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# **Officer suspended in Taser case**

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#### Westland cop given 30-day suspension in incident

#### Matt Jachman

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The Westland police officer who used an electronic weapon on a man as he held a baby outside his home the night of Aug. 17 has been suspended for 30 days without pay for what the police chief called "a questionable decision."

Chief Jeff Jedrusik announced the suspension in a statement released Wednesday afternoon. Police were not identifying the officer involved.

The baby, a two-month-old boy, was not hurt, according to police.

The incident, captured on video by a witness (it can be found online at hometownlife.com), has been seen thousands of times on social media sites. It made national headlines and prompted social media criticism of

the department. Police said the baby was taken from the man, Ray Brown, just after the Taser was applied directly to his body; the video shows a woman grabbing the baby as the sound made by the Taser begins. Jedrusik said Brown's arrest "was appropriate and was in line with the laws and ordinances of the city of Westland" and that using a Taser would have been appropriate as well.

"However, I feel that the use of the taser at that time, while he was holding the child, was a questionable decision. We are all thankful that the child was not injured," the chief added.

Jedrusik said the department will be reviewing its use-of-force policies and the way officers are trained in those policies.

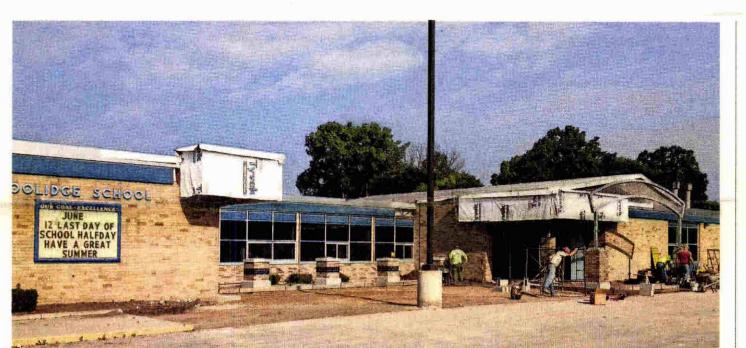
"Maintaining the trust of our community is our top priority," Jedrusik said.

Brown was arrested after an argu-

ment with officers who had been dispatched to the area of Alberta Court, south of Palmer and west of Venoy, the night of Aug. 17 on a report that a man and a woman had assaulted another woman and damaged her vehicle.

Police said Brown was charged with assault and battery, disturbing the peace, vandalism, child neglect and other crimes. He had also been wanted on outstanding warrants, police said. He was released Monday and is scheduled to return to court.

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Workers continue their efforts improving the entrance at Livenia's Coolidge Elementary School Livenia Public schools

# Family mum on health of Redford supervisor

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The family of Tracey Schultz Kobylarz has asked for privacy as she continues to take time off following an Aug. 15 traffic crash that may have been triggered by a medical situation.

Kobylarz, Redford Township's elected supervisor for nearly 10 years, was rushed to a local hospital the eve ning of Aug. 15 after crashing a pickup truck into two utility poles on westbound Five Mile, east of Inkster Road. Police said at the time that a medical emergency may have caused her to lose control of the truck; there were no other vehicles involved and no passengers in the pickup. Police Chief Eric Pahl said Wednesday that the crash remained under investigation. Township Clerk Garth Christie said Kobylarz was not yet back on the job and that he wasn't sure when she would be. Christie has typically run township Board of Trustees meetings in the supervisor's absence in the past, though he must be formally chosen by the board at the beginning of a meeting if he is to do so. The next regular board meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 28. Christie said the family was asking for privacy for Kobylarz. The 57-yearold has two adult children, Alex and

#### the entrance at Erronia's coolinge Elementary Schools Livonia Public Schools

# **'It's worth any investment'**

#### School shootings give context to district security improvements

Brad Kadrich hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

North Farmington High School student Bebe Schaefer, who helped organize a rally to protest the spate of school shootings around the country, pointed out there was a very good reason for planning and participating in such an event.

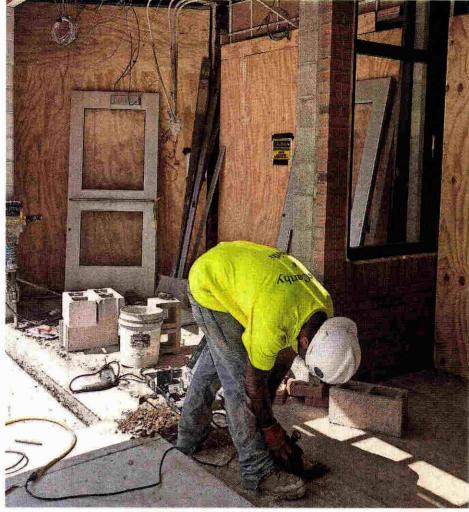
To put it simply, Schaefer, who will be a senior this year, called life with the possibility of school shootings "our reality" and said, "We go to school every single day in fear that we will not come home that night."

Similar sentiments were voiced at similar rallies in Plymouth-Canton, Livonia, Novi, South Lyon and other districts around the area — around the country, really — as students pushed nationally for a strengthening of gun laws and school safety.

Around this area, districts are doing something about it, enacting school safety plans and adding security measures to buildings as they strive to provide as safe a learning environment as

they can.

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Ryan Lightfoot, of McCarthy & Smith Construction, works on the installation of the double set of doors at Beechview Elementary. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Westland holding sessions on Ford Road's future

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Ford Road in Westland could be in for a revolutionary change in Westland. And the city wants residents to have a say in it.

The city has scheduled several public sessions for input on the city's master plan for Ford Road throughout the city, as well for future plans at the site of the former city hall building at Ford and Carlson. Those sessions begin Sept. 12, take place at Westland City Hall on Warren and will include:

■ A Ford Road corridor bus tour. This event, taking place at noon Sept. 12, will have those interested hop on a bus and tour the area. Seats are limited and the city recommends calling Erika Mazzitel-

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A series of meetings will take place in September to help create a master plan for the Ford Road corridor, including the former city hall site. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

lo at 734-467-7902 to reserve a seat by Aug. 24.

■ A session on best practices for walkable town centers. This session will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 13.

A workshop on placemaking, taking place 5-8 p.m. Sept. 13. This session will have a formal presentation at 5:30 p.m. and a simulation following.

■ An open design studio from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 14. This session will allow members of the public to observe the process of crafting the plan created from feedback from earlier in the week.

■ A mobility best practices workshop from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 14, which will go over issues surrounding mobility, transportation and non-motorized plans along the corridor.

A design reveal event from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 15, where consultants will showcase what was found out during the sessions.

Mayor William Wild said this work is a re-imagining of the work that began in 2009 with the Ford Road 2020 project. Now that the land where the former city hall is vacant, the city is in a good position to help define how Ford Road looks for years to come.

"We think it can be very transformational," he said. "It really gives us a chance to redefine our identity."

City hall offices moved to its current location at 26300 Warren in 2014, with the former building being demolished in 2016. It had served as city hall for the entire time Westland was a city, as well for a short time as Nankin Township Hall when it opened in 1964.

Wild said the entire road, from the border with Canton to Garden City, will be looked at for the plan, though several city-operated portions will remain as they are today. Those include the police station, the 18th District Court and Central City Park. Those entities, Wild said, will remain as they are today.

But other than that, Wild said everything else is up for grabs.

### Kobylarz

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Amy.

Stacey Jaye, a friend of Kobylarz, also said the family was asking for privacy. "I can say she is in great hands and surrounded by family," Jaye said Aug. 17.

According to Christie, Kobylarz is accepting get-well notes and cards while asking that no flowers be sent at P.O. Box 39223, Redford MI 48239.

Kobylarz, a lifelong Redford resident, formerly worked for a human services agency and served one term as a trustee before being elected the full-time super-

"I think everything's on the table. With the city owning most of that land, it puts us in the driver's seat of what happens there," he said. "We'll just have to be open to all possibilities so we get the maximum potential of its use." ٦

The city's downtown development authority has partnered with McKenna Associates and Gibbs Planning Group to assist with the plan's creation.

Those not able to attend any meetings will still have an opportunity to give their input. A website for the plan, reimaginefordroad.com, has been created and will provide info on the sessions and eventually be a place to submit feedback.

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visor in 2008. She was re-elected in 2012 and 2016.

She was recently named as one of three finalists for the job of city manager in South Lyon.

In February, the Redford board voted 4-2 to appoint Don Wood as township superintendent, effectively taking away many of Kobylarz's day-to-day management duties. The move came during a special meeting while Kobylarz was in Holland, Mich., where she had interviewed for the job of city manager.

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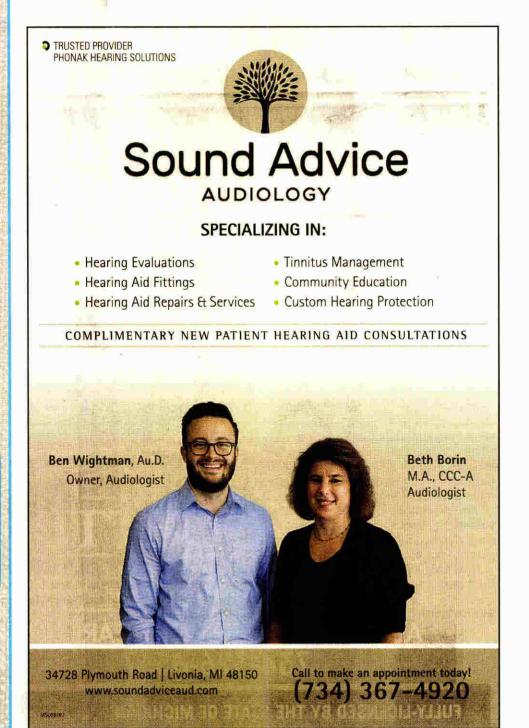
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### **Security**

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Dr. George Heitsch is superintendent in Farmington Public Schools district, where a variety of security upgrades are happening this summer. He said the reasoning is simple.

"We have to do it," Heitsch said. "In order for us to be able to sleep at night, we have to know we did everything we could to make sure kids feel safe in their learning environment."

Monica Merritt, superintendent for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district — fourth largest in the state — couldn't agree more.

Plymouth-Canton believes in it so much, officials have actually created a position for a director of security and are adding hundreds of cameras and other security measures to help create a safer learning environment for the district's some 17,000 students.

"We say that the safety and security of our students and our staff is our No. 1 priority," Merritt said. "In order to teach students, they need to know their environment is safe. We read (school shooting) stories too many times and, if we can do anything to help prevent that for our students, it's worth any investment."

Here's a look at some of what districts around the Hometown Life area are doing this summer:

#### Farmington

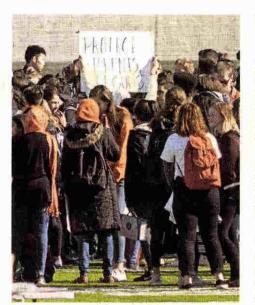
Double-entry doors are being added at Kenbrook and Beechview elementaries and North Farmington High School. By the time school starts, Heitsch said, all of the district's buildings will have the doors.

■ Cameras in the secondary buildings. "Police will have direct access to the cameras," Heitsch said, a change from past practices. "If they need to see what's going on, they'll have that access. It's a matter of response time to safety concerns."

■ The district is "in the process of doing a safety audit to see if there are other measures we could do to make kids safe," Heitsch said.

#### Livonia

Superintendent Andrea Oquist called safety and security "an ongoing



P-CEP students held a walkout during the last school year. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

priority" for the Livonia Public Schools district.

"Certainly, the tragedies through school violence we saw across the country last year heightened all of our concern," Oquist said, "and in those times, we always re-evaluate our processes, our practices and our protocols."

The district has:

■ Completed Phase V of its five-year implementarion plan. Secure vestibules, requiring office staffers to admit any visitor, are at every school.

■ Updated security camera systems throughout the interior and exterior of school buildings, along with security cameras on every bus.

■ Moved forward this summer with putting into place a new entry system for before/after school child care, which will involve every family utilizing a pass card in order to enter the school to drop off or pick up their child from child care.

■ Held a comprehensive parent safety night last spring, which focused on district practices and security plans and also featured partnerships with the Livonia and Westland police departments.

"We want our students and staff to feel secure in our schools each and every day and have invested greatly in both the physical upgrades to our facilities," said Oquist, who pointed out the district spends about \$1 million a year on security issues. "We have a long-standing commitment to keeping our schools safe and secure."

#### **Plymouth-Canton**

The district has not only emphasized physical security — it's paying for millions of dollars in improvements through bonds approved in 2013 and 2015 — but the district has added a director of security to head up safety issues.

It's a position the district put in its budget back in October 2017. Board of Education members filled it last month by hiring Livonia Police Department veteran John Walker.

"When we initially started having conversations about safety and security and how do we get a unified approach to our emergency operating plans across the district ... our students are moving every 55 minutes," Merritt said. "We need the subject-area expert here at the table to help us look big picture and unify our strategies K-12 across the district. Having someone coordinate our efforts ... was important."

In other improvements, the district: ■ Is installing some 1,300 additional security cameras around the district. At the moment, they exist only at the three high schools — Canton, Plymouth and Salem — and Liberty Middle School, the

district's newest school. "If we're chasing excellence and we have the ability as a preventative measure and to help mitigate threats, why would it be any different in any buildings?" Merritt said. "Either we're in the camera business or we're not. If this is the best way to help deter threats, the cameras need to be K-12. That's really the lens we're looking through."

■ Has added card readers for swipecard access across the district. Keys to current door locks have "been out there forever" and installing the new ones will make every building in the district more secure.

■ Has added sally ports in all district buildings that can support them. A sally port forces visitors to go through the school office to get access to the rest of the building. It's something that was originally planned for the 2013 bond, but was cut.

#### Novi

Superintendent Dr. Steve Matthews pointed out the district has had "a lot of security measures" in place already. Those include cameras and secure entrances, where visitors must be buzzed in. The district has added a second police liaison officer. It's a collaborative project with the city of Novi police.

"This officer will help us with issues that arise but, more importantly, will give us time and resources to review our security plans and update them as needed," Matthews said.

#### South Lyon

Earlier this year, the South Lyon Community Schools district reached an agreement with Lyon Township to provide a school resource officer at South Lyon High School, which had been operating without one.

The previous year, Lyon Township and the Oakland County Sheriff had agreed to put an SRO at South Lyon East.

This past year, a student was charged with making false terrorist threats against South Lyon High. The student, 18-year-old Ryan DeBruyne of Green Oak Township, recently entered a guilty plea in that case.

While there was political back-andforth between the city and Lyon Township — the school rests within city limits — Lyon Township Supervisor John Doland said the question is ultimately about providing an atmosphere where students feel safe.

"It's a different time we live in. Kids are shooting up the schools and getting arrested for making threats. If we can help, it's for the kids," Dolan said. "It's more or less about the community as a whole, not invisible dividing lines. We need to get the political crap aside. It's the kids, in my view."

These are definitely "different times," administrators agree, while pointing out that many of these measures were in the works long before last year's shooting at Marjory Douglas Stoneman High School in Parkland, Fla. Still, Parkland and shootings like it have sharpened the safety senses around the area.

"The physical changes were planned before Parkland," Heitsch said. But (Parkland) re-emphasized how critical those changes are. The big thing that seems apparent is the depth of the students' voice. This spurred the most engaged and robust student involvement we've seen."

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Corbin brings his toy back to his owner, Dennis White. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Toby makes a mighty leap into the pool to retrieve the ball thrown by his owner, Victor Nonnenmacher. BILL BRESLER HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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There was plenty of doggy-paddling taking place at two of Livonia's pools earlier this week. Literally.

Two city pools opened to residents' four-legged friends this past week as they prepared to close for the season. Smaller dogs headed to the Shelden Pool, while larger breeds

dove in at the Botsford Pool.

Livonia resident Dennis White brought his dog, nine-month-old Corbin, to the Botsford Pool on Lathers for a refreshing swim. The pool was a lot closer than the other location he'd typically take Corbin for a refreshing dip in the water.

"I normally take him out to Wixom Road and the Huron River," he said. "He loves the water. You can see he hasn't gotten

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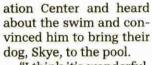
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It was the first time pups were granted access to the city pool. With the pool closing for the season and the chemicals not being used to treat it, it was a perfect opportunity for the more than dozen pooches to enjoy a cool swim. The Clements Circle Pool, 9999 Harrison, will remain open until Labor Day.

Michael Carnesecchi's daughter Ashley works at the Jack E. Kirksey Recre-



'I think it's wonderful. I wish they would do it more often," the Redford resident said. "If there was a pool dedicated to dogs, even a small pool, that would be amazing."

Also on hand at Botsford Pool were lifeguards, though they admitted they were there mostly in case a human had issues with their dog in the pool.

"It's kind of funny, but we almost trust the dogs more than the humans to reliably swim," lifeguard David Culliton said. "I mean, they have a swimming stroke named after them, the dog paddle. Is there a person paddle? No.'

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# Livonia council declines naming **ZBA alternates**

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It appears the Livonia zoning board of appeals will remain at seven members after the city council declined on adding alternate members to address attendance issues.

The city council took up potential language change that would allow for the appointment of up to two alternate members to the ZBA in the instance where all seven members could not be in attendance at its regularly scheduled meetings. But that language was turned down by a slim majority of the council, with several members saying making such a move is unnecessary.

"I think it's really incumbent on the zoning board members to get to the meetings. If you look at the pattern of attendance, there are some members that have a difficult time getting there and perhaps then we need to look at a re-appointment," Councilwoman Kathleen McIntyre said. "Most of the members can make most of the meetings and I think bringing alternates in midstream to an item is not going to serve the city well."

The attendance issue was brought up earlier this year in local media, with the city visiting the idea of adding alternates after that. A study of attendance records by the city's law department shows there was a six-month period where no ZBA meeting had all seven members in attendance. The revision was recommended by the planning commission earlier this year and sent to the council for its review.

But that proposed language was denied by a 4-3 vote, with McIntyre, Councilman Scott Bahr, Councilwoman Cathy White and Councilman Brian Meakin voting to deny the proposed language.

The ZBA hears appeals from resi-

dents and businesses whose property is unable to conform to local ordinances. In many cases, decisions of the ZBA can only be appealed by filing a lawsuit in court.

Council Vice President Jim Jolly said choosing alternates was a decision allowed by state law that would provide an opportunity for residents and businesses who take matters before the ZBA to get a hearing from a full board.

Bahr said his experience as a planning commissioner before he was elected to city council was that some members would miss some meetings every once in a while. Having missing members, he said, doesn't mean the city's business cannot continue moving forward.

"You don't need seven people at a ZBA meeting to have a binding decision," Bahr said. "We don't have alternate planning (commissioners). We're up here on the city council. Occasionally, some of us miss meetings due to business travel or personal travel. We don't have alternate city council members.'

President Laura Toy said that, without a zoning board, the city council would be charged with handling zoning appeals. Because of its special nature, appointing alternates to make sure business continues is something she supported.

'That board is much different than the planning commission or some of the other boards," she said. "I think that board is crucially important, because people will spend a lot of time, a lot of money, on attorneys if their petition does not get heard for any reason or they get denied by the zoning board."

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AGENDA **Zoning Board of Appeals** 

September 11, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor) **33000 Civic Center Drive** Livonia, MI (734) 466 2259

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#### City of Livonia - 08/08/18 1,854th Regular Meeting Synopsis Present: Meakin, Jolly, Kritzman, Bahr, White, McIntyre, and Toy. Absent: None.

#280-18 Approved minutes of the 1,853rd Regular Meeting of the Council held on July 23, 2018

Audience Communication: Raymond Kirchner, 35820 Veri Ct, spoke about House Bill 4220. One item was received and filed for the information of the City Council. #281-18 Approved noise ordinance waiver for Town Peddler Craft & Antique Mall for small

concert on September 15, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. #282-18 Approved noise ordinance waiver for Rosedale Gardens Homeowners Association to

show movies at Kleinert Park on September 14, 2018. #283-18 Approved block party request for September 29, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on

Parklane Street, between Clarita and Margareta.

#284-18 Approved block party request for September 8, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Flamingo, from St. Martins to Bretton.

#285-18 Approved Senior Alliance 2019 Annual Implementation Plan required by State Commission on Services to the Aging.

#286-18 Approved additional expenditures for Fox Creek Golf Course Restaurant Patio Project

**1297-18** Approved purchase of (1) 2019 Ford F250 Super Cab 4x4 pickup trucks and (1) 2019 Transit Van 250 for Water Section.

#288-18 Approved purchase of (4) 2019 Ford F250 Super Cab 4x4 pickup trucks with plows and lighting for Roads Section.

#289-18 Approved purchases with EJ USA, Inc. of storm water, water main and sanitary manhole-related items for one-year period not to exceed \$75,000.00.

#290-18 Award of two year-contract for as-needed repairs of catch basins, storm sewer and concrete slab stabilization for annual amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

First Reading was given to an Ordinance adding Section 051 and amending Sections 050, 090, 100, 310 and 345 of Title 12, Chapter 04 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places). First Reading was given to Ordinance amending Section 33 of the Zoning Map and Ordinance No. 543 of Zoning Ordinance. (Petition 2018-02-01-03)

First Reading was given to Ordinance amending Section 9.03(j) of Article IX and Section 10.03(d) of Article X of Ordinance No. 543 of Zoning Ordinance. (Petition 2018-04-06-01) #291-18 Approved renaming of Helman Park and Nature Preserve to the "Harry Tatigian Park and Nature Preserve"

#292-18 Accepted quit claim deed from Alicia Zulker and Gary Kerr to obtain right-of-way property adjacent to 8991 Farmington Road.

#293-18 Suspended the Rules of Order.

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#294-18 Amended CR 266-18 re: proposed sale of City-owned property at 29149 Morlock to include name of co-signer as required by the mortgage company.
#295-18 Approved renewal of lease agreement between City and Livonia Save Our Youth

Task Force for three-year period to expire July 31, 2021.

Audience Communication: Raymond Kirchner, 35820 Veri Ct, spoke about House Bill 4220

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

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Yankee Air Museum has announced its claimed world record for the Largest Gathering of People Dressed as Rosie the Riveter has been certified by Guinness World Records. On Oct. 14, 2017, 3,734 people, all dressed in the work uniform made famous by Rosie the Riveter, gathered at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center in Ypsilanti. The event was organized by Yankee Air Museum.

Museum executive director Kevin Walsh explained the Guinness World Record certification process is detailed with close scrutiny given to photos, videos, turnstile counters and other evidence gathered at the event. He said the timing of the announcement couldn't be better, since scores of people dressed as

Rosie the Riveter will be at Thunder Over Michigan air show this weekend.

Walsh says the Rosie legacy begins at the site of the Ford B-24 Bomber Plant, where Rose Will Monroe worked during World War II with thousands of other women. Rose Will Monroe is widely recognized as the original Rosie the Riveter. Yankee Air Museum and the Michigan Aerospace Foundation saved a portion of the historic Willow Run Bomber Plant and have been hard at work, raising funds and renovating "Rosie's home."

Established in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. For more information, go to www.yankeeairmuseum.org or call 734-483-4030.



More than 3,700 people, all dressed as Rosie the Riveter, gathered at Eastern Michigan University's **Convocation Center. JIM LEWIS PHOTOGRAPHY** 

### Farm Bureau essay contest marks 50th anniversary

Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan is once again sponsoring its annual America & Me Essay Contest, celebrating its 50th year with additional awards and spotlighting student writers from the past six decades.

For 50 years, several thousand eighth-graders from



hundreds of Michigan schools have entered the patriotic writing contest, which encourages Michigan young people to write about their heroes, especially those individuals who have made a difference in their lives.

This year's contest, held Sept. 1 through Nov. 15, will again ask students to write on the topic "My Personal Michigan Hero."

Sign-up kits will be sent to schools throughout Michigan in late August. The contest is open to any eighth-grade student in Michigan enrolled in a public

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or private school and offers a variety of awards on the local and statewide levels.

As part of the 50th anniversary, for one year only, the company has increased the cash award for the students and the schools. The first-place entry from each school will be entered into the statewide competition, from which the top 10 essays in the state will be chosen. Each top 10 statewide winner will receive a \$2,000 cash award, another \$1,000 for the school they attend and another \$500 for their school if the school is sponsored by a Farm Bureau Insurance agent.

During the 50th anniversary contest year, the company is looking to highlight previous winners in a "where are they now" feature on its website. They are in search for contact information, including an email or mailing address, for the previous 49 first-place winners from years past.

To learn more about the 50th contest year and the search for the past 49 first-place winners, view video highlights from last year's awards day or to read highlights from last year's entries, go to FarmBureauInsurance.com/AmericaAndMe.





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# Headaches can be treated and possibly prevented



Our Mental Health L.J. McCulloch USA TODAY NETWORK -

According to recent research on chronic pain, 95 percent of the general population has had a headache. For many people, occasional over the counter analgesics, such as Tylenol, relieve the problem and that is that. For many, though, headaches are a chronic condition causing significant disruption in work and home life.

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Now it stands to reason that sufferers can benefit from knowing more about headaches and treatments available. Did you know that President Abraham Lincoln suffered from horrid frequent headaches? Of course, he had a lot on his mind with the Civil War and so forth. The point being that some say that the majority of headaches are caused by stress and unexpressed emotions.

Tension headaches often are experienced as a tight squeezing of the head, which may feel like a clenched fist. These can occur frequently and are often said to be the result of stress. They often worsen with noise and bright light and exertion.

Migraine headaches are experienced as a throbbing pain and often involve one side of the head only. Heightened sensitivity to light or noise is also common like in the tension headache from the environment and the internal stress of personal conflict. Some people have attacks of migraines several times a week. Research from recent studies points toward a chemical disruption in the brain. The pain is usually experienced as a severe throb with each heartbeat.

Cluster headaches are usually perceived by sufferers on one side of the head behind an eye. These headaches may be described like an ice pick being stabbed into the eye. They are very de-

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bilitating. A while back, a newscaster on a major TV network shared his story of cluster headaches, which eventually came to be relieved by oxygen treatment that he could self-administer behind the set and keep broadcasting.

Some consider tension headaches on a continuum with migraines and cluster headaches and suspect an underlying common mechanism related to brain chemistry. Interestingly, the brain itself does not experience pain. Cranial muscles, blood vessels and nerves are problematic.

Triggers of headaches have been documented as too little sleep or skipping meals, being under a lot of stress, changes in hormone levels, strong odors and consuming certain foods.

There are other general and specific medical conditions which can contribute to headaches, including brain injuries causing post traumatic head pain, Lyme disease and the phenomena of rebound headaches caused from too frequent us of analgesics.

There are many pharmaceutical treatments for headaches. Narcotics such as Vicodin, codeine and new drugs called triptans may be prescribed. Antidepressants are commonly used for several reasons, one of which is the fact that centers in the brain for pain and depression overlap.

There are abortive medications such as the commonly used triptans to stop or shorten the length of a migraine headache. Another class of medications is prophylactics. This means they are taken daily and can have the result of prevention of headache development in the first place. Alternative therapies, such as bio-feedback, stress management, massage and acupuncture, can also be very helpful. Chiropractic care is often employed for recurrent headaches that do not respond to other medical treatments.

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# Uncle wanted scholarship, but never wrote it down



#### **Money Matters**

**Rick Bloom** USA TODAY NETWORK -MICHIGAN

Q: I have a couple questions that I hope you can help me with. Earlier this year, my uncle passed and my sister and I were the beneficiaries of everything. My uncle did not have a will, but he had beneficiaries on everything. We have collected on everything, closed out his accounts and paid all the bills. A few years ago, my uncle said that upon his death he wanted a scholarship set up at his alma mater. As I mentioned, he did not have a will and he never put anything in writing. My first question is, do my sister and I have any legal obligations to set up a scholarship? If we do have an obligation, what would be the best and easiest way to arrange that? Neither my sister nor I would want to be involved in the scholarship in any way

#### other than setting it up.

A: You and your sister are not under any legal obligation to establish the scholarship. Your uncle never put his wishes in a legal document such as a will or a trust, thus, you are not bound whatsoever.

It is important for people to realize that, if they have wishes for their assets upon their death, they must put them in writing. After all, if someone doesn't put it in writing, you have no idea if they changed their mind later, if they really meant what they said or if it was just something that they were thinking about. If you want to make something enforceable, it has to be in writing. If you want to make sure that your money goes to who you want upon your death, whether it's to a charitable organization, a loved one or a friend, it is imperative that you put it in writing. In addition, you also have to make sure that the document is not one that you just hand write out, but rather meets the requirements of the law such as being properly witnessed.

If you decide that you do want to establish a scholarship and, at the same time, you don't want to have any day-today involvement in the administration of the scholarship, the easiest way is to contact the university directly. Just about every university is going to have some sort of development department that can help you establish the scholarship. As a donor, you can set the criteria for the scholarship. For example, you can specify the field of study, whether the scholarship is awarded based upon merit or financial need, as well as other criteria, such as a scholarship for veterans. At most universities, establishing a scholarship in someone's name will typically require a financial commitment of somewhere between \$25,000 and \$50,000. At most universities, you can also contribute to an existing scholarship.

Making a charitable contribution or establishing a scholarship upon death is admirable and is certainly a great way of leaving a lasting legacy. As I mentioned earlier, to make sure your wishes are complied with, you must put them in writing. Telling your loved ones or relatives what you want is not binding and could cause problems within the family. Unless something is in writing, it is open too much to interpretation. To make things clear and to promote family harmony, you must put your wishes in writing. As a reminder, whether you're leaving money to a charity or not, it is important for all adults to have a will that is current. If you have not done a will or trust or if you haven't reviewed your will or trust lately, there is no time like the present.

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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.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Protect the grizzly bears**

When I was a young kid, the books I liked to check out the most from the library were coffee table-sized ones of national parks.

As I looked through the books, I was most drawn to Yellowstone Park pictures with animals in the scenes - especially those with bears. There was nothing more endearing, in my opinion, than photos of a mother bear with her obedient cubs following behind as they trekked across majestic fields and forests. The mother bear and her young were synonymous, in my eyes, with the landscape of America.

Now, with grizzly bears losing their protections under the Endangered Species Act, I am very worried that my cherished symbols of our country are in danger of vanishing from those pictures forever.

While hunters may claim that the money they pay to hunt and kill grizzlies who will generate income for parks, tourism to see the bears brings in far more, as well as helps to raise awareness and improve education about grizzlies. Preserve and protect are words that should be on tip of U.S. Rep. Dave Trott's tongues when it comes to legislation about our iconic creatures.

**Ryan Ennis** Livonia

#### **Turning into Nevada**

Our elections and voting procedures are being undermined — by drug dealers. Pontiac approved 20 marijuana shops recently.

This shows exploitative behavior by well financed elements intent on forcing their way of life on us for personal profit.

It shows a weakness on the part of our state controls.

It exemplifies the corruption that has seized our state through the continued expansion of the liquor and gambling boards.

Michigan is becoming Nevada - gambling, drugs, liquor and prostitution on the way. Getting high is second to getting ahead. Partying put before work. Sloth before industry

If the only response this government pretends to cancer is selling bags of pot it's time to respond.

Neither governor candidate has addressed or even mentioned the drug and health problems we are suffering. Both parties support gambling, liquor, now drug dealing and the rest is coming.

"They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved." - Peter 2:19

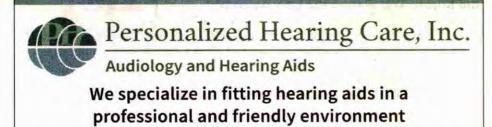
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# Remains found in long ago U.P. plane crash; funeral planned

#### Susan Bromley Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Janet Davies will finally be laid to rest Sept. 13, her birthday and the day before the 21st anniversary of her death.

Her remains and those of her husband Mark were recovered by forensic anthropologists Aug. 7-8 at the site where their plane crashed in the Hiawatha National Forest in the Upper Peninsula in 1997.

"The remains are at Western Michigan University (pathology department) and have been positively identified," Linda Legeret, Janet's sister, said Aug. 15. "We are hoping to have a funeral on Sept. 13, which is Janet's birthday. She would have been 73 years old."

Mackinac County Medical Examiner Dr. Carl Hawkins said the couple died instantly upon crash impact.

The National Transportation Safety Board has concluded their on-site investigation, although analysis continues, said Mackinac County Sheriff Scott Strait.

The wreckage of the plane was discovered July 11 by park rangers surveying the 896,836-acre Hiawatha National Forest.

Legeret said the phone call from the Livingston County Sheriff's Office notifying her that her sister and brother-inlaw's plane had been found after all these years "was a terrible shock."

"We are all happy she can be laid to rest, but it was a big shock and it brought it all back," she said. "My dad was so sure she went into the water. We never dreamed she would be in the woods and we would find her after all this time, but we're all happy."

Janet, the daughter of Charron and Mary Smith, was the oldest of six children. Besides Linda, her surviving siblings include Michael (Patricia) Smith, Nancy Yeckl, Kerry Anne (Guy) Pierce and Kenneth Joseph (Sheri) Smith.

"You think, 'They may never be found in my lifetime' and life goes on," Michael Smith said. "You're not going to dwell on it, but it's always in the back of your head — where are they? What happened? Now we know."

Mark Davies, who was 45 when he died, was an assistant service manager at Marty Feldman Chevrolet in Novi. Janet Davies was an art teacher at Scranton Middle School in Brighton for 27 years.

The couple took off in their singleengine Cessna Piper plane shortly before 4 p.m. Sept. 14, 1997, from the Drummond Island Airport. Mark was at the controls as they headed for home 300 miles to the south in Howell. A flight plan was not filed. When the plane never arrived the Civil Air Patrol launched a search. couple, so probably they aren't going to do anything wild and crazy."

They watched for wreckage to wash ashore, but none ever came.

The CPA volunteers used a grid search with each search plane flying possible routes, with three observers in addition to the pilot. But the terrain of the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula is dramatically more difficult to search than southern and central Michigan, he noted.

What they were looking for, he said, was not the plane as people imagine, but what equates to something similar to the back end of a Ford F150 super cab crew truck three feet into the dirt.

"You can't really see that, but it would leave a scar on the Earth – fresh black dirt in the ground," Burke said. "You're looking for broken branches, for how the environment is damaged, rather than the wreck itself."

Strait said people often don't realize just how vast and remote the wilderness is in his jurisdiction in the Upper Peninsula. He recalls another single-engine plane that was discovered in the U.P. several years ago that had been missing for 12 years.

"Unless you experience the cedar swamps in the U.P., you can't imagine how thick it is, how far – you can't see more than 15-20 yards because of trees, foliage and all kinds of stuff," he said. "Compounding the difficulty is the acreage, the lack of roads and difficulty in traversing the terrain."

"Have a starting point is one thing, but in this case, there is no starting point. Drummond Island is 40 miles away, but you can't do an effective ground search for 1,000 square miles. It's worse than finding a needle in a haystack. ... We have untouched forest in some areas, it is not unusual to have trees knocked over. There is not that much difference between storm damage and a man-made event."

Burke agreed.

"Really tall pine trees are flexible — a plane could crash into them and the trees could bend and come back and plane could go down between those trees and be almost impossible to see," Burke said. "Early on the weather was a contributing factor, too."

They focused on the U.P. shoreline, as well as a 20-to 30-mile area of northern Michigan near Rogers City. They found no clues and they heard no signals from the plane's transmitters.

"We continue to search as long as there is a possibility that we will be able to rescue somebody," Burke said. "At some point, we're done, with little chance of survival and we've exhausted all the resources we have. We have to assume they perished."



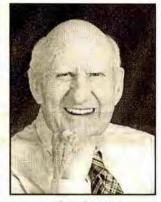
The tail of Janet and Mark Davies's plane, discovered in the U.P. more than 20 years after it crashed. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

# Obituaries

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#### **Clarence Raymond McCall**

PLYMOUTH - Clarence Raymond McCall, age 82, passed away on August 21, 2018. Ray was born in Dearborn on December 13, 1935 to Absolom and Elizabeth McCall. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy (1953-1956) serving in the Korean War aboard the USS Wisconsin. After being discharged he reenlisted in the U.S. Air Force (1957-1960). Ray was a proud Veteran and proudly served in Country. He was a resident of Plymouth and spent most summers at Haas Lake. Ray is survived by his wife Nancy (Hopper) McCall of 57 years; children: Marvel (Dennis) Vettese, Ken McCall, Grace (Liz) Moritz and Marlene (Jim) Norton; grandchildren: Dennis Jr. (Alissa) Vettese, Dain (Maria) Vettese, Matthew (RaQuel) Vettese, Brittany Norton, Ashley Norton, Kyle Moritz, Abigail Moritz and great grandchildren Giovanni Vettese and Kinsley Vettese. He is also survived by his brother Dwayne "Buzz" (Jill) McCall, sisterin-law Patricia (the late Jerry) McCall; brotherin-laws Gary (Teresa) Hopper and Harold (Inez) Hopper and many dear friends and relatives. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Ray will be interned at Great Lakes National Cemetery on Friday, September 14, 1:30pm. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Legion or the Wounded Warrior Foundation.



Charles S. Barnes, Jr.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP - August 22, 2018, age 87. Beloved husband of Sharon. Loving father of Michael (Kim), Matthew (Joellen), Thomas (Karen), and the late Jerry Barnes. Proud grandfather of ten and great grandfather of two. Arrangements were entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI 48170. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Plymouth Church of the Nazarene. To share a memory, please visit www.vermeulenfh. com.

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Leo Burke, the Great Lakes region director of Homeland Security for the Civil Air Patrol, was part of that mission as a pilot.

Now 53 and a Berkley resident, he recalls looking for the missing plane.

Because there was no flight plan, search pilots mapped out different routes the couple could have taken to get home and took into consideration the plane they were flying, amount of fuel and how fast it would burn, and how far they could have gone to determine the search area.

"Most pilots don't like to fly over water, there are not a lot of alternatives if there is engine failure – the chances they would fly across Lake Huron are slim," he said. "They are a middle-aged The families of Janet and Mark Davies held funerals for them in fall 1997. Mike Smith said Mark Davies's remains will likely be returned to his surviving brother, Paul.

Janet's remains will be cremated and interred with her mother, Mary, who died two years ago and father, Charron, who died just this past February. The family shares a headstone, on which her parents put her name and birth and death dates, along with "lost at sea" shortly after she disappeared.

An addition will be made on the headstone at Evergreen Cemetery that Janet Davies was laid to rest Sept. 13, 2018.

"We'd rather have it on her birthday than on the day she died," Legeret said. "It means a celebration of her life, rather than her death." www.philipsfuneral.com



#### Alan John Nurmi

- - Alan John Nurmi died on August 18, 2018. He was 93 years old. Beloved husband of the late Irene E. Nurmi (Paulin); loving father of Marc (Janet) Nurmi, Linda (David) Zurek, Debra (Mark) Matheny, and John (Mary) Nurmi; brother of the late Aser (Carm) Nurmi and Mir-

iam (James) Olsen; son of the late Issac and Saima Nurmi; dear grandfather of 11 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, August 28, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 29, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 a.m., at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 W. Six Mile Road in Livonia, Michigan. He will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Alan's memory may be made to Christ Our Savior, 14175 Farmington Rd, Livonia, Michigan, 48154.



Janet and Mark Davies's plane, discovered in the U.P. more than 20 years after it crashed. The couple's remains have been recovered and a funeral is planned.



#### **AREA EVENTS**

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

#### 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@familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

#### Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will host its monthly meeting and potluck dinner 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.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Livonia Civic 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@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734-338-9580.

#### **Flea market**

Newburgh Village, 11999 Newburgh, in Livonia will hold its annual flea market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

#### **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. 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 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 Mile Road.

Registration is required and can be found at 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.

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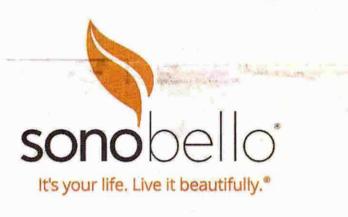


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#### **Children's Sabbath**

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.

#### **Palestine Cultural Festival**

Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, in Livonia will host a Palestine Cultural Festival from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9. This free event will feayure an array of Middle Eastern food, beverages, pastries, live music, cultural exhibits, children's attractions and much more.

For more information, call 248-790-4790 or 248-214-7588 or go to Facebook facebook.com/ramallahclubofdetroit.

#### **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.

#### VAAL trip to Art Prize

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia will be offering a trip Thursday, Sept. 27, to Grand Rapids to see Art Prize 2018. Participants will meet at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena, 33841 Lyndon Road, in Livonia at 6:45 a.m., with a departure time of 7 a.m. They will travel to Grand Rapids aboard a chartered bus from Indian Trails.

Once in Grand Rapids, the group will be joined by a guide. Included is a sitdown lunch to be held at the Grand Rapids Women's Club. The tour will arrive back in Livonia around 7:15 p.m.

Cost for Livonia residents is \$50. Non-residents pay \$75. This includes the bus, guides, tips, breakfast and lunch. Full amount of payment is due at registration and is non-refundable. Send registration and check made out to VAAL by Thursday, Sept. 13, to Art Prize 2018 c/o Jean Figurski, 35602 Vargo, Livonia, MI 48152.

For more information, email Mary0204@aol.com.

#### 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).

### McCulloch

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Other sources in the literature warn that when a headache is sudden and severe in onset and is described as "the worst headache in my life," immediate medical evaluation is indicated to rule out a stroke or bleeding in the brain. Similarly, headaches associated with high fever, nausea, vomiting and stiff neck need to be treated as an emergency to rule out meningitis, an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain.

Finally, others report that headaches can be of psychogenic origin, i.e., emotional problems and conflict transformed into somatic pain in the head. Nowadays, this is often included under the categorization of "stress headaches." It is notable that stress may be external in our lifestyles, but may also be internal as a result of psychological conflict, which may be unconscious.

Your primary care physician can refer you to a local head pain specialty clinic or contact the National Headache Foundation at www.headache.org.

Leonard J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is a certified brain injury specialist and is board certified in traumatic stress, mental health, addictions and social work. He can be reached for a courtesy consultation at his Farmington Hills office at 248 474-2763, ext. 222.

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#### **PREP FOOTBALL**

# **P-CEP welcomes fresh blood**

#### All three schools begin season with new man at top

#### Tim Smith

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Aligned from one side to the other of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park football stadium end zone are the campus' three high school logos.

Canton's red, Salem's blue and Plymouth's black share turf space in equal parts — even though their football fortunes have not always been so balanced.

But 2018 could be the start of new Park turf wars, with the Chiefs, Rocks and Wildcats each starting anew with a new head coach, fresh ideas and plenty of optimism.

"You don't see that too often," said

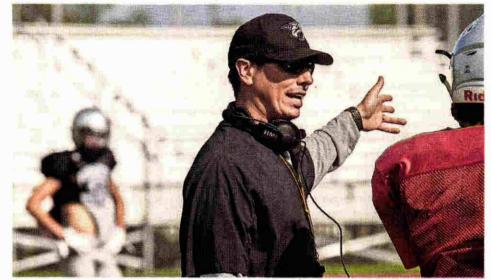
Salem coach Justin Reed, taking over from Kurt Britnell. "I think we're the only place in America that has all three schools on one campus. There's others with two.

"But having all three here — and with all three new head coaches — is a challenge and an exciting time, all in the same breath."

On-field results haven't always matched preseason enthusiasm, but at least two of the Park's three squads have been consistent contenders — especially Canton, from 1998 to 2017 under the watch of now-retired hall of fame coach Tim Baechler.

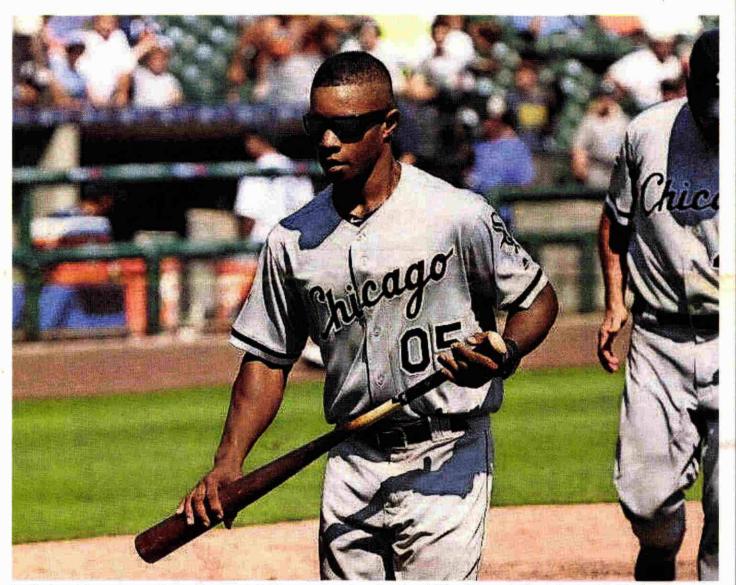
Conversely, Salem's playoff spot last

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Building trust up and down the roster is one of Plymouth head coach Brian Lewis's top priorities entering his first season with the Wildcats. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

#### **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**



#### PREP VOLLEYBALL

### Meet the new Bloomfield Hills coach

Marty Budner hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

This is not Larry Wyatt's first gig. The new head coach at Bloomfield Hills High School is a volleyball veteran who's been around the circuit.

Wyatt last year worked at Royal Oak Shrine and, prior to that, established the men's and women's volleyball programs at Lawrence Tech University. He has coached junior college, club teams and high school squads — Livonia Ladywood, Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Fraser — in a fruitful career that has spanned more than 20 years.

He was founder and director at Michigan Elite VBC and currently works at the United Volleyball Club in Waterford.

Lusire Boyd Jr. serves as the bat boy and clubhouse attendant for the visiting teams at Comerica Park. This day, he was wearing the colors of the Chicago White Sox.

# LIVIN' THE DREAM

#### Clarenceville grad Boyd savors experience as bat boy at Comerica Park

#### **Brad Emons**

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Doing the laundry and cleaning shoes may not sound glamorous, but for Detroit Tigers bat boy and clubhouse attendant Lusire Boyd Jr., it's the greatest part-time job in the world. The 2015 Livonia Clarenceville High grad is in his fifth season with the team and he wears many different hats when he reports to Comerica Park for the each of the Tigers' 81 home games.

For night games, Boyd will generally arrive at the stadium around 2 p.m.

"The first thing I do is start restocking all the bubble gum and seeds that go out to the dugout," he said. "Then we'll fill up the coolers with ice, water, Gatorade ... everything that needs to be cold by game time and batting practice. By the time that's done, we have batting practice. Once I finish with all that stuff, I'll go out to the field and shag balls with the team and bring them back to the pitching mound so they can keep hitting balls for the whole team."

Boyd serves primarily as the main clubhouse attendant and bat boy for the visiting side working, with all the teams that come to Detroit.

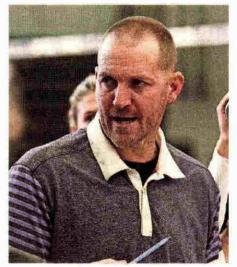
"Once we're done with BP, we get the helmets out and ready for the game," he said. "We have a big van with the helmets that come in and we store them during the night and put them in

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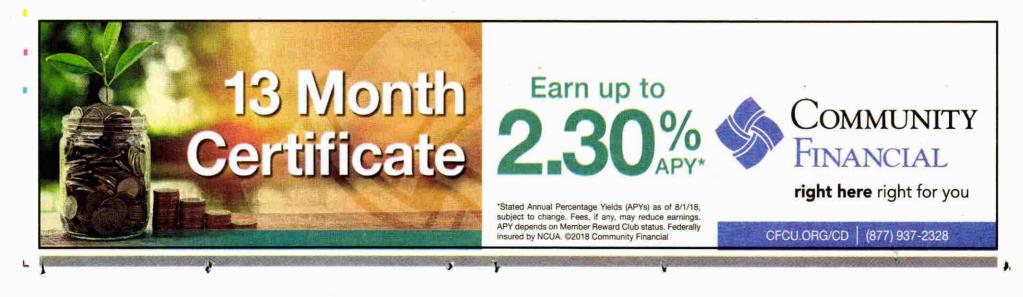
Needless to say, Wyatt brings a wealth of knowledge to a Bloomfield Hills program that was led by an equally learned head coach in Bob Hurdle, who resigned earlier this year because of medical reasons.

"This is great. Everything about the facility, the kids, the administration ...

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Bloomfield Hills coach Larry Wyatt speaks with the team during a scrimmage against West Bloomfield. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



#### PREP FOOTBALL

# HTL Sports top 10 high school teams

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Hometown Life Sports is ready for the 2018 high school football season. Below is our list of top 10 squads to watch. Starting the week of Aug. 20, look for our weekly feature 5 to Watch, where we identify and preview the top five games of the week with staff predictions.

#### **1. CATHOLIC CENTRAL**

Catholic Central may have been a senior-heavy team last season, but it still returns with some high-quality players. Look for the Shamrocks, led by second-year head coach Dan Patterson, to push Warren De La Salle for the Catholic League Central Division title.

#### 2. CANTON

Canton begins a new ere of football under first-year head coach Andy Lafata , who played as a lineman for the Chiefs and was an assistant under former longtime head coach Tim Baechler. Canton won the KLAA Black title last year and figures to be in the hunt again this season as the philosophy and system will not change with Lafata at the helm.

#### **3. FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON**

This is the final season for Harrison, led by the state's winningest head coach and the only head coach the program has had in its storied 49-year history. The Hawks are employing a 'business as usual' theme in this farewell campaign and should contend for the OAA White Division title again with the likes of standout returnees Roderick Heard, Ben Williams and Maverick Hansen.



Catholic Central's Mike Harding gains extra yardage after catching a first-quarter pass against Brother Rice's DaRon Gilbert last season. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

#### 4. BLOOMFIELD HILLS BROTHER RICE

The Warriors won seven games and made the playoffs last year under rookie head coach Adam Korzeniewski. Brother Rice returns 10 starters, including most of its offensive line, which should open some holes for powerful senior running back James Donaldson.

#### **5. BIRMINGHAM GROVES**

With five straight playoff appearances and two straight division titles, Groves is on a roll under veteran head coach Brendan Flaherty. The Falcons lost a big-time runner in Chaise Ford, but tailback Damonte McCurdy will still be an effective offensive force. Groves returns seven starters on defense and opposing teams will have trouble scoring.

#### 6. WHITE LAKE LAKELAND

Lakeland had a strong season last year, placing third in the newly-formed Lakes Valley Conference. The Eagles return a good share of their starters and last year finished with a 7-3 record. Lakeland will be led by all-state running back/defensive back Tracy Robbie.

#### 7. LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Churchill was the undefeated KLAA Gold champion last year and hopes to contend with powerful Belleville in the newly-formed KLAA East Division this fall. The solid core of returning players includes three-year starters Avery Greiner and Drew Alsobrooks, who aim to lead the Chargers to their third straight winning season and second consecutive trip to the playoffs.

#### 8. LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Franklin, which had a record-setting season with 11 wins and a brilliant playoff showing by landing in the Division 2 state championship game, returns with momentum and some key senior starters in Marino DePonio and Connor Linton. The Patriots need to hold their own in the KLAA race this season to ensure a fourth straight playoff berth.

#### 9. REDFORD THURSTON

Veteran head coach Bob Snell returns for his 31st season and sports an overall record of 156-133. The Eagles have reached the playoffs eight of the past 10 seasons, including last year, when they lost in the D-4 district championship game. Seniors Leonard Funchess and Xavier Coleman hope to make it another rewarding season for their longtime head coach.

#### 10. BLOOMFIELD HILLS CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD

Cranbrook won its second straight Catholic League Prep Bowl championship last year, then proceeded to win three playoff games, losing in the D-4 regional title game to a very strong River Rouge team. The Cranes lost their starting quarterback and top running back, but speedy senior receivers Torrell Williams and Kobi Russel, plus emotionally-charged junior Jack Fairman, should compensate for that lost talent. Firstyear head coach Scott Steward takes over from Joe D'Angelo, who led Cranbrook to its best season ever last year with 10 wins.

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#### Coaches

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season (with a 5-4 mark) was its first since 1991.

Meanwhile, Plymouth has been a playoff regular during Mike Sawchuk's decade-long regime.

"I think it's pretty cool, because everybody's got a fresh canvas," said Brian Lewis, who succeeds Sawchuk. "I think guys are able to show us who they are, who might have had a certain persona for the previous staff.

"So I think it's pretty cool that guys got a fresh canvas and myself, I got a fresh canvas, and we kind of get to create an identity together and create a team together with everybody with a fresh slate."

#### Chiefs know the drill



Salem also has a new head coach, Justin Reed. With all three Park teams starting new coaching eras in 2018, he said the Rocks have a unique opportunity. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Lafata

"We have a lot of guys that haven't had a ton of playing time and now it's their time to actually hit the field and see what they can do."

The Rocks will be trying to earn a playoff spot for the second consecutive season, but the young group already is experiencing adversity — with the season-ending ACL injury to junior quarterback Matt Claerhout, suffered on the first play of the Blue and White scrimmage. "(Claerhout) went to plant, no contact, and he's out," Reed said, adding that the injury is not foretelling a tough season. "I think it's the opposite of an omen. Right now, the energy is positive here.

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The Chiefs probably have a bit of a jump on the Wildcats and Rocks, simply because of familiarity both in the coaching staff and roster. Last year's 10-2 team lost a heart-breaker to Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the Division 1 regional championship.

New head coach Andy Lafata (who was on Baechler's staff for a number of years) welcomes back a number of players from a season ago.

"High expectations ... the kids are working," Lafata said. "A lot less sleep being the head coach, after being the assistant ... but we're excited about it. We're just trying to outwork people right now and teach things up."

Leading Canton's impressive cast is potential Division I recruit Darius Robinson, who towered over just about every other player during an afternoon practice earlier this week.

"Hype is not real," Lafata said about lofty D-I projections following senior defensive lineman Robinson. "So we hope that Darius *is* real and that he lives up to the billing of what people are saying. But for us, he's just another guy playing a position. If we put someone else in there, we expect the same results.

- "He's been a good leader, a good vocal leader for us. We've yet to play a game, so we haven't seen him live yet."
- The Chiefs have much more talent, including record-smashing senior tailback Steven Walker, senior tight end/
- defensive end Noah Van Berkel and senior linebacker Seth Troszak.
- "It feels great. We're getting our team chemistry up and we're all coming together. It's a nice thing to see," Van Berkel said. "New coaches, new faces everywhere, we're doing good."

They also have a lot of others hungry to make their mark and keep the Canton tradition of success going.

"Helps a lot that there's people familiar with the system, so that we're all on the same page on what we're coaching and we're familiar with the practice schedule and who the kids are," Lafata said. "That helps. But every year's different. Even if you have carryover, the kids are different. Every single year, you got to come and and teach them."

Robinson and Van Berkel took a knee together during a water break, discussing some of the day's schemes and assignments. Just like the Baechler days, a lot is expected of the Chiefs.

"It's a new era, a little bit. We're running the same offense," Robinson said. "Everything's still practically the same, it's just new coaches, new bond, new chemistry. But all in all, we've been transitioning really well.

"We still want to win games, win our division, make a playoff run. We just got to keep pushing ourselves even further, further, harder, harder, every day at practice to get to the ultimate goal we want to be at."

#### Wildcats building trust

The future is somewhat more uncertain elsewhere at the Park, although that "fresh canvas" provides extra hope for immediate relevance in the newfangled Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

According to Plymouth's Lewis, who last year coached Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, it helps to have stellar veteran returnees, such as senior running back Carson Miller, to provide a strong connection from the previous coaching regime.

"Carson Miller is a heck of a tailback and, yes, he'll be a leader on the field for us," Lewis said. "Anytime you get a kid of Carson's talents and abilities, it's good to have him carrying over, wherever. If we had 11 Carsons, we'd be pretty good."

During the transition period and with his late hiring (June) contributing to less time to know the playbook and the players, Lewis is leaning on the expertise of returning assistant coaches such as offensive coordinator Brian Rochon. "We got a couple guys that are carryovers from (Sawchuk's) staff and they're great, they're phenomenal," Lewis said. "(Sawchuk) did a great job with this program and a great job with this team, so those guys are all quality, quality guys.

"And we have a couple guys that we brought in, that I brought in, that I have relationships with. So it's quite a blend of old and new. It's nice."

The No. 1 task is building trust between every player and every member of the coaching staff.

"Everybody's still learning," said Lewis, 29. "But my hope is that we see a team that's together. The ultimate thing is for us to walk in together, walk out together and, no matter what during the game, stay together."

Miller is setting the tone both on and off the field, with his offensive ability and leadership qualities.

"For me, personally, it's been easy," Miller said. "The new coaches are great. And the transition is super-easy.

"I mean, this season, I do feel like everybody on the team likes each other and we're all family. And I think the new coaches really pulled that together and made us come together in a really good way."

Junior defensive end Ivan Davis, meanwhile, has noticed "a different tone, kind of more upbeat" during August practices.

"We're all getting closer together," Davis said. "And we're also working really hard."

#### Salem's energy boost

There is no shortage of energy or effort on the P-CEP turf field as the young and scrappy Salem Rocks gear up for the first season with Reed at the helm.

"Just hit the ground running," Reed said about the key to starting the 2018 season. "New challenges and learning as we go but, just like our kids, I think we've got to grow up fast. "The excitement level is high because, across the entire Park, it's kind of a brand new feel with all the new coaches."

Claerhout's devastating injury has opened the door for Tyler Overaitis and he plans to make the most of the chance.

"We're excited for what he can do," Reed said. "He was brought up last year as a sophomore, so he has varsity experience, more on the defensive side of the ball. But like I said, he's seen the Friday night lights, so I don't think they'll be too bright for him."

Overaitis said he immediately bought in to his elevated roster status.

"I thought it was unfortunate to happen and I just got to step in and take over and keep this offense over," Overaitis said. "I just got to focus up and just know all the plays and be a leader."

One of Lewis's former players at Gabriel Richard will be a main cog for Salem, junior lineman Josh Williams (6-3, 290).

"We're definitely really excited to start a new regime here, we're really excited to just play our first game," Williams said. "We've been working hard all summer."

Williams than talked about the team's determination to play with pace and discipline.

"Each practice, we have to play with a good pace and we have to go out there and work hard, we can't come out slow," he said. "If we come out slow, then we're going to get beat."

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### Wyatt

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everything is great," Wyatt said. "My wife (Mary) very much encouraged me to go for this job. I had a couple players I knew from the club who let me know that this job was open."

#### A bundle of energy

Wyatt, a 1987 Redford Thurston graduate, was a bundle of energy in a recent scrimmage against West Bloomfield.

"Right play! Right play!" he hollered to junior Alivia Slazinski, who had just executed a sterling slam down the right sideline after a crisp set-up by junior captain Alexa Rousseau. Wyatt charged out and slapped a high-five with Slazinski.

"We just gotta get going. We stopped making plays" and "Let's go. Too many errors," were some of the other directives he yelled out to the squad during the late-afternoon action.

"I thought our ball control and servereceive was really good," Wyatt said about the preseason scrimmage. "I felt like we controlled tempo very well and I thought we played in control the whole time out. It was our first time out, but I was happy. We'll get better the more we practice."

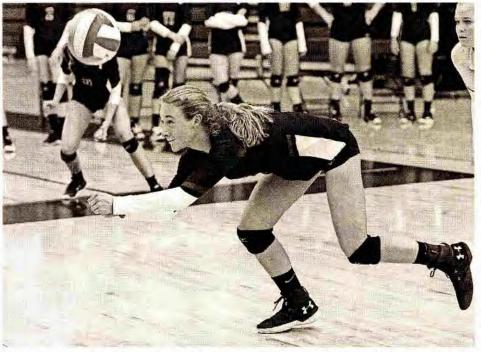
Hurdle's squad finished with a strong 36-12 record last season, finishing 4-3 in the highly-competitive Oakland Activities Association Red Division.

Wyatt takes over a young, but talented, squad of one senior, eight juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen.

#### **Rousseau is team leader**

The unquestioned team leader is Rousseau, a southpaw setter who stands at an atypical 6-foot-3 and consistently places the ball in the right spot for the team's hitters. Rousseau, a threeyear varsity veteran, received her first college offer as an eighth-grader at East Hills Middle School and is now committed to play at Northwestern.

"I've been doing this for 30 years and this is the first time I've had a setter that tall," Wyatt said of Rousseau's height. "It's a unique situation and, obviously,



Outside hitter Ava Petrucci is a talented freshman who is on track to start for the Bloomfield Hills varsity. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Bloomfield Hills coach Larry Wyatt speaks with the team during a scrimmage against West Bloomfield. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

we utilize her a lot. She blocks from the middle and she sets all six rotations and she scores a lot in both serving and in hitting, too.

"When players have more and more

experience, they play the game in advance. Rather than reacting to the game, they're ahead of the game. And that's probably her biggest strength — she's always ahead of the game.



Junior Noelle Siwek has played libero for the Black Hawks. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"As she rolls, we will roll," he added. "And us our other hitters emerge, we'll be even better and better."

The lone senior is 5-10 middle blocker and outside hitter Lily Formanek. Juniors Noelle Siwek (libero), Hannah Winter (defensive specialist/libero), lefty Brooke Bosart (right-side hitter who figures to lead in kills this season) and Slazinski (outside hitter/setter), plus freshman Ava Petrucci (outside hitter), are other key components.

A trio of sophomores in Melanie Sape (outside hitter), Mackenzie Guettler (outside hitter/middle blocker) and Gabby Bruhn (outside hitter), along with freshman Laura Chioini (outside hitter/middle blocker), will provide much needed depth and stability.

"I think our setting and blocking will be the main strengths of this team," Wyatt said. "And then our serve-receive should be good. And as we get better in our hitting, we're going to be really good team.

"I think we can contend. Our goal is to contend in the OAA Red and we want to do well in the state tournament. I think we have the personnel and the fact we have so many juniors, I think we can go on a two-year run here.

"Long term, we hope to plug and play and be good and stay good," he added. "We got the facilities. We have the athletes. We have the coaches. It's really, really a great situation and I'm very excited to coach here."

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### Boyd

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numerical order in the helmet cubbies. Then we'll go back in the clubhouse and clean their shoes, getting laundry. The players get undressed from BP and get ready for the game. We put them in the laundry room and put them in different washers with the jerseys and uniforms, shirts and undergarments."

The 22-year-old Boyd will then change into the opposing team's uniform and get ready for the 7:10 p.m. game. "My job is to pick up the bat, first base, second base ... wherever they land and get whatever they have on their legs, their arms, whatever, and bring it back to the dugout," he said. "And in any event where a player breaks a bat, then I have a spare bat, get the backup bat so they can have it ready if a bat breaks."



help, then you wouldn't get it. So when I came to this school, everyone was at a certain reading level and I was, like, 'Wait a minute, now, we're not doing what I used to be doing,' if that makes sense."

But by the time he was a senior, Boyd ended up graduating from Clarenceville with a 3.4 grade-point average.

"Clarenceville is a great school," Boyd said. "If they know you're struggling somewhere, they will take the initiative to help you to get to where you need to be without secluding you from the crowd, not making you feel like you're special needs, if that makes sense. I was trying to prove myself to everyone else, but I needed to get my act together. After that, I just took off." Boyd also credits former Clarenceville varsity football coach and teacher Ken Fry for keeping him on track, as well. "I improved my academics and got into sports, and that's where coach Fry really helped me out," Boyd said. "We had this thing where we had to have our grades at a certain percentage to play or even get into the starting lineup or practice ... because otherwise, you can't play and you go to tutoring when everybody else is at practice. And you don't want the team talking about you when you're in tutoring or 'You can't play because you're not smart enough,' if you know what I mean."

Following the end of the game, Boyd returns to the clubhouse and goes into preparation mode, working behind the scenes.

"Post-game, I pretty much wrap up everything, take everything back down to the room where we store everything in, pack up the helmets, store everything away, get laundry again, clean shoes all over again and reset the locker room for the next day, so when they come in, everything is ready to go," he said.

Depending on the length of the game, he'll usually wrap things just past midnight.

Boyd, who lives in Redford, started working for the Tigers at age 17. He works under Tigers clubhouse manager Jim Schmakel, a former bat boy himself who has been with the club for 40 years.

"One of my friend's parents recommended me to somebody in the office and my name got down to the right person, I guess," Boyd said. "It was a great opportunity that somebody recommended me and I had the opportunity to do it. I just took it by the reins and ran with it."

During in his five seasons with the club, he's developed some close relationships with the players and coaches. Among his favorite players is Miguel Cabrera, who has been sidelined for the season with a torn bicep.

"He's a big jokester," Boyd said. "He likes to play with us on and off the field. He's my favorite person right now. He's not active right now, but he's pretty cool. Nick Castellanos, he's also a cool guy. He's always joking around and just hav-

Tigers bat boy Lusire Boyd Jr. has struck up a friendship with slugger Miguel Cabrera.

ing a good time. He makes it fun when you're at work."

And while working for the visitor's side, Boyd has also struck additional friendships as well.

"Most of the time when they come back and after a few years of doing it, they'll recognize me," he said. "Some of the teams will get newer players, but guys like Mike Trout (L.A. Angels) will recognize me and we'll strike up a conversation, joke around. Joe Mauer with the Minnesota Twins, he's really nice. I think he's the nicest guy in the league, in my opinion. Tito (Francona) with the Indians has got to be the funniest guy, manager-wise. I don't have any complaints about anyone. They're all really nice."

Each season, Boyd has flown out to meet the Tigers on a road trip. Last week, he traveled to Los Angeles and, the two previous seasons, he visited Texas and Cleveland. He's also spent time at the Tigers' spring training facility in Lakeland, Fla.

"We checked out the stadium (in Anaheim) and see how the other locker rooms are run," Boyd said. "You know how it is when you go to someone else's shop, you want to see how they're doing it and see how we can improve and bring back ideas to our stadium. It's really an experience to go out there."

Boyd says he'll occasionally get tips.

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but it's nothing major.

"We get tickets to the game or whatever," he said. "And I'll get an autograph, if I really want to get an autograph from someone. I'm not trying to get any type of perks, I'm just trying to take it all in and just love the opportunity of doing it, if that makes sense."

Boyd played baseball during his seventh- and eight-grade years, but participated in football, wrestling and track and Clarenceville. He wore No. 72 and played right guard during the Trojans' II-1 season and run to the MHSAA Division 5 state semifinals in 2013.

Boyd was extremely popular at Clarenceville, serving as class president all four years. He was also homecoming king and a student leader for Students Against Destructive Decisions. Boyd also worked behind the scenes doing stage managing for all the school plays and musicals.

Boyd, who is African American, attended the Detroit Public Schools before transferring to Clarenceville Middle School as a seventh-grader, where he admitted struggling initially both socially and academically.

That's when Heather Hilton, a reading intervention teacher, took Boyd under his wing.

"We had a whole class dedicated to academics," he said. "If you weren't strong enough to ask the teacher for Boyd also credits his parents, Lusire Boyd Sr. and Keisha, for their continued support.

"They keep me going, they let me spread my wings," he said.

Boyd not only works for the Tigers, but he has a couple of other part-time jobs. He does landscaping along with security work for the Detroit Lions and events at Ford Field.

"When different celebrities come into town, I'll do bodyguard-type things, bar mitzvahs, weddings, anything that requires security, I'll be ready for," he said.

Boyd said he will continue his education and enroll at Schoolcraft College during spring 2019, but he also plans to return to the Tigers next season.

"If they want me, I'll go back, for sure," he said. "I know next year I won't be in the locker room or the field. I'll be more of a locker room guy, more visible in the locker room and behind the scenes."

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#### **BOYS SOCCER**

# Get a quick glimpse of area KLAA teams

#### **Brad Emons**

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In one of the earliest starts in Michigan High School Athletic Association history (Aug. 17), the boys soccer season is already underway.

Here is a quick look in the newly revamped 16school Kensington Lakes Activities Association featuring 10 schools from the hometownlife.com coverage.

The KLAA West Division should be one of the toughest in the state, featuring Salem, Canton, Plymouth, Novi, Northville, Brighton, Howell and Hartland.

Each division will play a double round-robin schedule.

Meanwhile, the KLAA East Division welcomes three new schools — Belleville, Dearborn and Dearborn Fordson — which will join Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

Here's a capsule look of the area teams inside the KLAA:

#### **KLAA West Division**

#### Novi

Head coach: Todd Pheiffer, third season. Last year's record: 10-6-5.

Players to watch: Miles Brown, Soph. Def.; Calvin Kalemaj, Jr. MF; Blair Mayes, Jr. F; Taiga Shiokawa, Jr. MF; Mason Stroman, Jr. MF; Gonzalo Sanz Cristobal, Sr. MF; Eric Schulte, Sr. F; Rimpei Yamasaki, Sr. Def.

**Pheiffer's outlook:** "We graduated 12 seniors from last year's team and lost another player to the Wolves Academy, so we only return three starters from last year's team. Even though we do not have a lot of players coming back with a lot of varsity playing experience, we do have a lot of players who know each other well and work extremely hard both on and off the field. They are a tight-knit group of student-athletes that have set their goals high and are working hard every day to reach those goals. We are looking forward to what lies ahead."

#### Northville

Head coach: Henry Klimes, 28th season.

Last year's record: 13-5-1.

Titles won last year: KLAA Gold and KLAA Assocition.

Players to watch: Paul Kearis, Sr. Def.; Nikko Wood, Sr. MF; Brian Politi, Sr. Def. Demetri Zervos, Sr. MF; Steven Mitchell, Soph. F; Jacob Pichler, Jr. Def.

Klimes's outlook: "We lost lots of talented seniors playing at the next level. Our team will have to play as a committee with everyone having to contribute for us to be successful. Very happy with our goalkeeping and defense corps. We will need to focus on the offensive third this year. The new KLAA alignment will be difficult for teams on our side of the conference – tough games every week. We hope to repeat as division champs and play for the conference championship for the fourth year in a row. As for districts, we are working hard every day to not get bounced out early in the tournament, and I believe our tough schedule will have us prepared."



Canton's Srikar Komanduri (left) tries to steal the ball away from Salem's Justin Soosik during the Balconi Invitational. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Zemanski's outlook: "I think we're a pretty solid team. Like every team we've got to work on our finishing and we've just got to watch some of the moments in the game where they outworked us and scored on us. I think we're in a very tough division, one of the toughest divisions in the state by far. There's going to be no easy games. It will be a battle the whole time and hopefully prepare us for the state playoffs. We've just got to work on our finishing a little better and work on our game when we're not quite focused."

#### Plymouth

Head coach: Jeff Neschich, 17th season.

Last year's record: 16-5-3.

Titles won last year: KLAA Black Division and Division 1 district.

Players to watch: Caleb Crawford, Sr. F; Justin Wojcik, Sr. F; Alex Bowser, Sr. Def.; Shane Young, Sr. MF; Cam Cieslik, Sr. F.

Neschich's outlook: "We're going to be strong, we just need a little luck. Curse of the Balconi tournament ... haven't scored a goal yet (today) in regulation. We'll be right there with the top teams in the area. We lost a really strong senior class last year, but we've got the guys to step in and continue a pretty strong program. We defended well, we haven't given up a goal all day (at the Balconi Invitational). We just got to put the ball in the net. We have some guys that are very capable."

#### Salem

Head coach: Kyle Karns, third season. Last year's record: 11-7-2.

Players to watch: Bryan Rodwell, Sr. F; Luke Benford, Jr. F; Josh Stevens, Sr. MF; Buraq Oral, Sr. GK.

**Karns's outlook:** "Actually we're pretty fortunate, we have 15 seniors coming back. So in the three years I've been here this is probably the deepest we've been. Expectation again is to compete and make a run into to playoffs. Last year we had a first-round exit, so we're hoping to have something different with all that returning and senior leadership. We're just trying to stay healthy. We've got a few guys that were starters for us that were already injured or picked up some dings along the way already in preseason. But this is a great opportunity for some young guys to get some minutes and them in some very competitive games and we'll Players to watch: Sam Maraso, Sr. MF; Anthony Paul, Sr. F; Chris Chahin, Sr. MF; Jacob Szerlag, Sr. Def.; Aiden Somerville, Jr. F; Nick Reina, Sr. GK; Toma Peralta, Fr. F; Danny Jakabowski, Fr. Def.; Shaun Juliette, Fr. Def.

**Grodzicki's outlook:** "I like the balance that we have with this team with eight seniors, nine Juniors, two sophomores and three talented freshmen. Our success will depend on how well we can defend as a team and if we grind out 80 minutes each game. The senior leadership this summer has been outstanding and the team is starting to come together nicely."

#### **Livonia Franklin**

Head coach: Chris Burnette, first season. Last year's record: 5-14.

Players to watch: Tyler Piper, Sr. MF; Nick Corona, Jr. MF-F; Kellen Klegg, Soph. Def.-MF; Scott Beebe, Sr. GK.

**Burnett's outlook:** "I think we'll do OK. We have some good players and, with the league changing, that helps us, obviously. It will be better competition for us. I think we'll be all right. We've got to sort through our back line right now to see where they fit. That's where we were last weekend trying to move players around. I think I've got it figured out, but one injury and you're back is against the wall."

#### **Livonia Stevenson**

Head coach: Ken Shingledecker, seventh season. Last year's record: 11-5-4.

Players to watch: Ryan Cox, Sr. MF; Mason Miller, Sr. Def.; Evan Campau, Sr. Def.; Joe Cercone, Sr. F; Jake Kaupp, Jr. F; John Evangelista, Jr. F; Zack Gacioch, Jr. MF; Michael Deeter, Sr, Def.

Shingledecker's outlook: "We are very young again this year with six sophomores and a freshmen on the team. We do have a lot of talent, but we will really have to battle against the bigger schools that have more experienced players."

#### Westland John Glenn

Head coach: John Fedulchak, first season. Last year's record: 2-14-1.

Players to watch: Blake Grove, Sr. F; Cameron Simpson, Sr. F; Tanner Rhoades, Sr. Def.; Temilorun Myk-Ojomolade, Sr. MF.

Fedulchak's outlook: "We're returning a very talented group of seniors who are poised for a breakout season in the East Division of the KLAA. Excitement around the talent on Glenn's team this year has never been higher. Blake Grove is a four-year starter, captain, ODP regional player and all-conference with a 4.3 grade-point average. Temilorun Myk-Ojomolade has a 4.1 GPA. Simpson and Rhoades are three-year varsity players."

#### **Wayne Memorial**

Head coach: Brad Dewar, fifth season. Last year's record: 2-15-2.

Players to watch: Gavin Herdon, Sr.; Aiden Herdon, Soph.; Hugo Olmos, Soph.; Luis Martinez, Soph; Jason Tilley, Sr.

**Dewar's outlook:** "With a new season upon us, this will be one of our most difficult beginnings Wayne has had in recent years. Graduating 12 seniors last year is going to make this season a completely new and challenging in the beginning. With new captains Gavin Herdon and Jason Tilley, we feel are up to the challenge of the new season and all that it brings. With the new divisions we are excited to play the new teams and keep the rivalry with some of the old."

#### Canton

Head coach: Mark Zemanski, sixth season. Last year's record: 12-4-7.

Players to watch: Bennett Austin, Sr. MF-F; Nicholas Provenzano, Sr. MF; Jake Crippes, Sr. Def.; Justin Gottschalk, Sr. F; Tyler Turko, Sr. F-MF; Jackson Percy, Sr. Def.

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#### **KLAA East Division**

#### **Livonia Churchill**

Head coach: Matt Grodzicki, sixth season. Last year's record: 10-8-2. Contact Brad Emons at bemons@hometownlife.com. Follow him on Twitter: @BradEmons 1.

# MSU's Piot rules GAM tourney

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James Piot couldn't have asked for a better send-off to his fall collegiate golf season.

The incoming sophomore at Michigan State turned in a masterful 54-hole performance over two days to capture the Golf Association of Michigan Men's Championship at Northville's Meadowbrook Country.

The Canton native, who helped lead Novi Detroit Catholic Central to three consecutive MHSAA Division 1 state team titles, shot a 67-67-69—203 to beat defending champion Alex Scott (Traversity City/Grand Valley State), who took runner-up honors with 69-68-69— 206.

Piot's former high school coach at CC, Mike Anderson (68-68-72), along with Mitchell White (69-71-68), tied for third at 208 each, while Dan Ellis rounded out the top five with a 70-70-69-209.

Piot was paired in the final grouping with Anderson and Oakland University golfer Alex Kleckner, each of whom were only two shots off the lead entering Tuesday's final round.

Anderson finished his final 18 holes with 72, while Kleckner slipped down the stretch and wound up eighth overall with 76.

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"I'd definitely say this was a great win and definitely a great place to have it at," Piot said. "Everything this week, the course and everything, was perfect ... it was a pretty hard field, too, especially with all the college kids out here. It was awesome to string some birdies together and happen to get a win out of it here today."

Piot competed in all 12 tournaments during his first MSU season, recording four top 20 finishes and one top 10 finish while ending the season with a 73.47 stroke average, third on the team.

In addition to having a stellar high school career, Piot also won the 2016 and 2017 Michigan Junior PGA championships. He captured the 2015 Michigan Junior Amateur and was runner-up in 2014. He was the youngest player in Michigan Amateur history to qualify for match play in 2013.

Piot, whose home course is Fox Hills, took a liking to the newly redesigned Meadowbrook Country Club course from Arizona golf architect Andy Staples.

"I just like how it was open out there off the tee," he said. "I could just hit driver out there anywhere, just find it and hit a wedge out there and onto the green. That's the hard part, but once you're on the green, there are no breaks there. I just happened to get to the right spot all week, make some putts and

make the best out of it."

Playing the final round with the 48year-old Anderson proved to be a cherished experience in more ways than one.

"It was intimidating at first, I'm not going to lie to you, because he always takes me out and he thumps me every time we go out and play," Piot said. "And just this week, this tournament atmosphere, the emotional levels change and stuff like that. It was nice to be able to hit the ball as well as I did today and beat him by a little bit there."

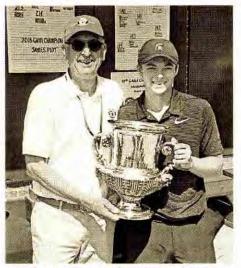
Coming down the 18th fairway with Piot, Anderson got somewhat choked up.

"We were coming up 18 and he said, 'Coach, you all right? You're awful quiet.' I said, 'I'm getting real emotional,'" Anderson said. "He said, 'I haven't won yet,' but I said, 'You will and I'm proud of you.' He just continues to mature. He's always been a mature player, but he keeps getting better and better. I couldn't be more proud of him and to be able to play with him and how he conducted himself well under those circumstances is really cool, a unique thing for me."

Despite missing a short birdie putt attempt, Piot parred the final hole to protect his three-shot advantage, much to delight of Anderson.

"It was pretty special," the CC coach

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Michigan State sophomore and former Catholic Central golfer James Piot (right) won the Golf Association of Michigan Men's Championship at Meadowbrook Country Club. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

said. "I have been playing well and just being in the final group with him and him starting to accomplish all the things we knew that he would ... it was emotional for me, especially coming down the last couple of holes, just because I care so much about him. He played so well. Just for me to be in the group is just far more than I could ever expected."

It turned out to be a win-win day for both players.

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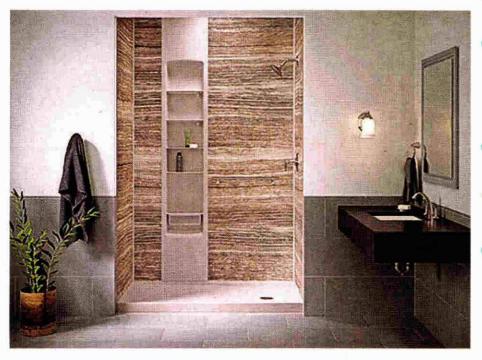
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# The best cities for job seekers in 2018

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U nemployment is currently lower than it has been in 17 years. Obviously, that means jobs are out there, but your town might not necessarily be the most booming place in the U.S. right now. Sometimes you have to pull up stakes and move to the zip code where the right job is waiting for you.

Here are the 10 best cities for job seekers in 2018 so far, according to jobs blog Indeed.

#### 1. San Jose, Calif.

San Jose is the top destination for job seekers in the U.S. While the unemployment rate in San Jose is no different from that of San Francisco (at 3.3 percent), at almost \$79,000, the average annual salary beats San Fran's by nearly \$10,000. Techies flock to San Jose-based companies such as Apple, Cisco and Google.



#### 3. Boston

On the opposite coast is Boston, where there are a lot of jobs in higher education and health care. Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospicongregate, largely because San Diego is the home of the University of California and such health care companies as Sharp and Kaiser Permanente. Salaries are healthy and unemployment has been in are also robust, and the police department is a top employer. Salaries tend to be low, but the city is unmatched in terms of employees finding a satisfying balance between life in and out of the workplace.

#### 6. Minneapolis

If you're in the personal care industry but prefer snow to sun, you may want to migrate to Minneapolis. Jobs in business, finance and technology are also plentiful there. Among the city's biggest employers are Target, 3M and Allina Health System.

#### 7. Sacramento, Calif.

By now, you've likely noticed that California is home to several top cities for job seekers. The personal care and construction industries are among the city's fastest-growing sectors. Sacramento also scores points for its strong salaries and its employees' tendency to strike a strong work-life balance. city's construction boom also makes it ripe for those in architecture, real estate and, of course, construction. Salaries tend to be on the low side, but job security is currently higher in Miami than anywhere else in the country.

#### 9. Seattle

Seattle is where it's at for those in the tech industry. Nearly 7 percent of all jobs in the Emerald City are in tech, and companies such as Amazon, Boeing and Microsoft are doing much of the hiring. Salaries in Seattle are among the highest in the country.

#### 10. Washington, D.C.

The nation's capital is one of the most dramatic up-andcomers for job seekers. The federal government and the public school system are the city's biggest employers and offer some of its highest salaries. While jobs are plentiful in D.C., salaries are on the lower side, especially for those in

#### 2. San Francisco

The job market in California's Bay Area is at an all-time high, with an unemployment rate of 3.3 percent and an average salary rate of more than \$69,000. Those big money makers are doing well in San Fran's tourist, health care, education and biotech industries. tal are also some of the city's most prolific employers. Average annual salaries are well above the national average at more than \$64,000.

#### 4. San Diego

And we're back to The Golden State. A bit further south is where California's medical and education professionals steady decline since 2010.

#### 5. Los Angeles

A little further up the coast, Los Angeles continues to be one of the nation's biggest destinations for job seekers. Anyone who dreams of breaking into the entertainment industry can still set their sights on L.A. The city's health care and personal care industries

#### 8. Miami 🖂 🐏 💭

Job security and employee satisfaction are high in Miami. And it isn't just because of all that sun. The tourism industry is strong as more than 27 million people travelled to the city in 2016 alone. As a major port, Miami is also the place to be for those in the trade and manufacturing industries. The the public sector, but it does rank highly for job security and promotions.

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