduation — including the likes of all-star Ovie Oghoufo (Notre Dame), quarterback Noah Hendricks (Davenport University) and lineman Chris Rexroth (Hope College).

However, they do have 15 returning lettermen, including the extremely talented trio of speedsters Roderick Heard and Ben Williams — both members of the state championship 400-meter relay team — and massive lineman Maverick Hansen.

Heard, who will play football at Northwestern, led Harrison with more than 1,500 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns. He will be playing most every down this year on both sides of the ball, switching between quarterback and tailback on offense and in the backfield on defense.

"Rod is a good leader. He's a quiet leader, but a good leader," Herrington said. "He's one of the best tailbacks we've had, as far as vision and getting through a hole. That's why I hate taking him out of the tailback position, but he can do the same thing running a spread (as a quarterback)."

Williams will also spark the Harrison attack as a running back and defensive back. Hansen, a Central Michigan commit, will be an important leader in the trenches.

Seniors Dave Hiser (kicker/linebacker/quarterback), Vincent Rawls (fullback/linebacker), Caleb Williams (tight end/linebacker) and Sylvon Brown (tight end/linebacker) are other top re-

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PREP SPORTS

Sports coverage 2018 — what to look for

Dan Dear

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Last year, we made a concerted effort to focus our coverage of high school sports on our growing online readership — and the response from the communities we cover was impressive.

We are looking to have more fun and introduce more ways readers can be a part of the action with new weekly features, polls and an increased presence at games, practices and other events where we can interact with those involved in the high schools sports community.

Athlete of the Week

At the top of the list, we are returning our very popular Athlete of the Week poll. We will nominate each week six athletes, from any sport, posting the poll around noon each Monday. This year, we are extending voting an extra day, with the poll closing at noon Thursday. We select our nominations from witnessing performances at games we attend, but we also rely heavily on information sent to us by team representatives to LIV-Sports@hometownlife.com . Anybody is welcome to send information to help us select nominees. Emails should be sent by 10 a.m. Saturday for that week's performances. The winner will be announced online Friday afternoon and will appear in the following Thursday print editions.

5 to Watch

In football, we are introducing 5 to Watch, a weekly feature to publish online two days before the week's first games. 5 to Watch is our selection of the top five games to look out for that week with a short preview and staff predictions. This feature will also appear in the Thursday print editions.

Hometown Highlights

New this year we will also introduce Hometown Highlights, a weekly highlight video that will post each Monday, featuring the best clips from the previous week. A poll will be included so readers can vote for the best highlight. This is a great way to get your team featured. We are encouraging and accepting clips from parents, teams, students and more from games you attend during the week. Clips should also be emailed LIV-Sports@hometownlife.com, with subject Hometown Highlights. Using a service like gmail with cloud service is best, as video files can be quite large. Please limit clips to no more than 30 seconds.

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■ Tim Smith, storyteller: Tim has a way of weaving great stories like no other. He will be looking for behind-the-scenes stories, the off-beat and quirky, as well as those of courage, overcoming adversity and heartbreak. Tim will also be part of the Friday night football coverage team. Contact Tim with story ideas by email at tasmith1 @hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter @TimSmith_Sports

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Harrison

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turning players. Junior Max Martin is also in the quarterback mix.

The Hawks will need to work hard to manage their way through a rugged division schedule against the likes of Oak Park and Birmingham Groves. Those three teams tied for the White title last season with a 6-1 mark.

The good news in Harrison's final season is the Hawks will play both district rivals — opening against North Farmington and closing against Farmington — after not playing either of them last year.

Harrison was 10-4 in 2017, advancing to the Division 3 state championship game, where it lost to powerful Muskegon.

OPENING GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 24 home vs. North Farmington

North Farmington

Energetic head coach Bob Chiesa had a plan in his North Farmington debut last year.

The idea was to field a team of underclassmen and groom them for the next couple of seasons. Chiesa knew the Raiders would be going through growing pains with that philosophy.

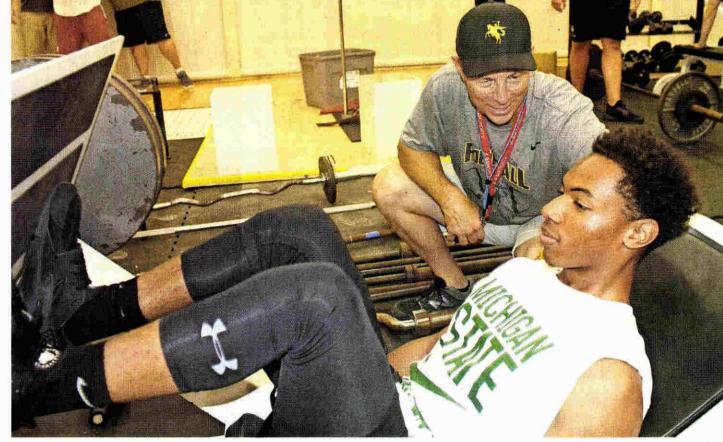
However, he hopes last year's learning experience will reap rewards this

"Probably the hardest decision I ever made last year was starting 18 sophomores and juniors," said Chiesa, who is assisted by Todd Pennycuff, Todd Negoshian, Nate McCray and Anthony Gayneir. "Most people would have thought I was out of my mind and it just turned me gray. But I knew to build a program, it's like with a company, you have to start with that foundation. So we did.

"We started 10 juniors and eight sophomores. That means this year, I have 18 guys with a year of experience and, the following yea,r I'll have some guys who will be three-year starters.

"The other thing is with me being hired essentially the first week of May, I didn't have time to bring in my staff," he added. "I got pieces of them. Now I have some more. On the offensive side, it's no secret, I'm bringing in the triple-option."

North Farmington has 15 different returning starters — eight on offense and



Second-year North Farmington head coach Bob Chiesa oversees a weight room workout by Raiders sophomore Andre Ballard. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

seven more on defense.

The returning offensive players include Myles Gresham, Klarc Crockett, Zach Wiggle, Shale Totin, Blake Morris, Richie Junttonen, Cameron Dunlap and Jalen Ferguson.

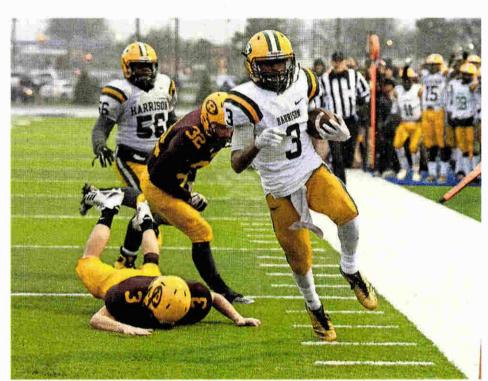
The defensive returnees are Jon Brunette, Kevin Prabhakar, Taj Cheathem, Matt Coleman, Chris Covington, Malik Hardy and Leon Agee.

Zion Tyler, a senior captain who figures to start at quarterback or running back, and Justin Bryant are two other players to watch.

"People who have been peeking in the weight room are saying that they haven't seen this many people out for the team in a long time," Chiesa said. "So the school is committed. They're backing us 100 percent. We have a new field and new jerseys this year."

OPENING GAME: 7 p.m. Aug. 24 at Farmington Harrison

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Senior Roderick Head, scoring a Harrison touchdown during last year's playoff game against Riverview, returns as one of the state's top tailbacks. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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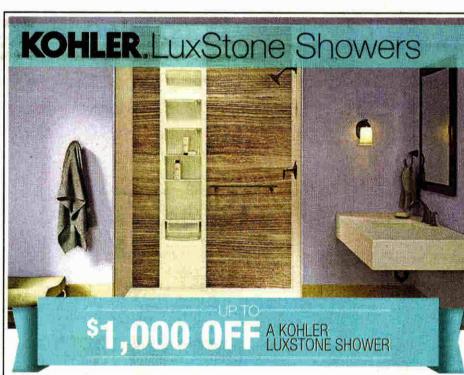


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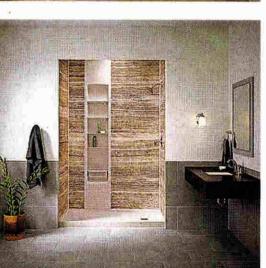
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WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2018-24

AUGUST 14, 2018

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT Recessed to Closed Session at 8:02 p.m., returned to open session at 10:40 p.m. Adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CITY OF LIVONIA ACCIDENT AND IMPOUNDED VEHICLES WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29, 2018 INSPECTION BEGINS AT 8:00AM **AUCTION STARTS AT 8:30AM** LOCATION: LIVONIA TOWING 12955 LEVAN, LIVONIA, MI, 48150

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland's Department of Community Development, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, on or before August 31st, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

32150 Dorsey - Window Replacement

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Proposals must be submitted by the time stated above or they will be returned. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

> Devin J. Adams Controller

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WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BID ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES 2018 BOND PROGRAM

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until 10:00 a.m. on September 6, 2018, for Construction Management Services for the November 2018 Bond Program. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Wayne-Westland Community Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

All bids must be addressed to:

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Attn: Mr. Tony Spisak, Ex. Director of Maintenance & Operations 36745 Marquette, Westland, MI. 48185

Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate plus one digital copy in PDF format and labeled: "Wayne-Westland Community Schools – Proposal for CM Services"

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or District Administration, and a signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. No bid shall be accepted that does not include these documents

In addition, there are minimum requirements for firms to be considered. Please refer to the bid documents for additional information regarding these requirements as well as other items which are required for a complete proposal.

The link to the Bid documents will be posted on the State of Michigan's website (SIGMA VSS),

https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=d6c88d02a431480086b0a9454e51

Documents will be available for viewing on or about August 17, 2018.

Please Contact Scott Smith, Senior Consultant, Plante Moran Cresa, via e-mail at scott. smith@plantemoran.com or via phone at (248) 767-5982 or LaMerra Hobbs @ lamerra.hobbs@ plantemoran.com for assistance with obtaining the RFP information should you encounter an

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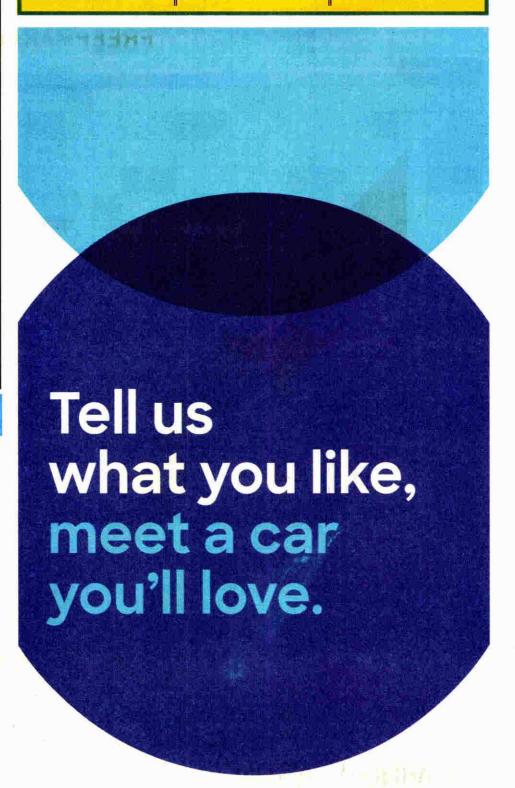


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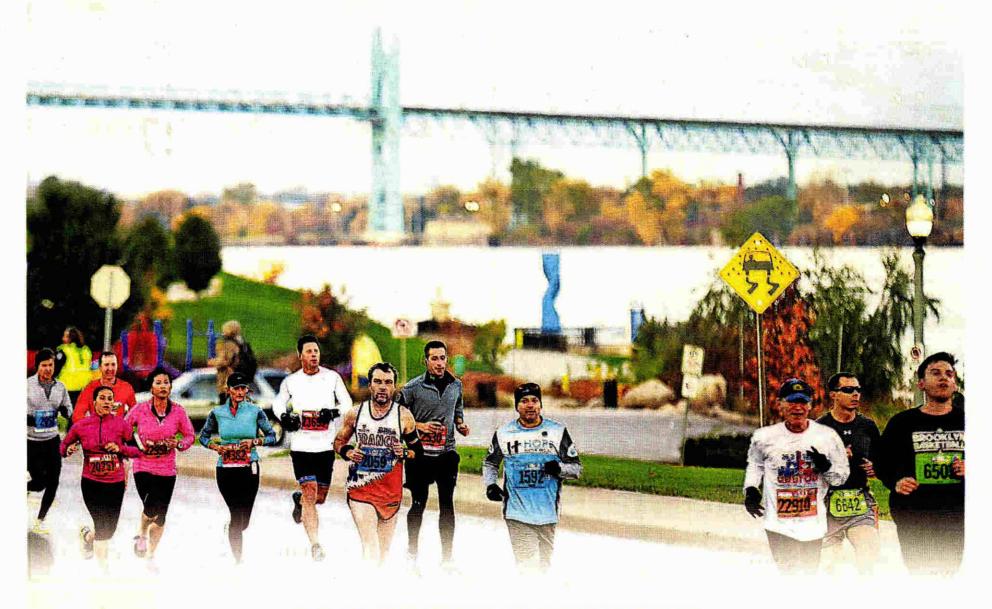


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