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# **Protesters seek Westland boycott**

Group calls for action in wake of Taser incident

**Matt Jachman** 

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Accusing the Westland Police Department of racial bias and police brutality, protesters marched outside the police station Friday afternoon and urged a boycott of the city's businesses.

A crowd of up to about 50 people, with T-shirts that read "Stop police brutality," chants of "No justice, no peace!" and calls for the firing of the officer who recently used a Taser on a black man at his home, walked in a tight circle in front of police headquarters on Ford Road for about a half-hour, prompting some passing motorists to sound horns in support and one or two to jeer.

The protest was organized by local chapter of the National Action Network in response to the use of the Taser, a temporarily disabling electroshock

weapon, on Ray Brown outside his home Aug. 17. Brown, 33, was holding his 2-month-old son Chris at the time. Police say the boy was not injured.

The scene was captured on video by a witness and viewed thousands of times on social media, drawing a storm of social media criticism.

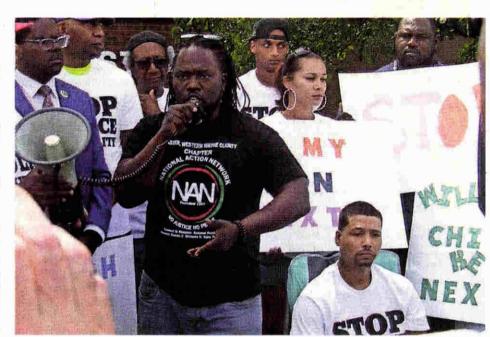
The Rev. Charles Williams II called for the boycott during remarks that followed the march.

"We will not spend our money were we are being disrespected," said Williams, the Michigan NAN chairman and senior pastor at Historic King Solomon Baptist Church in Detroit. "We're going to make them feel our pain by hitting them in the pocket."

Williams called for retraining and reforms in the police department.

"We support the police. We need the

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Will Miller, president of the Inkster chapter of the National Action Network, speaks to protesters outside the Westland police station Friday. Seated next to him is Ray Brown, who was Tased by police Aug. 17 as he held his 2-month-old son, MATT JACHMAN



Mourners pay their respects to Sgt. Lee Smith and family. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# 'HE RAISED THE BAR SO HIGH'

Mourners remember fallen Wayne County Sheriff's sergeant

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Sgt. Lee Smith was remembered Aug. 23 as a big-hearted mentor who gave his all in everything, from his job in law enforcement to his family to the roller skating and motorcycle riding he loved

so much.

The 55-year-old was killed Aug. 14 when he was hit by a vehicle while jogging along Hines Drive in Westland; a 47-year-old man has been charged in

Smith was a Redford Township resident and a 26-year member of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department

and is survived by Simone Lloyd-Smith, his wife of 31 years, and their son Aaron.

"He put a stamp on this department," WCSD Lt. Theodis Sims said Smith during a funeral at Great-

er Grace Temple in Detroit. "He raised the bar so high that when I say there will never be another Lee, I mean that from



Sims and other eulogists called Smith a perfectionist and charismatic role model whose personality and skills towered over others'. Smith had trained local law enforcement in firearms use, horsemanship and motorcycle riding; when WCSD Sgt. Rachael Davis asked how many police personnel had been

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the bottom of my heart."

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# Carson's shelves near empty as closing looms

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With Carson's department store scheduled to close Aug. 29 in Livonia, customers spent the last days sifting through scant merchandise as mall officials worked to find a new tenant.

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and later transitioned to Carson's.

Customers have been sifting through a few remaining clothing racks, but found little to buy on near-empty shelves. Merchandise had been marked down as much as 90 percent.

Livonia resident Mona Elghoul has cashed in on liquidation sales a few times and most recently left with \$14 in makeup - marked down 70 percent, with an additional 50 percent off. She earlier found deep discounts on jackets, jeans and other items.

Elghoul wasn't a frequent shopper at Carson's, saying it was a bit pricey. Still, she didn't want to see it close and leave a vacancy in the mall.

"It's kind of sad," she said.

There have been rumors about potential new tenants to replace Carson's - one of the mall's anchor stores - but Melissa Cavanagh, the mall's marketing manager, said nothing has been confirmed.

"That is still in the works," she said. "Our leasing team is working and having conversations (with possible tenants). There is quite a bit of interest, but until we have a lease signed, we can't really talk about the different businesses interested in that space.

'We are very optimistic," she added. "It's a really nice space. We haven't had a space that large to lease in a very long time."

The latest developments come as malls specifically and retail stores in general are facing difficulties amid the increasing shift to online shopping.

Carson's customers even had the option to buy store items such as display cases and clothing racks. Carson's stores in Clinton Township and Rochester Hills shared the same fate as the Livonia location.

The Livonia closing marked the end of an era that Follow him on Twitter: @CantonObserver.



Men's pants were going for 90-percent off as Carson's prepared to close. DARRELL CLEM | HOMETOWNLIFE COM

began in 1994, when the Parisian store came to the mall. It was bought in 2006 by The Bon-Ton Stores, after Belk's briefly owned it, and then it transitioned to the Carson's name about five years ago.

Some employees had worked at both Parisian and Carson's for about 20 years. Now retired, De Haggerty of Dearborn Heights is among those who worked at both stores.

"I'm just sick over this," she told Hometown Life in April, when liquidation efforts began. "I never believed this would happen in a million years."

The closing, however, seemed inevitable after Carson's parent company, The Bon-Ton Stores, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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# **Funeral**

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influenced by him, more than half of the 200-plus uniformed attendees stood up.

God "needed a trainer and He needed the best," Sims said.

"Making a difference in this world was more important than anything" for Smith, Davis said.

Smith was the youngest of six children, a 1982 graduate of Mumford High School and a 2002 graduate of Wayne County Community College. He met his future wife, Simone Lloyd, while roller skating, a sport he loved and practiced for years, according to his obituary. They were married in 1987.

Smith had a variety of assignments while with the sheriff's department, including in the jails, on mounted patrol, with the special response team and on park patrol, on which he'd served since 2009.

A brother, John Smith, recalled difficult circumstances the family had faced while the children were growing up.

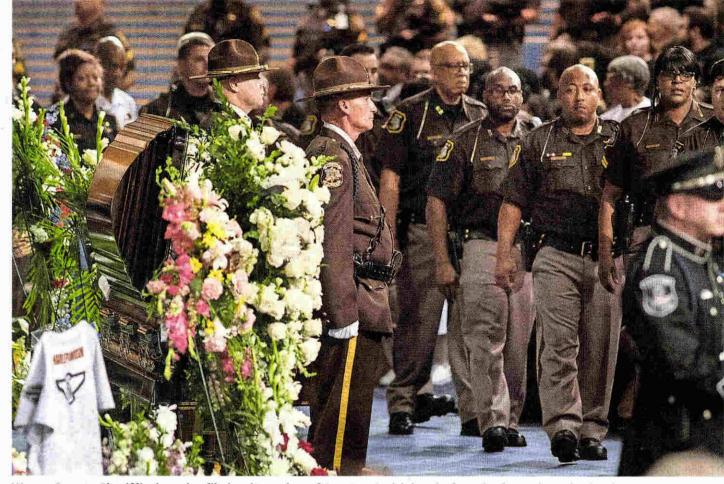
"This guy could've went down the wrong road," he said. "But he turned his anger into success."

Bishop Charles Ellis III, pastor at Greater Grace, said Smith's unexpected death illustrates life's uncertainties and told mourners to be thankful for every day — and to act in the present to make a difference.

"This day is not about him, it's about us," Ellis said. "It's about, what do we do when we leave here?" He added: "Love people while you can, help people while you can."

"Life ain't but a thing that appears for a little while," Ellis added, quoting the Bible's Epistle of James. "All you have is right now. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not promised."

The funeral of more than two hours began precisely at 11 a.m. as the Metro Detroit Police & Fire Pipes & Drums, which plays at funeral ceremonies for police officers and firefighters, marched through the sanctuary with a plaintive dirge. The ceremony included a police honor guard, singer Vickeigh Mitchell's performance of two Gospel numbers and a prayer by Bishop Anthony Crawford, who started by reading Psalm 27, which begins, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."



Wayne County Sheriff's deputies file by the casket of Sgt. Lee Smith just before the funeral service begins. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Life ain't but a thing that appears for a little while. All you have is right now.

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not promised."

Bishop Charles Ellis III pastor, Greater Grace Temple

The funeral procession to Detroit Memorial Park West in Redford included a police escort and a large contingent of motorcyclists — both from law enforcement and from the Motown Hogs, a biker club of which Smith was a member

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The Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Division waits outside Greater Grace Temple. Sgt. Lee Smith was an accomplished horseman and trained many of those in the mounted division. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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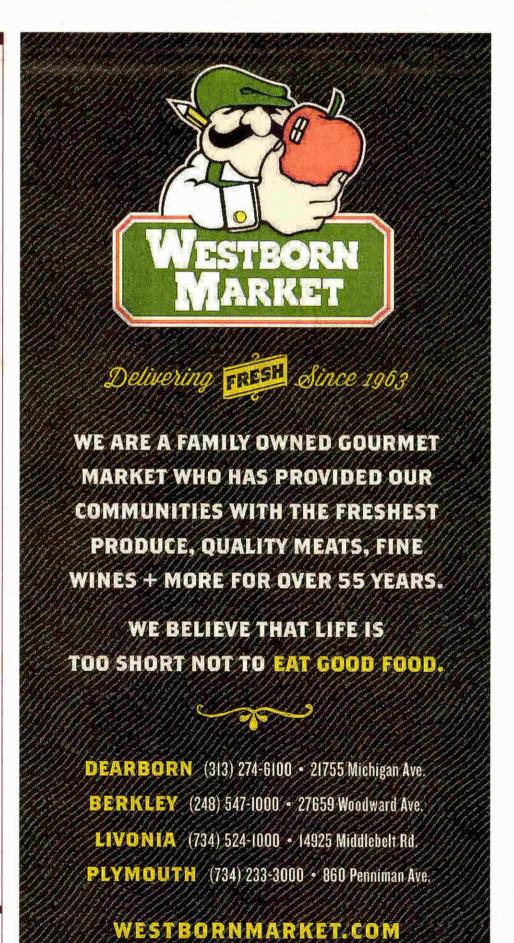


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# **Boycott**

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police," Williams said. "But more importantly, we need good police."

Williams later said police bias toward people of color is "a systemic problem" in Westland and that he knows of other people who say they've been treated unfairly.

Brown, on crutches, arrived to the protest a few minutes late and sat nearby as supporters marched. His attorney, Gregory Rohl, said he suffered knee and ankle injuries upon his arrest and was hit by the Taser

Brown declined to talk about the incident that led to him being Tasered. He said he was grateful for what he called the heartfelt support protesters showed.

"I know justice will prevail," he said.

Westland police officials did not immediately respond Friday to requests for comment. Mayor William Wild issued a statement late Friday afternoon that voiced support for NAN.

"I have always had the upmost respect for the National Action Network and the incredible work that they do. I am always available for an open dialogue with them on this issue and any other concerns they may have with our community," the statement read.

The officer who used the Taser, whom police did not name, was suspended for 30 days without pay following an investigation. Chief Jeff Jedrusik called the decision to use the Taser "questionable" under the circumstances.

The incident began when police responded to a neighborhood south of Palmer and west of Venoy the night of Aug. 17 in response to a complaint of vandalism and assault. Police spoke to Brown outside his home, an argument escalated and the Taser was applied as Brown was surrounded by several officers. Police say Brown was argumentative and uncooperative.

The bystander video shows a woman - later said to be the infant's mother - grab the child from Brown just after the sound of the Taser begins. Police later said the way the Taser was applied would not have affected anyone in contact with the person to whom it



The march outside Westland police headquarters Friday drew about 50 people at its peak. MATT JACHMAN



Ray Brown, seated and wearing a baseball cap, at the protest spurred by his confrontation with Westland police Aug. 17. Standing at left is his attorney, Gregory Rohl. MATT JACHMAN



was applied; Rohl called on police Friday to prove that 18th District Court.

"It's rather devastating to have your kid in your hands and essentially be electrocuted," Rohl said.

Police said officers were supporting Brown and the child as the Taser was applied.

Brown was arrested and later charged with seven misdemeanors, including disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, hindering police and contributing to the neglect of a minor. Free on bond, he is scheduled for a Thursday, Sept. 6, pretrial hearing in

Rohl contended Brown was not involved in the reported incidents - assault and vandalism - that brought police to his neighborhood that night. He said he plans to have his client take a lie detector test regarding those accusations.

"As I understand it, he had no involvement whatsoever," Rohl said.

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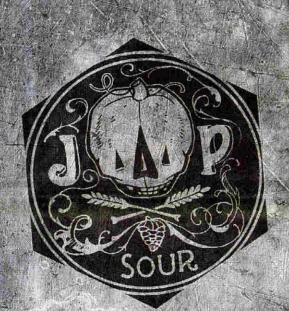




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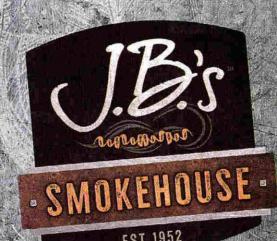
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# BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse opening delayed

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to open for business.

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse has pushed back its opening date in Livonia to Sept. 3, a one-week setback

blamed on weather-related construction delays. BJ's also had a slight delay getting the final permits

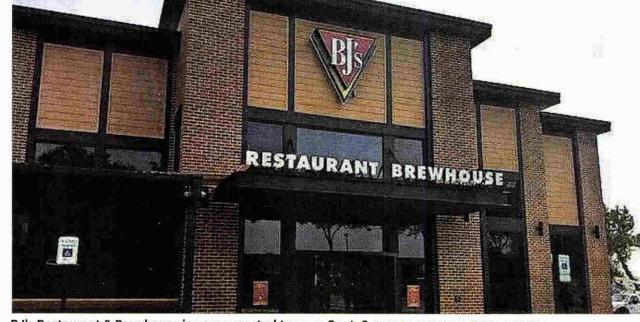
Kevin Mayer, executive vice president and chief marketing officer, cited those reasons Monday by email in response to questions.

"We are really excited to open our second restaurant in Michigan and introduce the great food and awardwinning craft beer to new guests at our new BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Livonia," Mayer said.

BJ's, which has 11 of its own beers and ciders, chose Livonia for its second location in Michigan. The first opened last December at Taylor's Southland Center.

With Livonia, BJ's now has 201 locations in 27 states. Its newest restaurant and brewhouse is on Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile, on the former site of Champp's sports bar and near the AMC Livonia 20 movie theater complex.

Company officials have said BJ's beer will not be brewed in Livonia, but shipped here from one of six



BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse is now expected to open Sept. 3. DARRELL CLEM | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

breweries in five states. The company is based in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Officials have said Jeremiah Red, an Irish-style ale, and BJ's Brewhouse Blonde are among the company's most popular beer selections.

Customers can take BJ's-brewed beer home, too. Mark Taormina, Livonia director of planning and economic development, said the Livonia City Council voted to allow the company to sell its own packaged beer for consumption at home. It can be sold in bottles,

growlers and kegs.

BJ's also has a wide-ranging menu, from deep-dish pizza to pizookies - cookies that come in small, round, pizza-style pans and usually topped with ice cream.

information, more go restaurants.com.

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# **George promoted to CEO of Prime Healthcare Michigan region**

Prem Reddy, M.D., chairman, president and CEO of Prime Healthcare, announced the promotion of Saju George to regional CEO overseeing Prime Healthcare's two hospitals in Michigan. George currently serves as CEO of Garden City Hospital and he will also have regional oversight of Lake Huron Medical Center in Port Huron. Jay de Los Reyes will continue as CEO of Lake Huron Medical Center.

Since 2014, George has served as CEO of Garden City Hospital, a 323-bed, community teaching hospital. Prior to joining Garden City Hospital, George held various leadership positions with Ascension Health St. Mary's Health System/St. Joseph Health System. He is a resident of Northville.

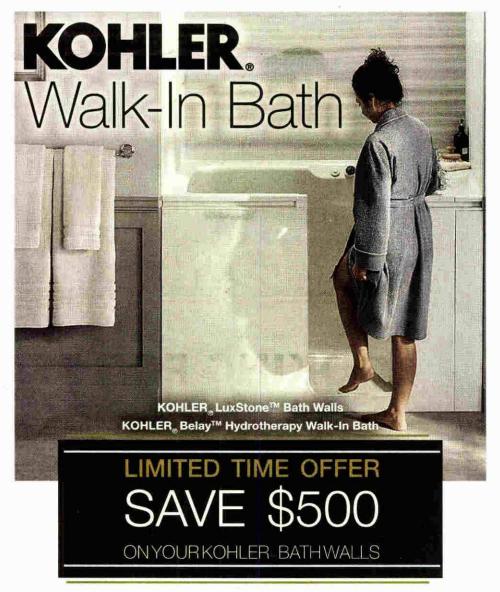
This is a promotion well-deserved. Mr. George is a strong leader with compassion, he cares about the hospital employees, the patients, their families George and the diverse communities that Gar-



den City Hospital proudly serves," said Osama Siblani, chairman of the Board of Garden City Hospital.

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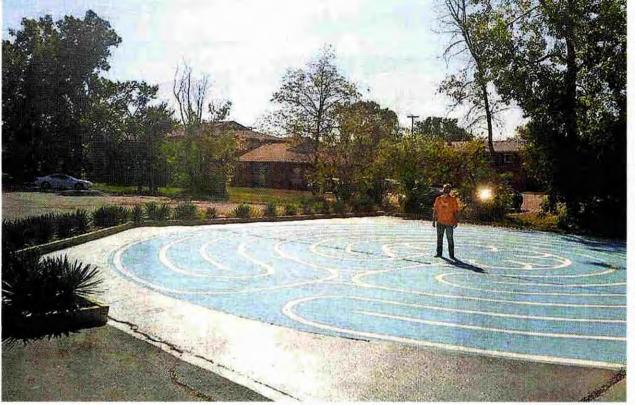


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Nathan Hines helped reconstruct a labyrinth meditation area at Unity of Livonia for his Eagle Scout project.

# **Westland Scout attains Eagle rank**

Westland resident Nathan Hines was honored during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Aug. 11 at Unity of Livonia.

Hines joined Cub Scouts when he was in elementary school and was actively involved with Troop 1241 of Garden City for seven years. This year, Hines earned the rank of Eagle Scout, which is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. Hines went through a lengthy review process to achieve the rank, including earning 13 required and eight elective merit badges.

"Getting my Eagle Scout not only represented the end of my journey as a Boy Scout, but also as the end of this stage of my life," Hines said.

For his Eagle Scout project, Hines led his troop to reconstruct a labyrinth meditation area at Unity of Livonia, a spiritual community. Hines and his family have been active members of Unity of Livonia for many years.

The project involved filling in several large cracks in the pavement, replacing landscaping timbers for the garden bed, repairing benches and giving the entire labyrinth a new coat of paint. The project was completed in summer 2017 and took about nine days of work

"It was a great honor and proud moment to witness Nathan Hines receive the Eagle Scout Award. Through his goodwill, dedication and leadership skills our labyrinth was restored and done so within a very frugal budget. Our congregation has been blessed not only by Nathan's Eagle project, but by sharing his spiritual journey with him and watching him grow from a kind and helpful child into an extraordinary young man." said Rev. Eileen Patra, senior minister at Unity of Liyonia.

Hines graduated from John Glenn High School in Westland. Along with being involved in Boy Scouts, Hines was also a member of the robotics team and National Technical Honor Society. He plans to attend Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn before transferring to Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Hines hopes to be an electrical engineer.

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson presented Hines, 18, a resolution from the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, which honored Hines for achieving the Eagle Scout rank.

"This accomplishment is a rare achievement and is truly deserving of every honor bestowed upon you. You should take pride in having made it this far," Anderson said in a letter to Hines.

To learn more about Troop 1241, go to www.troop1241.org/contact-us.html. Unity of Livonia's labyrinth is at 28660 Five Mile Road.

### **HYPE RECREATION CENTER EVENTS**

All classes take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, in Wayne. For more informtion, call 734-721-7460. Classes are free unless noted.

## Android smart phone workshop

When: Thursday, Sept. 6

Details: Attend a free hands-on technology workshop from AARP. Devices will be provided for practice and all participants will get a free touchscreen stylus pen. Seating is limited. Morning and afternoon sessions will be offered. Intro to Android is set for 10-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. Beyond the Basics is set for noon to 1 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. To register, call 800-213-4587 or go to aarp.cvent.com/tekdetr.

#### **Ask An Attorney**

When: Thursday, Sept. 6

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#### Tai Chi classes

When: 10 weeks beginning Tuesday, Sept. 11

Details: This gentle form of exercise can help maintain strength, flexibility and balance. There is growing evidence that this mind & body practice has value in treating or preventing many health problems. This low-impact, slow-motion exercise can be adapted for anyone. Fee is \$65 for the 10-week course. Must pre-register by Tuesday, Sept. 5.

### Free One-Stop Health Screening

When: Il a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16
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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 De-

For more information, contact nwwayne@familiesagainstnarcotics.

#### Livonia Garden Club

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

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

## 'A Doll's House' auditions

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

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

### 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 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.

# Narcan training

hosting an opioid awareness and Narcan training session 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Livonia City Hall annex conference room, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Participants will receive a Naloxone (Narcan) kit and training from a representative from Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.

Registration is required for this free event required. Contact Shari Davidek at 734 338-9580 or sdavidek@livonia saveouryouth.org.

# Flea market

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

# **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. The goal of this program, which began in 1998, is to help a Wayne resident whose home is in need of some care and they are not able to handle the work due to financial or medical reasons.

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

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 re-

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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 Face-

#### **Bishop Borgess Class of '78**

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

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

### Children's Sabbath

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

#### **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 Classroom II on the fourth floor. Sept. 4, 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 Livo-The group Livonia Save Our Youth is nia 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

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 Marv0204@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).

# Church rummage sale

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

# **Tail Waggers fundraiser**

Tail Waggers 1990, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is hosting its inaugural Cruisin' 4 Critters, a motorcycle fundraiser, Sunday, Sept. 16, at Dick Scott's

Freedom Powersports, 36534 Plymouth Road, in Livonia. Registration is 9:30-10:45 a.m., with the cruise at 11 a.m. Registration costs \$25 per rider or \$35 with a passenger.

The motorcycles will start and end at Freedom Powersports. The Wayne County Sheriff Department will escort the riders for safety on a ride to last approximately 21/2 hours. A brief stop at the turnaround will give riders a chance to refuel, use restrooms and get a drink. While pre-registration for the ride is recommended to ensure proper headcount for the after-party, ride-ins are welcome until 10:45 a.m.

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

For more information or to register for the event, go to www. tailwaggers1990.org or call 734-855-4077. You can also go to www.dick scottpowersports.com for information and to register.

#### Art classes at VAAL

Several art classes and workshops will be held at the Visual Arts Association of Livonia during the summer semester. The art classes at VAAL are all taught by professional artists. The next class is on acrylic painting by Durwood Coffey, scheduled for 1-4 p.m. each Thursday, Oct. 4 through Nov. 1. Cost is

A materials list posted on at www.vaalart.org. Durwood's email is corvusmoon@gmail.com. Registration deadline is Sept. 27.

#### Infant massage classes

The Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, is holding a free five-week series of infant massage classes, beginning 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. The series is presented by a certified infant massage educator in cooperation with Starfish Family Services. This is being offered for pre-crawling infants and their caregivers. Expec-

tant parents are welcome to join as well. Limited space is available on a firstcome, first-served basis and participants are asked to attend all five sessions. For questions or to register, contact Claire.mueller@westlandlibrary. org or call 734-326-6123, ext. 2847.

#### Mom2Mom sale

The Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia will host a Mom2Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Early admission is \$2, \$1 after 9 a.m. and free at noon; strollers welcome. For more information, email newburg mom2mom@gmail.com or go to Facewww.facebook.com/ book NewburgMom2Mom.

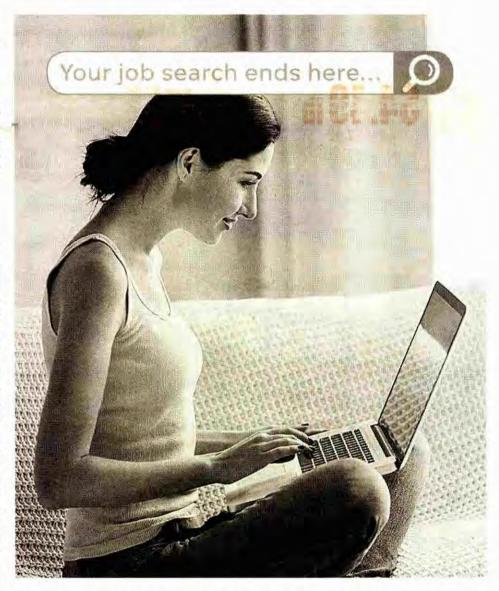
#### Benedictine High reunion

The Benedictine High School Class of 1973 will hold its 45th reunion at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 W. Five Mile Road, Livonia. Late admission for those not participating in the meal will begin at 8 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Musical entertainment will be provided by the popular band Cat Daddy & the 1320s.

Reservations and payment must be received by no later than Sept. 10. Tickets may be purchased and complete reunion information can be found at www.bennyhigh73.com. Additional information may be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/detroit bennyhigh73; by emailing the committee at bennyhigh73@att.net; or by calling 734-620-1201.

#### **Bentley Class of '68**

The Bentley High School Class of 1968 is planning its 50-year reunion, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 29, at Corsi's in Livonia. Anyone interested in details can contact the committee at 1968bentleyreunion@gmail.com.



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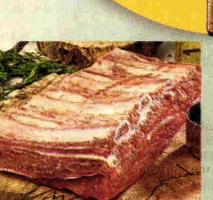
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PREP FOOTBALL

# Plymouth rocks the Big House, 35-11

**Tim Smith** 

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Before Friday's Battle at the Big House began, Livonia Stevenson wanted to make it Ed Belea's house.

Belea — sidelined for the season by Hodgkin's lymphoma - led the Spartans out of the Michigan Stadium tunnel, hoping to spark his teammates to an emotional victory.

But Plymouth had other ideas, playing a solid two-way game and scoring 35 unanswered points en route to a convincing 35-11 victory to launch the Brian Lewis coaching era in successful fash-

"This is a very, very neat thing, coming here," said Lewis, a former coaching assistant for the Michigan Wolverines

who's very familiar with the venue. "I told them to embrace it. This is the biggest stadium in the country, embrace this, have fun with it.

"But at the same time, their field is just as big as our turf field at P-CEP. . Let's just play Plymouth-style football here.

After a sluggish start, the Wildcats (1-0) seemed to quickly regain their footing after an early 21-yard field goal by Stevenson's Ethan Hamm opened the scoring.

Plymouth junior quarterback Nick Downs then orchestrated a 68-yard scoring drive with several clutch extraeffort plays by junior wide receiver Mike Mathias (75 all-purpose yards) and senior running back Carson Miller (21 rush-

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Plymouth's Carson Miller (right) tries to elude Stevenson's Lucas Kyle during his 46-yard catch-and-run TD late in the first half. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP FOOTBALL

# Harrison's final season gets off on right foot

**Marty Budner** 

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Farmington Harrison absolutely rocketed out of the gate in its final season of football.

Playing its home opener against district rival North Farmington, Harrison scored 41 first-half points and rolled to a 41-0 victory. The scoreless second half was punctuated by a running clock.

Harrison scored five of its six touchdowns on the ground, with senior speedster Ben Williams and Vincent Rawls both scoring twice. Roderick Heard accounted for the other rushing touchdown, while quarterback Max Martin connected with receiver Sylvon Brown from 9 yards out to complete the scoring.

Harrison head coach John Herrington was pleased to get the win and simply wants to concentrate on football rather than the fact the program is in its final season.

"We had our alumni here tonight and it's going to be like that all year and that's great," said Herrington, the only coach Harrison has had in its 49-year

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Harrison's Ben Williams speeds into the end zone for one of his two first-half touchdowns. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

PREP FOOTBALL



Churchill's Desmond Dewberry (3) comes up with the block on a punt attempt by Canton's Ben Stasiak during the second quarter. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Chargers throw block party

Churchill rolls against Canton in opener, 35-21

**Brad Emons** 

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Joel Forgacs had a tough time coming up with an answer when he was asked what felt better - blocking two punts or catching a touch-

down. "Probably the touchdown, because I only had one or two last year,"

said the 6-foot-3, 205-pound senior tight end and defensive end. "The punts were great, too, so ..." Churchill blocked three of them in the first half to build a 14-0 lead and

went on to spoil Andrew LaFata's debut as Canton's head coach in a 35-21 victory on the road.

The Chargers never anticipated getting three turnovers the way they did in the first half.

'We just went with our regular

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Canton's Steven Walker (right) eludes a tackler as Churchill's Avery Grenier tries to contain. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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# **Plymouth**

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es for 97 yards, one catch for 46 yards and two touchdowns).

Yet perhaps the biggest play of that momentum-turning series was a fourth-and-five pass to junior Jeremy Fuchs, who dodged tacklers for a 12yard catch. The Wildcats scored four plays later on a 5-yard run by Mathias, with a sweep around left end. After he appeared to be stopped short of the end zone, he fought forward the rest of the

Conversely, Stevenson's offense could not get going as sophomore quarterback Coltrane Rubner (5-of-21 passing, 51 yards, two interceptions) struggled in his first varsity start.

"I don't know so much about being nervous, but he just didn't make some good decisions with the ball and it cost us," Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said.

Mathias added his second TD on an electrifying run down the right sideline from 33 yards out with 1:28 to play in the half, making it 14-3.

The Wildcats then got the ball right back and Miller did the rest, catching a screen pass from Downs and taking it to the house for a 46-yard romp. Following the third of five extra points from Jackson Vacca, the Wildcats enjoyed a comfortable 21-3 halftime advantage.

Miller did it again in the third quarter, this time on a 46-yard run, to close out Plymouth's scoring.

The Spartans (0-1) finally scored their first touchdown of the season midway through the fourth quarter on a short run by sophomore Caden Woodall, who was one of the bright spots for them. Woodall ran for 89 yards in 17 car-

Following are three other takeaways:

#### BATTLE OF THE YOUNG QBS

Plymouth's Downs outplayed Stevenson's Rubner, especially during the tone-setting first half.

Downs's scrambling ability was enough to avoid pressure, creating enough time to find a target. In the final minute of the half, he threw a screen



Plymouth's Mike Mathias scampers towards the end zone during the second quarter Friday. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

pass to Miller and the running back took it from there for a 46-yard touchdown to open a 21-3 lead.

"We put that play in two days before this game and we wanted to try it out and it worked out perfectly," Miller said. "So I'm really excited that play broke for

According to Downs, a lot of the credit for Miller's big game was the offensive line's prowess.

"Our O-line blocked their butts off today, they did really good," said Downs, who completed 9-of-12 passes for 100 yards. "They were paving holes and that set up that screen right there. I think (Stevenson) had no idea what was coming."

IVAN'S IN THE 'HOUSE'

The Wildcats also displayed a toughas-nails defense, putting plenty of heat on Rubner and closing down the Spartans in relatively quick fashion.

Senior defensive end Ivan Davis sacked Rubner for a loss on a fourthdown play inside the Plymouth 20 to stop a promising drive for the Spartans. Plymouth then turned it around and marched 71 yards in 10 plays and scored on Mike Mathias's 33-yard run, giving the Wildcats a 14-3 advantage.

"You saw (Davis) turn it on today," Lewis said. "We've been waiting for him to turn it on and have that 'a ha' moment. You saw what he can do when he has that moment."

#### BELEA LEADS THE CHARGE

Before the third annual Battle at the

Big House, spirits were high for the Spartans, who were led out of the tunnel by Belea — still an important part of the team, even though his cancer diagnosis has ended his football career.

Belea and his teammates had the chance to cheer early, thanks to a field goal by Hamm just 2:30 into the game.

"It was an exciting moment for him and for our team to have Ed be here and be part of this situation," Micallef said. "Unfortunately, we didn't execute as well as we needed to on the field. And that emotion didn't carry over to what we needed to do in the field of play."

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# Harrison

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history. "It's going to be that way every week. But I'm mostly just concentrating on what we're doing out here."

Here are four other takeaways:

# DYNAMIC DUO SHINES

Williams and Heard are going to be Harrison's dynamic rushing duo all year. Williams finished with six carries for 98 yards, while Heard had 14 carries for

Щ9 yards. They aim to lead Harrison to another victory this week, when it hosts Troy Athens before facing a monstrous Week 3 showdown at state-ranked Oak Park.

According to Williams, Harrison is using its first two games as preparation for the huge road showdown.

"I was very satisfied with how we played tonight," Williams said. "But there are still things we need to touch up on. I had a few missed blocks and our third quarter wasn't the greatest.

"But we're going to critique those things and go out against Athens next week and do great. We have two great teams that we play (at the beginning of the season) and we're using those game to propel us up for Oak Park. That's a red letter game and that's the biggest game on our schedule.

"So coming out and putting up 41-0 is huge for us," he added. "It raises the morale and it raises the team bonding. The second game, we should still be on the high and, by the third week, we're going to do great. Once that game is over, the heavens await."

Herrington was satisfied with the first-game rushing attack.

"Ben can fly. Ben did a great job getting outside," Herrington said. "Rod got some good runs in there, too, but he can run better.

"I think we have to improve our quarterback play so we are able to throw the ball a little bit, but the running was good and the line blocked well," he added. "We just had too many penalties."

# RAIDERS DIDN'T 'CHECK OUT'

Second-year North Farmington head coach Bob Chiesa knew his young Raiders would face a battle against Harrison. Chiesa didn't shy away from the en-

counter, but was hoping the game would be played at North Farmington as possibly the season finale. It ended up as the road opener.

What can you say? It's their last year and I respect the program and what they've done," Chiesa said. "That's why



Harrison tailback Roderick Heard is stopped at the line by North Farmington defender Justin Bryant. MARTY BUDNER! HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

I said let's play them. But we can't compete with them - yet.

"I was proud of our team, because we held them to seven points in the first quarter. We were doing what we wanted. But they made adjustments and started rolling all over us. They got 35 points in the second (quarter), but we held them scoreless in the third and fourth.

"We eliminated the turnovers. We're still growing with this offense, but we'll be fine," he added. "I hate to say this, but in years past they would have checked out. Last year, they would have checked out. They didn't check out tonight and that was my message to them. They'll be

# THAT '70S BUNCH

Harrison will welcome back alums all year in its final season as a program.

Friday, it was players from the 1970s who showed up. Former players like Larry Sweeney proudly recalled their time helping to establish the Hawks' foundation of success.

"This was a rocky field with a little bit of grass mixed in when I played," said Sweeney, a 1974 graduate who played three years of varsity football. "We'd run a play, get on the ground and pick up the rocks and throw them to the side and run another play and do the same thing.

"After three years of doing that, there were no more rocks out here," he added with a laugh. "We were told we were the foundation of the Harrison legacy. I

think they were just being nice to us. We never went 14-0 and won a state title. We went 5-4 and we were just happy to be able to play."

# THE STREAK CONTINUES

With Friday's victory, Harrison owns a 19-5 record in the series against crosstown rival North Farmington.

Although the teams haven't played ever year, the Hawks have won 16 straight games over the Raiders, dating back to 1979. North's last victory came in 1978, 35-0, when it went all the way to the Class A state title game.

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# Northville edges Franklin; Salem tops Wayne

Saturday, Aug. 25 games

White Lake Lakeland 45, Walled Lake Central 0

Detroit Edison 18, Lutheran Westland 12

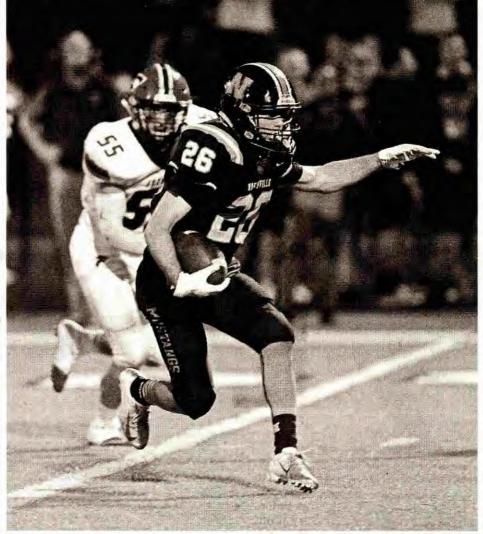
#### Friday, Aug. 24 games

Northville 28, Franklin 21: Enzo Rodriguez rushed for 93 yards and 16 carries, including a pair of 1-yard TD runs, leading the host Mustangs (1-0) past Livonia Franklin (0-1). Quarterback Nick Lauderback also threw an 11-yard TD pass to Trevor Schornack and scored on a 16-yard run for Northville, which held a 21-0 first-half lead. Jackson Cooney went 4-for-4 on extra points. Junior quarterback Jake Kelbert, who was 8of-18 passing for 122 yards, got Franklin on the board in the fourth quarter on a 35-yard TD run, followed by an 81-yard TD strike to Fredrick Biles. Adam Saghir and Anthony Montemayor both had five tackles for Northville. Arsell Weary had 10 tackles, including two sacks, while Aidan Pittenger had nine tackles for Franklin.

Salem 23, Wayne 14: Nathan Hunt scored on a 75-yard touchdown run and Tyler Overatits added a 30-yard TD pass to Sheldon Lyall as the Rocks (1-0) won at Wayne Memorial (0-1) in Justin Reed's debut as head coach. Overaitis also scored on a 5-yard TD run, while Joshua Gilmour added a 23-yard field goal as Salem led 9-8 at halftime. Jacob Rhiien made seven tackles to lead Salem. Wayne junior QB Ricardo Covin threw TD passes of 8 and 40 yards to seniors Chris Bopala and Cartier Muse-Suber, respectively. Sophomore linebacker Isaac Thomas led Wayne's defense with 10 tackles, including six for loss and two sacks. Freshman linebacker Owen Roper Jr. added eight tackles.

John Glenn 26, Novi 14: Senior Chad Stevens threw TD passes of 22 and 66 yards to Jarrad Tarrance and Dante Barthwell added TD runs of 83 and 3 yards, leading Westland John Glenn (1-0) at home against the Wildcats (0-1). Barthwell had 127 yards rushing on 13 carries, while Justin Morrison added 95 on eight attempts for the Rockets, who had 402 yards total offense. Stevens was 8-of-18 passing for 176 yards. Elijah White paced the Glenn defense with eight solo tackles and two assists. Jason Jennings, who rushed for 107 yards on 19 carries, scored on a 38-yard run for Novi. Quarterback Drew O'Conor added a 32-yard TD run. Josh Erno contributed 58 yards rushing and had eight tackles for Novi.

Thurston 20, New Boston Huron 3: Leonard Funchess ran for 102 yards on 15 carries and scored on touchdown runs of 3 and 42 yards for visiting Redford Thurston (1-0). Quarterback Keysean Ware, who was 7-of-10 passing for 123 yards, hit Davon Hedwood with a 35yard TD pass. Defensive standouts for the Eagles included Xavier Coleman-Patrillo (three solo tackles, six assists);



Northville running back Enzo Rodriguez is chased by Franklin linebacker Ethan Cooper. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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Marvus McWright (two solo, six assists, fumble recover), Javonne DuBose (four solo, sack, two assists) and Martez Nabors (interception)

Birmingham Brother Rice 28, Detroit U-D Jesuit 0: Greg Piscopink was 15-for-19 passing for 195 yards and three touchdowns for Birmingham Brother Rice (1-0). Colin Gardner caught nine balls for 133 yards and three touchdowns, of 54, 29 and 18 yards. James Donaldson ran for 80 yards and a 1-yard touchdown on 17 carries.

Farmington 37, Berkley 21: Farming-



Kaminski

ton's Kendall Williams had 15 carries for 176 yards and three touchdowns and added an interception on defense. Anthony Reaves was 4-of-6 passing for 47 yards and a touchdown, while Jayone Fletcher scored on a 70-yard punt return

Macomb Lutheran North 36, Livonia Clarenceville 22: Angelo Basilisco was 3-for-7 passing for 103 yards and two touchdowns for the Trojans. Basilisco ran for 49 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries. Jake Mlynarek ran for 39 yards on four carries. Connor Finkel caught three balls for 103 yards and two touchdowns.

### Thursday, Aug. 23, games

Birmingham Seaholm 41, Troy Athens 7: Bimingham Seaholm opened the season with a convincing win at Maple Field in an OAA crossover battle. The Maples were led by senior Chase Mentag, a three-year starter, who registered three touchdowns and 109 yards rushing. Senior Max Schumaker gained 119 yards on the ground. Quarterback Gray Kinnie, a senior who missed all of last season with a knee injury, had 97 yards rushing. The victory snapped a sevengame losing streak dating back to Week 2 of last season.

South Lyon East 29, Waterford Kettering 0: East's first victory was a shutout on its home turf over Kettering. The defense was led by Jon Carter (interception), Colt Kovach (interception) Ayden Oliver, Terry Day, Rashard Ray (interception) and Nick Helfrick (fumble recovery). Quarterback Chris Kaminski paced the offense by completing 11-of-18 passes for 160 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Sean Clary hauled in eight passes for 81 yards and a touchdown. The rushing attack was led by Matt Gilbert, who carried 23 times for 153 yards and a touchdown. Donovan Wright also scored a touchdown while rushing for 83 yards.

South Lyon 22, Walled Lake Northern 21: South Lyon gave its home fans an opening night thriller with the comefrom-behind win over Northern. The Lions trailed 21-14 before registering the game's final touchdown and pulling out the win with a successful two-point conversion. The late touchdown was a 15-yard pass from quarterback Brendan Dancer to Brendan Lach. South Lyon's other touchdowns were scored by Jack Schafer (22-yard run) and Michael Dancer (98-yard kickoff return). South Lyon, which finished with 220 yards total offense to Northern's 344, led 14-7 at halftime. Schafer finished with 70 yards rushing on 10 carries, while Michael Dancer had two receptions for 21 yards. Brendan Dancer completed 8-of-20

Cranbrook Kingswood 13, Redford Union 0: Jack Fairman (3-yard run) and Torrell Williams (28-yard reception) in a successful debut for new coach Scott Steward at Cranbrook (1-0). RU (0-1) was led by Amir Rashed, who finished with 45 yards rushing on nine carries. Carl Ware was the Panthers' leading tackler with 11.

#### Waterford Mott 41, Milford 0 Bloomfield Hills 39, Utica 14 Flat Rock 15, Garden City 0

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# **Chargers**

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scheme," Churchill coach Bill DeFillippo said. "That was them struggling a little bit to get that off. Always early season special teams ... all head coaches, I think, are worried when you've got to play special teams Week 1. We stepped up and got three of them tonight, which helped us a ton first half."

Churchill missed a first-quarter field goal and stalled on two other drives, but got on the board after Forgacs blocked his second punt of the half, putting the ball at the Canton 47 with 8:21 left.

"I think one guy missed his assignment, because I heard one of their coaches yelling, I saw nobody was there to block me, so I just went for it," Forgacs said. "The first one I only got a glance off of it, but the second one I obviously got the full arm, so I was really happy. I was just happy to get it."

The Chargers used 10 plays to score their first touchdown, capped by Darrell Mason Jr.'s 5-yard run up the middle with 5:03 left to make it 7-0.

Churchill's Desmond Dewberry, a senior transfer from Salem, then blocked Ben Stasiak's third punt attempt of the half and Jacob Robertson snagged the ball out of the air at the Chiefs' 14

"I dove for it and I didn't think I was going to get it," the senior linebacker said, "and all a sudden my left finger I felt this pain and I'm, like, 'Oh, I must

have blocked it."

The next play, Alsobrooks hit Avery

Grenier on a slant for a TD and the Churchill QB converted the PAT to make it 14-0 with 3:13 left in the second quarter.

"And when I saw my teammate (Robertson) pick it up, I was, like, 'That's a big turn,' because as soon as we blocked that, we scored on that drive," Dewberry said. "It was really nice, a really good feeling. When I was at Salem, I had about four blocked punts in a season, so it's nothing new."

After getting three punts blocked, La-Fata had no choice but to go for it on fourth-and-one at his own 37 with just over a minute left in the half as Stasiak converted on a keeper.

And LaFata, in his first game after replacing Hall of Fame coach Tim Baechler, took the blame himself.

"It all comes down to the coach. We didn't have them prepared enough, it's my fault," LaFata said. "It's 100-percent my fault."

Other than runs of 36 and 54 yards by Walker in the opening half, the Canton offense was totally stymied by the interior of the Churchill defensive front.

The first play of the second half, Alsobrooks connected with Grenier, who got behind a Canton defender, for a 74-yard TD bomb to make it 21-0.

"We were practicing that play all week. We knew it could be a big play, because they were running man-to-man," said Alsobrooks, who was 10-of-19 passing for 187 yards. "That's our best receiver right there – Avery Grenier. He did a hell of a job, broke the route. We had it. We knew coming out of the locker room we were going to run that first play. It's just the way it happened. We knew it. I did miss a deep ball earlier that I should

have had, but our team played great to-

Helped by a 15-yard personal foul, the Chiefs traveled 70 yards in 10 plays, which resulted in their first TD, a 2-yard run by Juwan Frazier with 7:43 left in the third.

Churchill, however, was undaunted as Alsobrooks found a tight window on third-and-four and hit Forgacs for a 24-yard TD with 4:53 remaining in the third to make it 28-7.

Taking just five plays in 1:34, Canton scored its second TD on a 1-yard run by Luke Joppi to cut the deficit to 28-14 with 3:18 left in the third.

Grenier then made a big play on the defensive side with an interception of a Stasiak pass at his own 20 with 10:59 left in the game.

Canton, however, made a game of it with another 10-play, 70-yard drive, capped by Marco's Johnson's 21-yard TD run with only 4:56 to go to cut the deficit to 28-21.

"You shoot yourself in the foot a few times – my fault, though – but our kids showed they competed," LaFata said. "They felt what it was like to play a really good football team who is coached up. Those guys are damn good over there. They competed. I'm proud of the way they fought that second half. But coaching-wise, we put them in a bad spot."

The Chargers' Deon Pitchford returned the ensuing kickoff 34 yards and the speedy Mason put it away on the next play when he broke a couple of tackles and cut loose 47 yards for another Churchill TD with 4:40 remaining to make it 35-21.

"Darrell was hurting, too. He rolled

his ankle the drive before, he just manned up and made a huge play," Alsobrooks said. "Ilove that kid, I'm so proud

Canton finished with 364 yards total offense, including 331 yards on the ground, led by Walker (17 carries, 137 yards) and Stasiak (nine carries, 84 yards). But the Chiefs couldn't dig themselves out of a 21-point hole.

"It's a game of momentum," LaFata said. "Bad things are going to happen. You've got to respond and I'm happy by the way we responded. But then again, (it was) our fault as a staff for allowing that to happen and not have them ready."

Churchill, meanwhile, used a balanced offensive attack with 187 yards passing and 176 rushing, led by Mason,

who had 91 yards on 10 carries.

"I thought we were able to mix it up tonight well," DeFillippo said. "We were able to run the ball when we needed to. I thought we were good on offense, we were good on defense and good on specials, getting contributions from so many of our guys. We had a lot of guys make big plays tonight. I'm thrilled for our guys – 1-0. We've got a quick turnaround, because we got to play Belleville next week."

The Chargers were able set the tone from the start.

"We came out on the first drive and we realized they weren't hitting hard as usual and that we could hit just as hard as them, so we didn't back down at all and that helped us all day," Forgacs said.

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# Northville heads to Canton in HTL's top game

**Marty Budner** 

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The first week of prep football featured some colossal match-ups, with interesting outcomes.

Week 2, again sporting a Thursday-Friday game menu, offers more of the

Here are this weekend's marquee match-ups, which our staff will be keeping a close eye on:

#### 5 to Watch

Oak Park (1-0) at Birmingham Groves (0-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30: The good news for Groves is this OAA White Division opener is at Falcons Field. The bad news is the Falcons will be facing one of the state's top teams loaded with Division I talent. Groves is coming off a tough loss to West Bloomfield, while Oak Park took care of Utica Eisenhower in the Prep Kickoff Classic. The teams split their last two meetings, with Oak Park earning a 34-14 victory last season. They were involved in a three-way tie for the OAA White Division title last year with Harrison. Picks: Emons (Oak Park), Budner (Oak Park), Smith (Oak Park).

White Lake Lakeland (1-0) at Waterford Mott (1-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30: Lakeland is coming off a confidence-building shutout victory over Walled Lake Central in its LVC opener. The Eagles face a much tougher battle this week at Mott, which opened the season with an equally-dominating LVC shutout victory over Milford. Lakeland was a preseason favorite to win the LVC title this season, according to league coaches. Coach Chris Fahr's Corsairs won nine games last year and he will have his team ready. Picks: Emons (Lakeland), Budner (Mott), Smith (Lakeland).

Livonia Churchill (1-0) at Belleville (1-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30: Churchill played a strong game and surprised Canton in the season opener. The Chargers must put in an ever better effort this week in the KLAA East opener against Belleville, led by massive lineman De-



Churchill quarterback Drew Alsobrooks fights for extra yardage as he tries to elude Canton's Victor Mancuso during the season opener. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Barnett - both Michigan State commits. Belleville is hoping to not only win the KLAA East Division tile, but has its sights set on its first state championship. Picks: Emons (Belleville), Budner (Belleville), Smith (Belleville).

Northville (1-0) at Canton (0-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31: Northville had its way in the season-opening victory over Livonia Franklin. The Mustangs figure to face a much tougher test this week against an angry Canton team that dropped its opener to Churchill. Picks:

Smith (Canton).

Rochester Adams (1-0) at Bloomfield Hills (1-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31: Both teams are coming off nice wins last week - Adams by a point over district rival Rochester and Bloomfield Hills by 25 points over Macomb County foe Utica. The Black Hawks must find a way to keep the momentum going against a traditional OAA powerhouse that dealt them a stinging 40-point defeat last vear. Picks: Emons (Adams), Budner (Adams), Smith (Bloomfield).

#### **Bonus game**

Troy Athens (0-1) at Farmington Harrison (1-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31: The Hawks were impressive in opening their final season with a big victory over North Farmington. Harrison will use this game as another tuneup for its monumental Week 3 showdown at Oak Park. Picks: Emons (Harrison), Budner (Harrison), Smith (Harrison).

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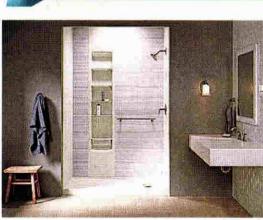
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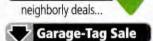
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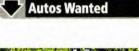


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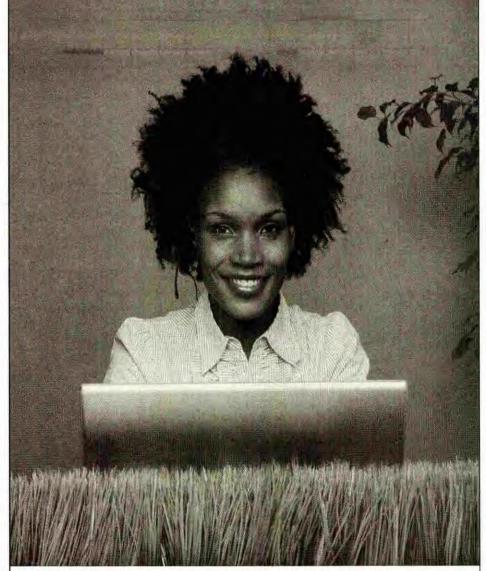


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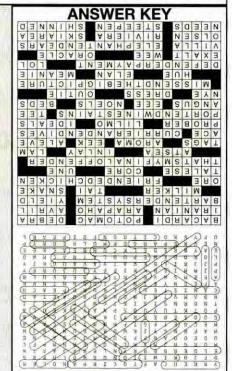
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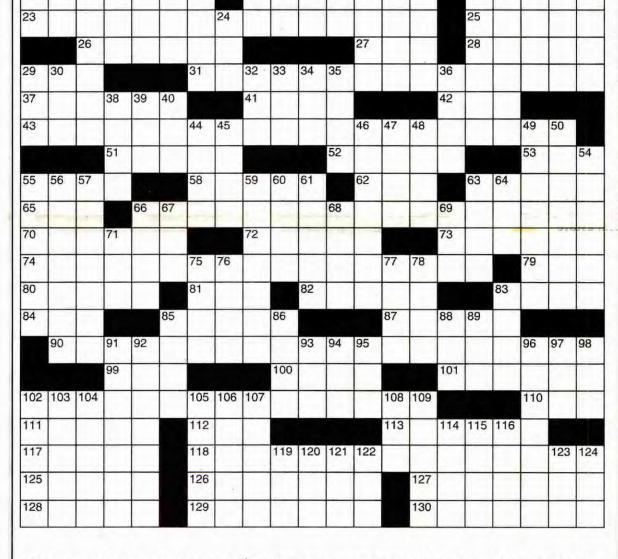
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A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Presentation of commendations to Police Department. APPROVED: agenda; minutes of special meeting of August 6; regular meeting of August 7; special meeting of August 14; requests to Turn the Town Teal, Wayne Main Street Scarecrow Contest, Wayne Main Street improvements to Derby's Alley; first reading of Ordinance #2018-06; first reading of Ordinance #2018-07; sale of 3857 Hannan to FPJ; sale of 4304 Second to HP Snap; 2017 right of first refusal from Wayne County; sale of portion of John Hix Rd. to BKG; agreement btw. Wayne County for park millage; accept grant from DHS; pre-funding of OPEB; corrective action for defined pension; transfer CDBG funds; Budget Amendment 2019-1; letter of agreement with WPFFA; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

> Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

Publish: August 30, 2018

#### ORDINANCE NO. 192-A-3-D AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE VI OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY ADOPTING SECTION 22-133 CONCERNING PORTABLE MOVING AND STORAGE CONTAINERS

It is hereby ordained:

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Section 2. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed

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#### LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 15125 FARMINGTON ROAD LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474 (734) 744-2500

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of:

**High School Dugouts Bid** (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www. livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2018-2019 school year, open bids OR the SIGMA Website, www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked High School Dugouts will be received until 1:00 p.m. on the 12th day of September, 2018, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

A walk through will be September 6, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. starting at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, Michigan, proceeding to Stevenson High School thereafter at 33500 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan.

The Bid Opening will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the 12th day of September, 2018, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Finance, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder: to waive any irregularities and/or informalities: and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be F.O.B. Destination. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

> Phillip Francis, Director of Operations Livonia Public Schools 15125 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154-5474 "High School Dugouts"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.

Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlau@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED Publish: August 30, 2018

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#### CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 17 8/20/18

Presiding: President Godbout Present: Green, Hammons, Hart, Herzberg, Johnson 140: Minutes of regular meeting held 8/6/18.

- Minutes of study session held 8/6/18.

- Proclaimed the month of September "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month."

- Celebration Lutheran Church Oktoberfest event 10/6/18.

- St. John's Episcopal Church "Fall Festival" event 9/29/18.

- Adopt Ord. 259-A to amend Ch. 26, Art. VIII of the City Code re. yard sales.

141: Adopt Ord. 192-A-3-D to amend Ch. 22, Art. VI of the City Code by adopting Sec.

22-133 re. portable moving & storage containers.
142: Adopt Ord. 149-A, to amend Ch. 26, Art. IX by adding Division 3 re. the distribution of unsolicited written materials.

143: Set 9/17/18 as PH date for street lighting SAD.
144: DTE LED Light Conversion Project & Agreement: New Street Lighting Installations.
145: Purchase of election equipment workstation hardware & software.

146: Purchase of election equipment scanner. 147: Appr. checklist: \$ 1,563,801.42. Mtg. adj. at 7:57 p.m.

James Godbout

Richard LeBlanc City Clerk

Council President Publish: August 30, 2018

#### ORDINANCE NO. 259-A

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE VIII, OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 26-441 AND 26-443, REGARDING YARD SALES

It is hereby ordained:

Section 1. That Section 26-441 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows: Sec. 26-441. - Yard sale definition and timing.

A "yard sale" is defined as:

(a) As used in this article, the term "yard sale" means a basement sale, garage sale, rummage sale, yard sale, attic sale, flea market sale, lawn sale and other sale of tangible personal property, including, but not limited to, clothing, household items, tools, garden implements, toys, recreation equipment, used or secondhand items usually found in the home, or other similar personal property, which is advertised to the public.

Yard Sale Timing - A yard sale may be permitted for one (1) day only on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. A multiple day yard sale, up to four (4) days, may be permitted on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. A 1-day and 4-day yard sale may not be held yard sale may not be held on contiguous days.

Section 2. That Section 26-443 of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows: Sec. 26-443. - Yard sale requirements and restrictions.

(a) Permits for yard sales conducted by a subdivision or condominium complex or association shall not be issued to conduct more than two yard sales per year.

(b) Permits for yard sales conducted by any other individual, group, church, or social, civic or charitable organization shall not be issued to conduct more than three yard sales, and no more than eight (8) total days, at a particular property location in a calendar year. The property location shall be identified as the zoning lot or the post office address assigned to the premises. Multiple dwelling units, such as a duplex, shall be considered on a single lot and the three (3) yard sales and eight (8) total days shall be applied on a first come first serve basis. In the event the city offers a permit free sale, the total numbers of days which have been used during this time, counts towards the annual 8-day maximum.

(c) All items to be sold must originate as the legal property of the applicant, other persons participating in the yard sale, or members of the organization.

(d) Property offered for sale at the yard sale shall not include any items purchased new for resale at the yard sale.

(e) A yard sale may be conducted from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on permitted dates, and shall not be conducted for more than four consecutive days.

(f) Yard sales permits shall not be allowed to run concurrently, and there must be at least 72 hours between yard sales at a particular location. If there is inclement weather on three of the four days permitted for a yard sale, then a replacement permit may be requested by the applicant within one week of the initial event.

(g) Yard sales may only be conducted by the owner or person in responsible charge of the property. No merchandise involved in a yard sale may be placed on public rights-of-way, including

(h) All unsold yard sale merchandise must be removed immediately upon the conclusion of the yard sale. Items and merchandise which are sold to purchasers must be removed from the permitted location within 24 hours of the conclusion of the yard sale.

Section 3. That all other provisions of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force and effect. Section 4. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected

Section 5. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

Section 6. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2018.

Adopted: August 20, 2018 Effective: October 1, 2018

Publish: August 30, 2018

# ORDINANCE NO. 149-A

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE IX, TO ADD DIVISION 3. - UNSOLICITED WRITTEN MATERIALS, SECTIONS 26-527 THROUGH 26-529 OF THE WESTLAND CITY CODE TO REGULATE THE DISRIBUTION OF UNSOLICITED WRITTEN MATERIALS WITHIN THE CITY.

It is hereby ordained:

Section 1. That Chapter 26, Article IX, of the Westland City Code is hereby amended to add Sections 26-527 through 26-529 to provide as follows:

ARTICLE IX, DIVISION 3 - UNSOLICITED WRITTEN MATERIALS Sec. 26-527. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) Front Door. The street-facing entrance(s) to a principal structure. In the event no door faces the street, then any other door of a principal structure nearest the street shall be considered a front door for purposes of this section. (2) Porch. An exterior appendage to a principal structure leading to a doorway, including any

stairway attached thereto. (3) Premises. A lot, plot, or parcel of land including any structures, driveways, or other impervious

surfaces thereon. (4) Principal structure. A structure, or combination of structures of primary importance on

the premises, and that contains the primary use associated with the premises. The primary use is characterized by identifying the main activity taking place on the premises. (5) Unsolicited Written Materials. Any written materials delivered to any premises without the

express invitation or permission, in writing or otherwise, by the owner, occupant, or lessee of such Sec. 26-528. Placement of Unsolicited Written Materials.

(A). Unsolicited Written Materials delivered to a Premises shall be placed: (1) On a Porch, if one exists, nearest the Front Door; or

(2) So that such Unsolicited Written Materials are securely attached to the Front Door; or

(3) Through a mail slot on the Front Door or Principal Structure, if one exists, as permitted by the United States Postal Service Domestic Mail Manual, Section 508 Recipient Services,

(4) Between the exterior Front Door, if one exists and is unlocked, and the interior Front (5) Where permitted, in a distribution box located on or adjacent to the premises; or

(6) Personally with the owner, occupant, and/or lessee of the premises

(B). Notwithstanding subsection (A) above, an owner, lessee, or occupant maintains the right to restrict entry to his or her Premises. (C). Unsolicited written materials placed at a Premises create a rebuttable presumption that the materials were placed at the Premises by the owner, agent, manager, and/or authorized distributor of the business, product, good, service, message, or idea which is being advertised, promoted, endorsed, or

conveyed in such materials.

(D). The provisions of this article do not apply to the United States Postal Service.

(E). Any placement of Unsolicited written materials in areas on or adjacent to a Premises other than as set forth in subsection (A) of this section shall be a violation of this article. Sec. 26-529. Penalty for violation of this article.

Any violation of this article shall be a municipal civil infraction. Properly designated city employees may issue appearance tickets for violating this article. The penalty for a first violation shall be a \$75 fine. The penalty for any subsequent violation shall be a \$100 fine.

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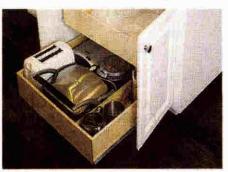
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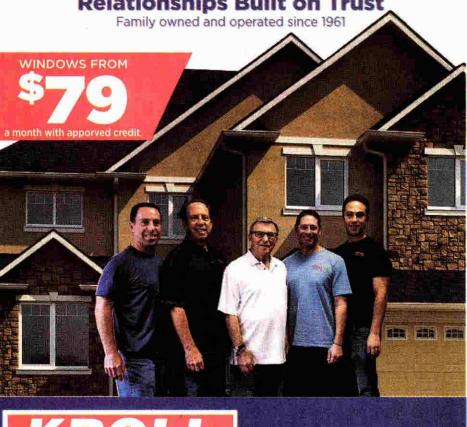
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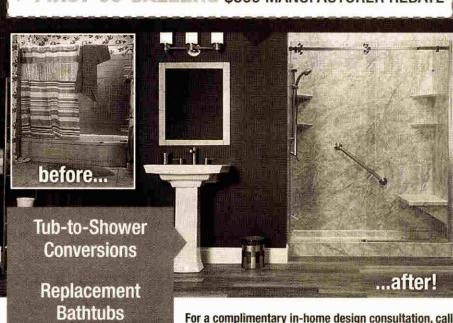
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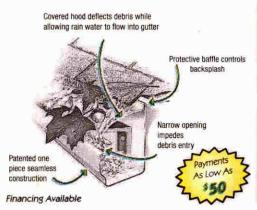




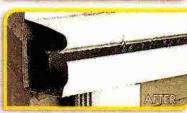
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