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# Clerks brace for record turnout

Area officials hiring more workers for Nov. 6 vote

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The midterm election onslaught is coming. Bring it on, say several city and township clerks.

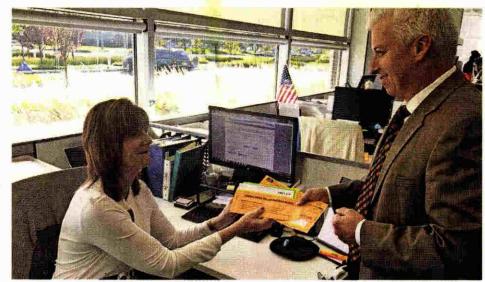
While polls don't open until bright and early the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 6, Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc and his veteran staff have been in fullon "roll up the sleeves" mode for weeks and months to handle it.

LeBlanc finally has enough precinct workers, trained and ready to go, but he was still looking for anybody with a civic-minded pulse to fill out an election worker form anyway — because one just never knows when extra bodies might be needed, if not this time around, then certainly in 2019 and beyond.

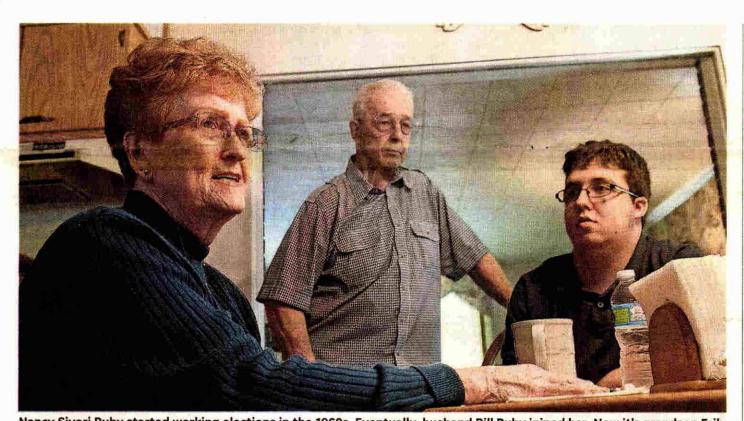
As recently as Oct. 16, LeBlanc emphasized that he "would hire 50 qualified election workers if they made application and participated in the mandatory 90-minute training. We do not have sufficient numbers of election workers today, three weeks from election day."

"We're encouraging folks" to sign up to work, said LeBlanc, who is expecting a turnout of close to 50 percent, including an estimated 10,600 absentee voters. "They may be here to pay a water bill or to secure a dog license or the neighbor is building and they've got some questions.

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Another absentee ballot is officially received at Westland City Hall by City Clerk Richard LeBlanc (right) and clerk secretary Donna DeWinter. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Nancy Sivori Ruby started working elections in the 1960s. Eventually, husband Bill Ruby joined her. Now it's grandson Erik Prosser's turn. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# ALL IN THE FAMILY

Westland woman, grandson ready for midterm duty

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Civic duty and love of democracy are ingrained in Nancy Sivori Ruby's DNA and have been ever since the Westland woman's father immigrated to America from Italy — in order to flee the dictatorial reign of Benito Mussolini.

"You know, my dad (Stefano Sivori) came over from Italy, escaping Mussolini," said Ruby, 81. "And he said when he got off the boat, he kissed the ground. And he went to school right away, because he couldn't speak English. He

went to Ford's and said, 'I want job.'

"And they gave him a job in the blast furnace. He said these people don't realize what right they have to vote. I get choked up when I talk about him."

Sivori Ruby thinks about her father often, especially when the time rolls around for American citizens to decide another election, which they will do

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# Forums on future of Warren Road start Nov. 1

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What does the future hold for the area surrounding the new Westland City Hall and Westland Shopping Center? Early next month, you'll have chance to give some input on just that.

Much like the visioning sessions held for the Ford Road corridor and former city hall site last month, the city of Westland will hold several sessions for the area along Warren between Wildwood and Newburgh, typically known as the Shop and Dine district.

The plan will examine the area and see what can be done in a retail environment that is adapting to 21st century demands.

"We know shopping malls are changing and changing rapidly," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We're asking for the public input."

Three days of sessions will take

■ 5-8 p.m. Thursday, a public design workshop and presentation will take place at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren.

From noon to 1 p.m. Friday, a workshop on transportation, mobility and parking best practices will take place again at Westland City Hall.

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"And they see, on our counter, applications to become an election official. I'm confident we've received some feedback and interest that way."

### Ready for traffic

Pre-election business is brisk in Farmington Hills, Milford Township and Northville, too.

"We're planning on a presidentialsize election. We usually get 72-75 percent for presidential," said Pam Smith, Farmington Hills city clerk. "I'm not sure it's going to be quite that high, but it's going to be higher than our average governor election.

"As far as workers, voting booths, we are planning on presidential size," Smith added. "We have probably be-

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tween eight and 10 workers at every precinct; we have 27 precincts."

Smith and members of her staff have been shaking the bushes and hitting every corner of the social media world to bring in additional folks with a hankering to learn electronic poll books, set up machines, verify registered voters, distribute ballots and hand out "I Voted" stickers at the end.

"We had notices out for a good month and a half, saying we were looking for election inspectors," said Smith, city clerk since 2011. "We had great feedback from that, pushed it out through Facebook."

According to Holly Brandt, clerk in Milford Township (which also handles the election for smaller Milford village), the turnout there could eclipse the 50percent mark. There are about 16,700 residents in Milford Township, including about 6,500 in the village.

"We're just trying to get through all the requests for absentee ballots every day that come in the mail and come to our counter," Brandt said. "We get a lot of foot traffic at our counter, requesting absentee ballots."

In Northville, City Clerk Dianne Massa and her staff are preparing for a 75percent voter turnout (including AV bal-

"I am still looking for a few more election workers," Massa wrote in an email.

#### They want to be heard

The Red vs. Blue world of 2018 might be just one of the reasons absentee voter applications are flying out the door and why clerks are making sure they have all the precinct help they can get to deal with the expected onslaught.

"We're in a new era of voting, which is a good thing," Brandt said. "Because people are getting out wanting their voice to be heard. Whereas in previous elections, maybe four, eight, 12 years ago, voters just ... wanted others to make the decision or didn't want to get involved.

"I think the public is engaged, in our community, in our county, in our state and across the nation," Brandt added. "The voting public is definitely engaged. I think younger people are getting more engaged than maybe younger people 10, 20, 25 years ago.'

But Brandt said there is an inconvenience connected to such a trend.



Farmington Hills City Clerk Pam Smith checks election registration numbers on her office computer. She is expecting a "presidential-size" turnout Nov. 6. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

duty and with a double-sided ballot chock full of controversial ballot proposals (whether to legalize marijuana, etc.) and bitter state and local races to decide, it would be a good idea to do some pre-midterm homework.

"Since the Michigan Court of Appeals removed the ability to have the one-box or one-party (choice), the ballot is long in our township and it's going to take more time for voters to get through it," Brandt said. "Know exactly what they do or don't want to do."

Concurring are Smith and LeBlanc about the importance of people being more diligent in their pre-election preparations.

"I think we'll issue close to 13,000 ballots, maybe more." Smith said. "We're trying to encourage that, if you're eligible, vote by absentee ballot this election. And particularly with the straight party being removed, I know there's some people saying there won't be longer times. Some are not.

"But from what we're seeing here ... people voting absentee ballots, it's taking a while. It's a long ballot. And the proposals are lengthy. If you are planning to go the polls, know how you are going to vote beforehand. We have really good guides that have been provided by the League of Women Voters."

LeBlanc said there is a lot to chew on in Westland, with several local and school ballot proposals for people to sort out - notably one that would look to approve a \$158 million bond proposal to upgrade facilities in the Wayne-West-

Schoolcraft College and Wayne County Community College also have millage requests on the ballot.

For that reason, many have declined invitations to vote early.

"A number of people I've tried to convince to consider voting absentee say no, they want to go to the precinct," Le-Blanc said. "They want to fill in the oval themselves, put it in the machine themselves. Other clerks, state officials, county officials, newspapers and media, everybody is warning us to expect for a very significant turnout in this election."

#### Plan ahead

For those not going the early voter route, plan on spending a good chunk of the day at the designated precinct.

"Plan on at least 30 minutes," Brandt said. "If you're coming at a peak time (early morning or post-5:30 p.m.), you should plan on more than that. The best time to vote is mid-morning or mid-afternoon if you don't want a line, 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock."

There is no doubt the contentious nature of 2018 politics also is having an impact on the business of running and handling such a major election.

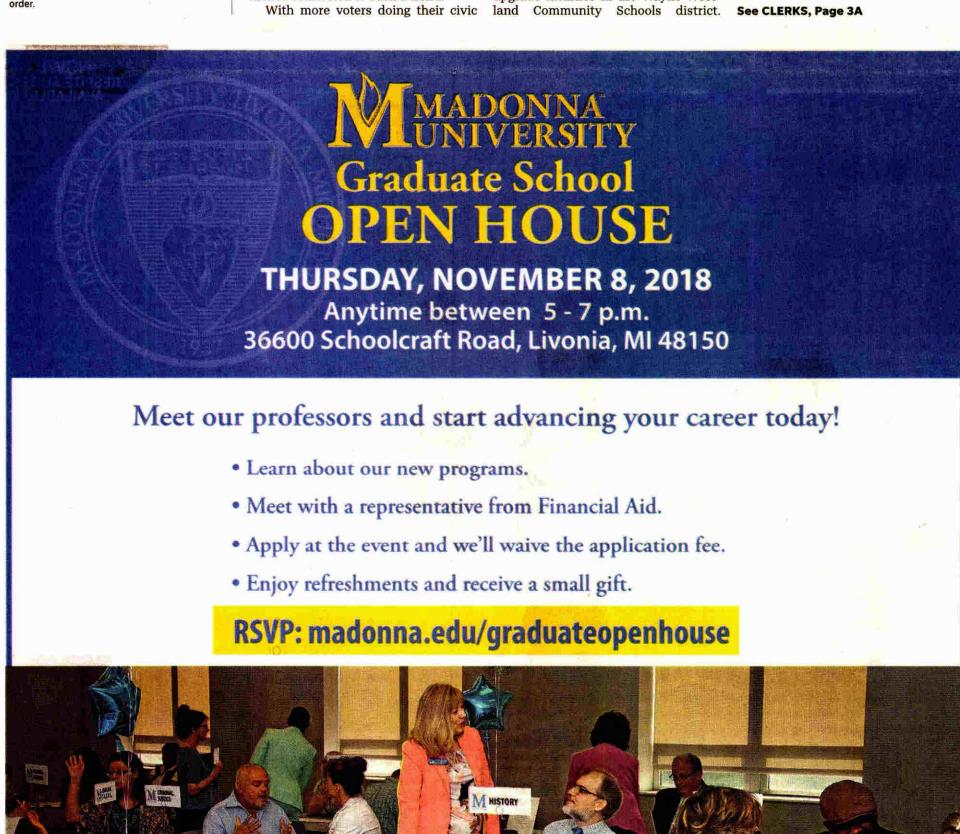
"I have some people that have worked for us in the past as election officials, that declined in this election," Le-Blanc said. "And I've asked why. I'm not sure it's 20 people, it's a very small handful of people. They are each working for campaigns. They are actively soliciting support for their candidates and cannot do that and still work as an election official. That's interesting to me.

"I've been elected 10 times, I've been a clerk for 2½ years, so some of this is new to me. But the engagement this time, is at a level different than what I've seen in the past."

Part of the puzzle that municipal clerks are facing is how to bring in younger workers to offset the inevitable retirement of older men and women who have, in many cases, toiled for decades.

Smith said National Honor Society students at North Farmington and Farmington Harrison high schools have been recruited to help out.

In Westland, 81-year-old Nancy Sivori Ruby - who worked her first election in 1967, when her neighborhood was



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# **Forums**

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An open design studio will operate from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at city hall, allowing residents and business owners to stop and and provide feedback.

■ From noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, a final reveal of the plan will take place. This will take place at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren, in front of Windsor.

The plan, once conceived, will help guide the city for future development in this area, which has long been a focal point of the city. Such a plan, Wild said, hasn't been crafted for the area that contains the mall and surrounding shops.

"I don't think anything has been done to this level in this area," he said. "When the shopping center was built, I don't think this level of planning has been done

in this area."

The plan comes as the retail landscape is quickly changing, not just in Westland, but across the region. The Macy's in Westland Shopping Center closed early last year and Toys R Us, which had a shop at Westland Crossing, went bankrupt and closed all its stores earlier this year. Shopping malls across metro Detroit are seeing changes, including at Fairlane in Dearborn and Eastland in Harper Woods changing hands via an auction earlier this fall.

Doing such a plan, Wild said, isn't an indicator that the city's namesake mall is planning on closing.

"It couldn't be further from the truth," he said. "The mall owners, they realize this area's changing. They're equally excited about how they fit in."

The sessions will be moderated by Northville-based McKenna Associates and Birmingham-based Gibbs Planning, the same two firms that assisted with the Ford Road sessions in September.

The plan will come as new streetlights will also line

Warren, giving the road some visual appeal. The poles will be different from the rest in the city, using black poles with decorative arms. The poles will also be able to hold banners and Christmas decorations.

The plan could also discuss further opportunities for new out lots at the mall, which will occupy swathes of the parking lot no longer needed most of the year at the shopping center.

"It really opens up a lot of opportunities that maybe weren't there before," Wild said.

Those unable to attend any of the sessions but would still like to provide feedback can do so be emailing the city's economic development director, Charles House, at chouse@cityofwestland.com.

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part of Nankin Township — is still handling precinct duties, but she has brought in her grandson, 19-yearold Erik Prosser, who will work his first election.

#### Making adjustments

But Smith debunked the idea that older workers are deciding against working elections because today's computerized world is much different than it was in previous decades.

"Honestly, when the electronic poll books first came on, I know a lot of the clerks were a little nervous because of the age of our workers at that time and you

don't just throw a laptop and a computer at somebody that maybe isn't comfortable with that," Smith said. "I think they really took to that better than we thought they would have and accepted it more.

"A lot of them, we trained them, of course. Some have come to subsequent training just to keep up on it. But a lot of the people that come in, they're not just the students. We do use the students and they're the ones on the laptops, because they're so comfortable with it.

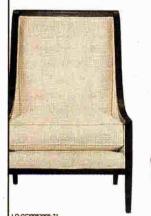
"But we have a lot of our workers, not the younger generation, that are using (computers) and they're very good on it. I think the way society is and the way we're going, everybody's on Facebook and you think it's just the kids doing Snapchat and Twitter, but it's not. I think it's the older generation starting to do that, too."

No matter how fast information travels these days, election workers know they're in for a slow, 16-hour slog of a day, perhaps for \$150 or so. That's just the way it is.

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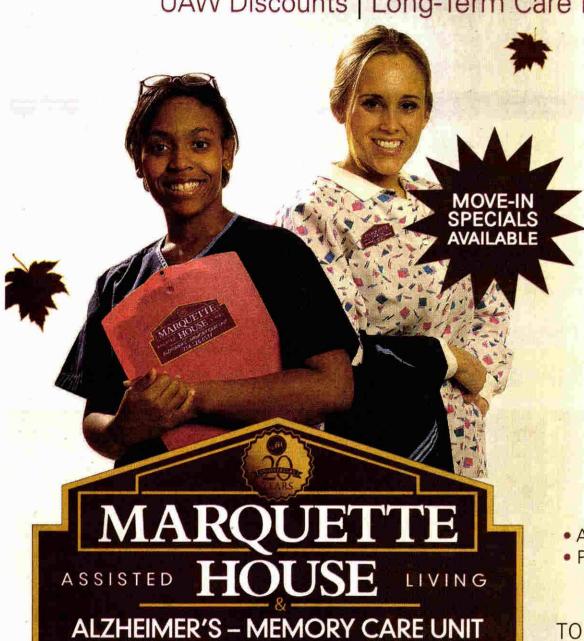
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It is one of the reasons she has been a dedicated precinct inspector in the city of Westland for decades, beginning in 1967, when the area near Henry Ruff and Cherry Hill roads was known as Nankin

She is the longest-ten-

Township.

ured election worker in the city and she will go to work again in two weeks at Hamilton Elementary School, along with her husband Bill Ruby and grandson Erik Prosser.

The 19-year-old Prosser, who lives in Garden City a mile away from his grandparents, wasn't old enough to vote in 2016, when Donald Trump was elected president. But this time around, he's not just voting, he's working at the precinct.

"Yeah, I think it's good for everyone to at least get involved somehow," said Prosser, a student at Schoolcraft College. "Not necessarily working the election, but somehow getting involved in government.

Because it will help us make better decisions as people, as a country. Not just locally, I think it's something everyone should do at least once. They don't have to be required to do it, but I feel that they should do it. I mean, I'm one that likes learning about the government, so I guess that's just my personal feel, opinion."

Prosser likes to see how the wheels of government turn. But he understands that, in today's polarized society, it is not an easy subject to talk about, even with friends.

"Nowadays, it's a little tougher to have conversations about politics and all that, even if it's something as simple as working the election," Prosser said. "Because people get all up in arms about everything."

# Learning the ropes

If things get heated,

"They've been trying to get me to do it for a while and I have been interested in doing it. I just never had the time, necessarily."

Erik Prosser grandson of Nancy Sivori Ruby

Prosser can just take a cue from his grandma, who is a people person with the knack of knowing how to let things roll off her back.

"I learn from her every day," he said.

Prosser will experience something his grandparents have a lot of experience doing election day is a marathon that begins around 4

The Rubys will get up at that early hour, then go pick up Prosser at 5 a.m. and head over to Hamilton Elementary, where they will be on duty until well after the polls close at 8 p.m.

'They've been trying to get me to do it for a while and I have been interested in doing it," Prosser said. "I just never had the time, necessarily.

"But government is one of my interests, so it's interesting to see the ins and outs of how the system works. I guess we'll get to do all the jobs at one point in the day, so it will be a good learning experience."

For the record, Sivori Ruby beams when she talks about how her grandson is joining the Hamilton crew.

"I'm proud of (Erik) because he's decided to do this," she said. "And he comes out with a lot of government (knowledge) that amazes me."

The day of the election, Prosser will help Bill

Ruby set up voting machines (one for the handicapped) and move on to various other jobs that will need to be done during a 16-hour shift.

"It's going to be fun," Sivori Ruby said. "Because we have to train him in the different jobs. And we switch around. Bill's going to be teaching him how to use the machines, how to open them, close them.

"He's working with us, so grandma's going to teach him."

#### She still loves it

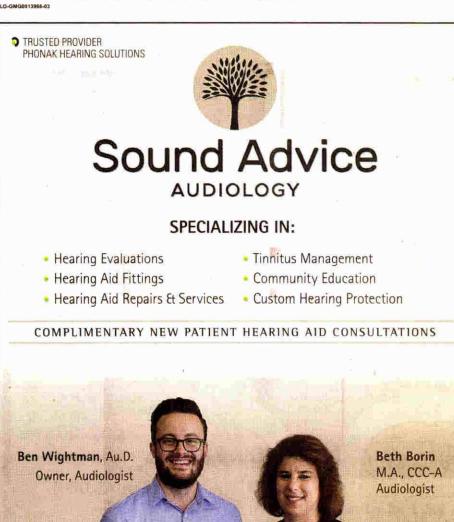
Sipping on a cup of coffee at her kitchen table, she talked about how much she still enjoys the routine and the people even cranky outliers. Also about how she loves doing the kind of civic duty her father championed.

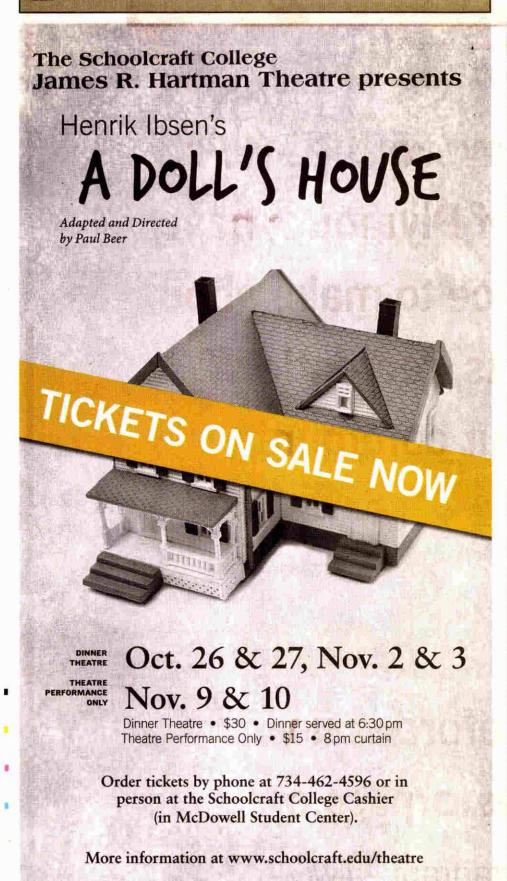
And she talked about how she's always enjoyed the duty, ever since the 1960s, when she pocketed \$75 (compared to about double that these days).

"I liked it. I started for the money, like everybody does," she said. "Because (Bill) was on strike (from Ford Motor Co.) and that extra money would help. That's how I started.

"I remember we also had the computers they came and voted on. Those were quite a ways back, too, maybe 20 years

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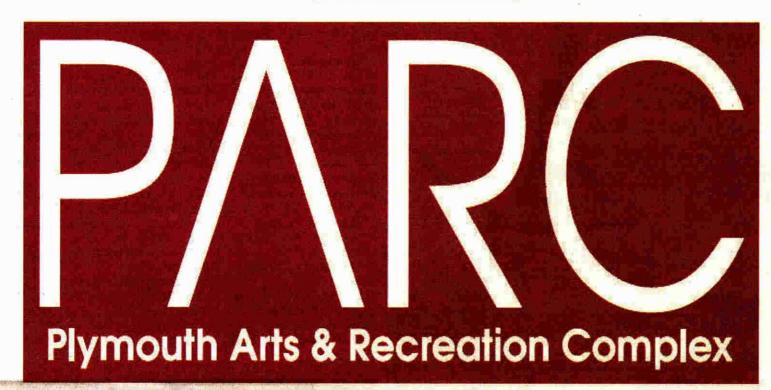




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back. Bill's been doing this for quite a few years,

She looked back on that first year working an election, at Titus Elementary School, which happened to be the very school where Nancy and

Bill's son (Stephen Ruby) was attending kindergar-

"The first thing I really remember is working the election and my son being brought to school by Bill because he worked nights," Sivori Ruby said. "I'm sitting there working the election crying my eyes out because I couldn't take him into kindergarten."

The day was as long then as it is now, yet that never seemed to bother her too much.

"People were very, very nice," she said. "Even now, people are so nice. ... We had two machines and they had the curtains that you had to shut when you got inside (to vote).

"When you go in, you

had to click the lever to close the curtains. It had all the candidates' names and you just had a little lever that you clicked down. And we had books of all the registered voters and, as they came in, we

if they were registered. We had to highlight it with a highlighter."

In the 21st century, there are electronic poll books that help the process run smoothly. Not every worker needs to log on, however.

"We have to check the ID, we go in and key in their name," Sivori Ruby said, giving kudos to Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc and Deputy Clerk Susan Hoff for giving workers all the direction and training they could ever need. "If they're in that precinct we know they can vote. Then we have to hit the ballot, we have to keep the ballots in order.

"It's a fool-proof way. And your numbers have to jibe with the machine."

### They'll keep rolling

The family's multigenerational dedication to being good, responsible citizens ensures that the baton someday will checked their name to see be passed to Prosser, who

said this year is not a oneoff in terms of election

Yet Sivori Ruby has no intention of walking away from that anytime soon - even in today's whirlwind world of social media and 24-hour news

"As long as I'm fine, as long as I'm healthy and I can do it, I'll do it," she said, placing her coffee cup onto the table. "There's quite a few older people because they're retired and it's extra money for them, too."

Although perhaps some older election workers are unable to adjust to newer ways, Sivori Ruby knows she won't have that problem.

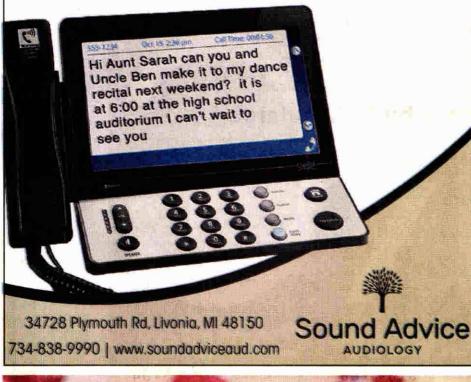
"I've worked most of my married life. I just enjoy it," she said with a winning smile.

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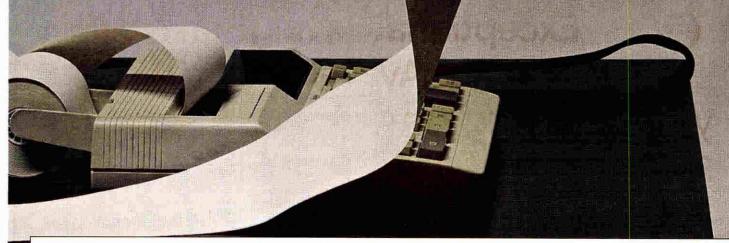
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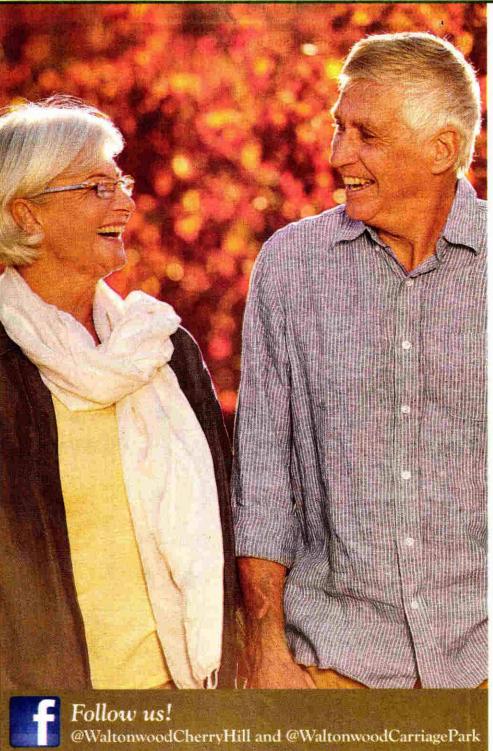
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# **Obituaries**

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# **Judith Leigh Gettel**

- - Judith Leigh Gettel, 83, passed away on October 20, 2018 in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan at her home. Judy, devoted wife to Douglas Gettel for fifty-seven years, was also the proud mother of Brian Gettel (Chris), Dana Beatty (Dave) and John Gettel (Courteney). She was affectionately known as Gigi to her loving grandchildren: David (Rebecca), Tucker (Allie) and George Blake; Corinne Barker (Jacob), Erin and Graham Gettel; and Jacen and Lauryn Gettel. She has one great-grandchild, Teddy Barker with one more on the way. She is survived by her sister Jayne Donaghue. Born August 13, 1935 in



Detroit, Michigan, she was the daughter of Delmar Stone and Kara Harrell Ziolkowski (Herman). In her younger years, she was a member of the Junior Group Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, The Women's Village Club, Bloomfield Hills Garden Club and Les Jardinieres. Judy grew up in Detroit, attended Denby High School and graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in education. She taught elementary students in California and Michigan. After raising a family, Judy and Doug spent their time between Bloomfield Hills, Harbor Springs, Michigan, and Naples, Florida. Many family vacations in Cat Cay, Bahamas created lasting family memories. She was the inspiration behind the family business of owning and operating many McDonalds restaurants in the greater metro Detroit area. With her passion for interior design and fashionable clothing, she and her daughter enjoyed running Expressions Custom Furniture and Fitigues in Birmingham. Her most cherished hobby was her family, in addition to tennis, golf and redecorating houses. The last six months, she was cared for at home by her best friend and husband, Doug and devoted daughter, Dana along with many caring aids and medical providers. Visitation and burial have already taken place. A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home (248) 549-0500. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to: Ronald McDonald House Charities Detroit, 4707 St. Antoine St., Suite 200, Detroit, MI 48201. To donate online go to: www.rmhc-detroit.org.

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Barbara June Schendel



- - Marcella Marie

(Bak) Owens passed

away quietly at home

on Monday, Oct. 15,

2018. She is survived by

her husband Roy; chil-

dren Scott and Michele;

grandchildren Lance,

Victoria, and Michael;

and a host of extended

family and friends. God

Bless and may she rest

in eternal peace.

June Schendel of Plymouth, died October 25, 2018. She was 81 years old. Barb was born in Detroit, MI on July 21, 1937 to Stanley and Helen (nee Dantzer) Martin. Barb is survived by her children Martin Schendel, David (Lucia) Schendel, and Susan Schendel, grand-children Chris, Lauren (1998).

PLYMOUTH - Barbara

children Chris, Lauren (Eric), Danielle, Nolan, Gavin and one great grandchild, Lucas. Beloved sister to Donna, Steve (Kathy), Hal (Jill), and aunt to Ron (Roxanne). Barb was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence, and her daughter Lynda. Visitation will be Sunday, October 28, from 2-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170. Her Funeral Mass will be Monday, October 29, at 10am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 24040 Raphael Rd., Farmington Hills, 48336. To offer condolences and view full obituary, please visit schrader-howell.com

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# John Hays Shuler Sr.

HINGHAM, MA - John Hays Shuler Sr. passed away on October 12, 2018 in Hingham, Massachusetts at age 91. He was born on March 24, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan, to Mary Grace Holliday Shuler and Harvey Albert Shuler, Sr., and grew up in Highland Park. John served in the Navy during



World War II from 1944 to 1945. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1949, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. John then worked in the mechanical contracting industry as an engineer and CEO of Mechanical Heat & Cold, during which time he served two terms as President of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Detroit, before retiring in 1992. An avid golfer like his parents, he was a member of Plum Hollow and Farmington Hills golf clubs. John met and married his wife of 66 years, Marilyn Corbin, at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit, where he served as elder and usher. Upon moving to Troy and later Bloomfield Township, he served as deacon, stewardship chair, and usher at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. He was preceded in death by his older brothers, Harvey Jr. and Tom. John is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his sons Scott and John Jr. (Jay); daughters Mary, Sandra Barna, and Barbara Emmel; 9 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and 11 nephews and nieces. We will all miss his warmth, generosity, and enduring love and support. Those who wish may donate in John's name to the Harvey and Mary Shuler Scholarship Fund #606588 at Ohio State University (http://give.osu.edu/Shuler) or to Camp Westminster (CampWestminster.com/ donate). Friends and family are invited to pay their respects at the memorial service on Friday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham.

# **Margaret Mary Parduhn**

HOPKINTON, MA - Margaret Mary Parduhn, age 49, passed away Thursday, October 18, 2018 after a 2 year battle with ovarian cancer. Born in Detroit, Michigan, she was the daughter of Mary Katherine (Stasser) Smith of Brighton, MI and the late, Gerald Lawrence Smith. She was the wife of 20 years to Michael John Parduhn of Hopkinton.

A Hopkinton resident for the past 11 years, Margaret was formerly of Livonia, MI. Besides her husband, Margaret is survived by her 4 children, Taylor, Maxwell, Ryan, and Anna Parduhn, all of Hopkinton. She also leaves behind two brothers; Michael Smith and his wife, Peggy of Dearborn Heights, MI, and Andrew Smith of Plymouth, MI.

Visitation was held in Hopkinton at the Chesmore Funeral Home www.ChesmoreFuneralHome.com. A Memorial Service in Michigan will take place on Saturday, October 27th from Noon to 4:00 PM at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood, Dearborn, MI 48124. Hors D'oeuvres and light refreshments will be served. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Meg's name to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, dana-farber.org or P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284.

# Margaret Anne Suter

- - Suter, Margaret Anne, nee Benninghofen, age 96 of Bloomfield Village. Preceded in death by husband, Kenneth Suter and son, Herbert (Margaret). Survived by daughters, Anne (Kurt) Mueller, Elizabeth (Bob) Zahm and 5 grandchildren. She leaves a legacy of curiosity, patience, generosity, and love. Services have been held. In memory, donations welcome, Butler County Historical Society, Hamilton, OH, Northwestern Settlement, Chicago IL, or the charity of one's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500.

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## Proposal 1 Q&A

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 33300 Five Mile Road, will be the site for a series of Q&A sessions concerning Proposal 1, the ballot question that would legalize recreational use of marijuana. They are scheduled for 8-9 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. Monday and Thursday, Oct. 29 and Nov. 1 and 5.

Admission is free and there is no registration. For more information, call 734-338-9580 or email livoniasaveouryouth.org.

# 'Doll's House' at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College will present Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House," adapted and directed by Paul Beer, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 2-3 and 9-10, at John R. Hartman Theatre (LA500) in the Liberal Arts building. Show times are 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2-3 (including dinner in the DiPonio Room at Vista Tech Center, followed by the performance) and 8 p.m. Nov. 9-10 (play only).

Tickets are \$30 for dinner and play and \$15 for play only and are available by calling 734-462-4596. For more information, go to www.schoolcraft.edu/

### **Turkey Trot in Livonia**

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Turkey Trot 5K fun walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Bicentennial Park (Seven Mile and Wayne roads). Register online at www.livoniaparks.org or at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The \$15 per person fee includes a T-shirt, if registered by Oct. 22.

Proceeds and canned food donations will benefit the Livonia Goodfellows and Blessings in a Backpack. For sponsorship and participation information, call 734-462-2900.

## Microbot battle competition

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The Livonia Public Library and the Michigan Combat Robot Organization will host Motor City Massacre II, its fall

Microbot battle competition, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, in the library meeting rooms, 32777 Five Mile Road.

This will be a lightweight robot battle competition and is open to anyone with an operating battlingrobot that would fit in one of the three weight classes. Register for competition at https://www. robotcombatevents.com/events/68. A waiting list is available and all spectators are welcome.

#### Frost benefit craft show

Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road, in Livonia will host its 42nd annual holiday arts and crafts show fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. The event includes more than 120 artists and crafters from all over Michigan, a bake sale on donation basis and a lunch cafe.

Admission is \$3 (no strollers). There will be overflow parking available at Ford Field.

#### St. Colette charity gala

St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, in Livonia will host its annual gala to benefit St. Christine Christian Services on Saturday, Nov. 3. The event features dinner, dancing and a silent auction. The event begins with a Mass at 4 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner is served at 6 p.m. and entertainment by the band Trademark begins at 7

St. Christine Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, located in the Brightmoor community of northwest Detroit, helps meet daily needs of the most vulnerable in its neighborhood. Twice weekly, St. Christine's provides nutritious hot lunches and supplemental groceries to Brightmoor residents, as well as an opportunity for neighbors to socialize over coffee and pastries in its office.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 per table of eight and can be reserved by calling director Maureen Northrup at 313-532-1211. Donations may also be made directly to St. Christine Christian Services at 15317 Dacosta, Detroit, MI

# **VAAL** fall art exhibit

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia will present its annual fall art exhibit through Nov. 16 at the Livonia Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard Street. VAAL members will display their work in several media, including watercolor, pastel, acrylic and mixed media. Many of the pieces will be for sale.

Awards will be presented by the juror at a reception to be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

The exhibit may be seen during the hours that the Center is open. For more information, go to vaalart.org or call 734-838-1204.

# 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 II on the fourth floor. Nov. 6, 13 and 20 are the next series dates.

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

#### Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meet and greet is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting at 7 p.m.

The program is titled Hydrangeas 101. Members will discuss the four main categories of hydrangeas, including those most popular and best suited for this area, plus tips on care. For more information, email craigcynthia@sbcglobal.net.

#### **Christmas fair at First** Congregational

The First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, is hosting its 72nd annual Christmas fair from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8-9. Lunches are served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinners 5-7 p.m. Turkey dinners with all the trimmings are \$10 for adults and \$4 for children.

Shops are open all day and include a country store, attic treasures, a boutique, Christmas shop, used books store, hand made goods, coffee shop, specialties shop and a candy booth. Shoppers will find Christmas decorations, canned fruits, jams, jellies, candy, Precious Moments collectibles, hand sewn and knitted items and plenty of Christmas gifts.

# Hospice volunteer orientation

SouthernCare Hospice, 17500 Victor Parkway, in Livonia will he holding a volunteer orientation event at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. The group is seeking caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with office tasks, to serve as friendly visitors for its patients and to sit vigil with patients at the very end of life.

Its service area includes the counties of Oakland, Monroe, Wayne, Washtenaw, along with parts of Macomb. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate about two hours of their time per week. Volunteers receive training and ongoing coaching.

For more information, call 734-522-

#### **Harvest Tea fundraiser**

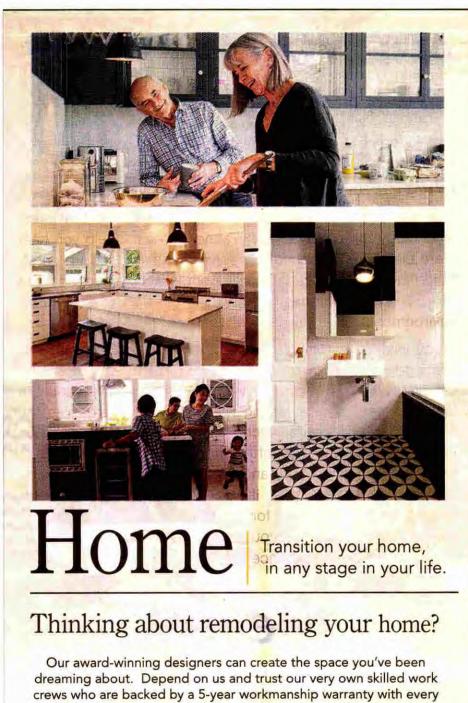
The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will host a Harvest Tea at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the library, 3737 S. Wayne Road. The event will include sandwiches, treats and tea. Baskets will be available for raffle. The event will be catered by Victoria's Tea Salon.

Tickets are \$35 each or \$210 for a table of seven and are available for purchase at the circulation desk.

### **Livonia Neighbors and Friends**

The Livonia Neighbors and Friends club will host Coleen from Cardwell Florist at its meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. She will give tips on fall decorating and demonstrate the art of making floral arrangements.

The club is open to women who live/ work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. For more information, go to http://livonianeighborsandfriends. tripod.com.



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# Retirement plans aren't as solid as he thinks



**Money Matters** Rick Bloom USA TODAY NETWORK -

Q: Last winter, I wrote you about an inheritance I received. At the time, you gave me some advice as to what to do with the money. Basically, it was to pay off my charge card debt and some college loans I had taken out for my children. All said and done, I was left with about \$100,000 and I wasn't sure what to do with it. You had recommended I save it for my retirement, which is about 15 years down the road. I left the money in the bank, basically getting no return, because I'm still not sure what I want to do with it. I'm debating between using the money to buy a house up north or put it toward my retirement. That is where I'd like your assistance. My situation is, it currently costs my wife and me about \$8,000 a month to live. When I retire in 15 years and receive my Social Security, between my wife and me, we'll receive about \$5,000. In addition, we have about \$35,000 in 401(k) plans and about another \$20,000 in the bank. I figure by adding to our 401(k)s for the next 15 years, we should be in pretty good shape for retirement. What do you think?

A: Unfortunately, I have to disagree with you. I don't think that just by continuing to add to your 401(k) plan you'll be in good shape for retirement. The first thing to keep in mind is that, 15 years down the road, your cost of living will be significantly higher than it is today. As I always tell people in retirement, you must plan to have a rising income throughout your lifetime. When you retire, you can easily live another 30 years and your cost of living will be significantly higher.

One of the mistakes many people make with regard to retirement is assuming that, once they retire, their cost of living will go down; that's not the case. It is more likely that your cost of living will go up in retirement. When most people retire, they have good health and want to take advantage of it. They're not just staying home; they're out and about and, ultimately, that gets expensive. It is always important to realize the need to have a rising income for the rest of your life.

I cannot stress enough how strongly I recommend that the \$100,000 be invested for retirement. With the money in the 401(k) plan, even if you continue to add to it and if we have an incredibly good market, it is not going to grow enough to protect you in retirement. The money should be invested for your retirement.

I know many people are thinking that, if you buy a home up north, it is an investment that potentially could appreciate in value and be sold to provide additional resources in retirement. Theoretically, that could be correct, but I have yet to see where someone has made money by owning a vacation home. By the time you factor in the cost of maintaining the property and the cost of repairs and improvements, the return on the investment is not so great.

I am not saying that people shouldn't buy a second home. They shouldn't buy it for investment purposes, but they should buy it to increase the quality of their life. Before someone buys a second home, they should make sure they're well on the way to saving for their retirement. If you don't have resources in retirement, it will significantly lower the quality of your life. I tell young people all the time, the day they start working is the day they begin saving for retirement.

Even with the \$100,000 invested for retirement, I still believe that 15 years down the road you may be short in what you truly need to retire. In addition to investing the money for retirement, I would also look for ways to reduce your cost of living. Something I generally recommend most people do is always monitor their expenses and look for ways to be more efficient. There are certain costs we can't do anything about, but there are a lot of costs we do control and that we can reduce or eliminate.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloom assetmanagement.com.

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# Sports

**BOYS TENNIS** 

# Area dynasties rule state finals

Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook continue their success

**Marty Budner** 

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Two Bloomfield Hills high schools defended their boys tennis state championships in what could arguably be called dynasty programs.

Bloomfield Hills breezed to its second straight Division 1 state championship and third in four years Oct. 20 at the Greater Midland Tennis Center. The Black Hawks were state runners-up in 2016.

"It's been a great run. I know it's a great thing for the kids and they get a huge kick out of it," said Greg Burks, who was Lahser's longtime head coach before taking over the Bloomfield Hills program six years ago. "I think it only drives them to be better. It's been a lot of fun."

Over at neighboring Cranbrook Kingswood, the Cranes captured their fourth consecutive Division 3 state championship and sixth over the past 11 years. Cranbrook Kingswood was second in 2014

"I think Cranbrook's boys varsity tennis has created a dynasty with their four consecutive state championships," said second-year head coach Steve Herdoiza, the 1989 Big Ten singles champion at Northwestern who played five yeas on the pro tour. "I believe they've been the hardest working team, not only during

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The Bloomfield Hills boys tennis team rolled to its second straight state crown and third in four years by winning five of the eight flights at the recent state tournament held in Midland.

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# TWICE THE FUN

Churchill's Vaeth knows how to juggle life as dual-sport athlete

**Brad Emons** 

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Grace Vaeth's life as a student-athlete at Livonia Churchill High School

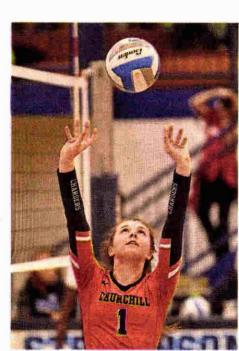
these days requires a day planner.

During a 10-day period, the senior participated in two volleyball matches, along with a pair of Saturday all-day volleyball tournaments, not to mention two very important cross country meets.

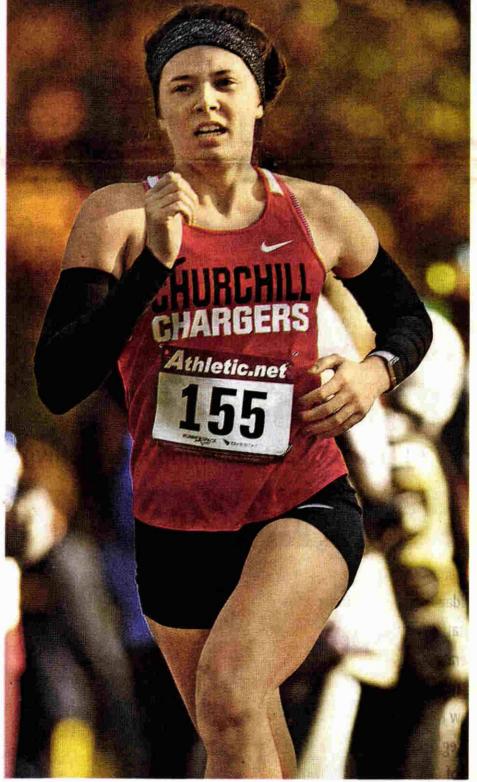
All in the life of a dual-sport athlete and a pretty special one, you may say.

"It's pretty hard," said Vaeth, who has juggled the two fall sports now for two seasons. "I really have to be mentally tough to do this. What I pride myself on is doing the best that I can be. In cross country, I like to focus on just running

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Livonia Churchill's Grace Vaeth is the starting setter on the KLAA East Division champion volleyball team. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Churchill's Grace Vaeth ran a personal best 19:51.0 to place 25th and earn all-conference honors at the KLAA meet Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows Metropark.

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**USA HOCKEY** 

# Autistic fans have chance to watch 'pure' hockey

Tim Smith

USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The sights and sounds at sporting events tend to be non-stop these days, assaulting the senses.

For that reason alone, children with autism usually are kept away from arenas and stadiums.

But Sunday, Oct. 28, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, those young fans will have a unique opportunity to watch in person as the U.S. National Team Development Program's U-18 team squares off at 2 p.m. against Dubuque.

The arena and NTDP are partnering with the Autism Alliance of Michigan to present Sensory Friendly Day. Spe-

cially priced sensory friendly zone tickets are \$6 (call 734-453-8400 or go to the box office).

"It's a game that Denise (Ronayne, director of sales and marketing for USA Hockey Arena) brought to the table and it's something that I



Appert

have had a lot of experience with during my time at RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York)," NTDP coach Seth Appert said. "Creating an event, a sporting event, that is autistic friendly for kids that are on the spectrum, to be able to come and enjoy a big-time sporting event without some of the things that might trigger a negative response.

"So you take away the music and the goal horns and the flashing lights and you simply have a hockey game with whistles."

Tammy Morris, chief program officer for Autism Alliance of Michigan,

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# Skyline denies Canton in regional

**Defending Division 1** champ Detroit Catholic Central also advances with 1-0 win vs. Clarkston

**Brad Emons** 

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Like bees to honey, Canton buzzed around Ann Arbor Skyline goalkeeper Kyri Wixom throughout much of the match in the Division Iregional boys soccer semifinal Tuesday at Dearborn Edsel Ford.

But it turned out to be a frustrating night for the Chiefs, who couldn't get the ball over the goal line and exited from state tournament with a 1-0 setback to the Eagles.

With 11:40 to go and Canton ramping up the offensive pressure, Wixom denied Tyler Turko on a point-blank shot. And with 4:19 remaining, Canton's Justin Gottschalk got loose on a breakaway, but his shot sailed just little too high and

"Sometimes that happens, you know, in soccer," Canton coach Marc Zemanski said. "We had plenty of quality chances, we just didn't get it in the net. The keeper (Kyri Wixom) did come up with one fantastic save and the rest we just shot it a little wide or whatever. But he was a good keeper. I believe he was the difference in the game."

Just 4:27 into the match, Skyline sophomore forward Gabe Kellman scored what proved to be the game-winning goal off a restart.

'There was a cross, it was bouncing around and it just happened to pop out to me and I just buried it in the back of the net," said Kellman, who recorded his 11th goal of the season.

The win propelled Skyline (14-4-2) into its first regional final against Dear-



Kellman

born, which advanced with a 2-1 win over Temperance Bedford in the first match of the regional.

Skyline coach Chris Morgan felt fortunate to get away with a victory against the Chiefs, who bowed out with a 12-7-5

"Oh, my God, it was 120 mph and it felt like we were fighting uphill, but pretty much the whole game," Morgan said. "That's such a talented team. That first five minutes, we were able to get some and we got our goal. But man, they really took it to us today. The yellow cards ... that was just product of them working hard and forcing us into bad fouls."

It takes only one goal and Morgan will take it.

"We've been talking about capitalizing on our opportunities," he said. "We still let a couple of corners get away, but that was a set piece where we got our goal. And we've really made a commitment to it and I love that. And I also love the clean sheet. We haven't been scored on in districts yet, in regionals, so the boys are pretty happy about that. That's a team effort and that's what we've been preaching - team, team, team."

Wixom went out briefly late in the match to get some medical attention on the sideline after colliding with a Canton player in the box. Victor Fontana came on before Wixom quickly re-en-

"He's a senior and will be missed greatly," Morgan of Wixom. "He's been waiting for this and he's shining."

Despite the setback, Canton couldn't be faulted for a lack of effort or desire.

"I think it was for maybe the last 20-25 minutes, we just kept going at them and we kept on creating a lot of opportunities for ourselves, we just couldn't put it in the back of the net," Canton senior captain Jackson Percy said. "We showed a lot of fight and we showed a lot of desire to go ahead, pushed for those chances, but it just didn't come out the way we wanted."

The Chiefs began to force the issue late in the first half and tried to carry that momentum into the final 40 minutes of regulation time.

"At the beginning of the second half, it was kind of rough," said Percy, a defender. "It took a little bit to get the groove back and I think it was maybe with 20 minutes left we went to a more attacking formation, which (Zemanski) decided on. And as the game went on, we kept going to more and more attacking, which created more chances for us, but we just couldn't finish it."

Canton loses 12 seniors to graduation, including nine starters.

Among those playing their final high

school game were goalkeeper Ian Nielsen, Alex Hevde, Dahi Al-Khatib, Bennett Austin, Diego Galvin, Kyle Kulas, Larry Cheaney, Nick Provenzano, Jake Crippes, Percy, Turko and Gottschalk.

They hung together, they were a close-knit group," Zemanski said. "And they continued to battle to the end. We just couldn't find a way to get it behind them."

But the Canton coach gave credit where credit was due against an opponent they hadn't crossed paths with all

'That was the tough part. We didn't know anything about them," Zemanski said. "But they're a good team. They're quick, they're fast. The have some good, quick defenders and their goalie is good. We couldn't put the ball in the back of the net and they deserved to win."

Kellman, who scored the game-winner, was glad to keep moving on in the state tourney.

"It was really tough and I give a lot credit to them because they worked really hard," he said. "And both teams were just battling. Our keeper, Kyri, he came up with a lot of good saves."

#### Shamrocks advance

Jeswin David scored the game-winning goal as defending Division 1 state champion Novi Detroit Catholic Central (18-4-1) earned a 1-0 regional semifinal win Tuesday over Clarkston (5-10-3) at

CC goalkeeper Andrew Nicholsen posted the clean sheet as the Shamrocks advanced to face host Grand Blanc (18-6) in the regional championship.

Grand Blanc advanced with a 2-1 victory over KLAA champion Brighton in the other semifinal.

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**PREP CROSS COUNTRY** 

# Area teams roll in league championship meets

**Marty Budner** 

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The cross country season is fast coming to a close as the Michigan High School Athletic Association's regional meets are slated for this weekend.

As a tune-up to the state tournament, the Catholic League held its annual championships and the Oakland Activities Association conducted the last of its three jamborees in recent days. Here is a wrap-up of each meet:

**Boys meets** 

Catholic League: On Oct. 20 at Ken-

sington Metropark, Catholic Central captured the title with 42 points, while Brother Rice was nine points behind with 51 and Dearborn Divine Child third

"You're never satisfied with second, but you know what, the kids ran very well," Brother Rice head coach Bob Stark said. "Now we'll try to go do something at the regionals this week and, hopefully, we can get to the state meet."

Divine Child junior twins Anthony and Michael Hancock were first and second, respectively, with times of 16:16 and 16:23. Brother Rice's Alec Miracle, the only senior among the top five finishers, was third overall in 16:29.

Brother Rice's other scoring runners

were Joe Shaya (seventh in 17:26), Joe Berg (10th in 17:43), Joe Kawka (15th in 18:07) and Jacob Hannawa (16th in 18:14). Henry Moran and Mike Shaffer also ran for Rice.

Warren De La Salle (126), Orchard Lake St.

Mary's (166), U-D Jesuit (169), Macomb Luthernan North (174), Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (179) and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (272) were the other competing teams.

Miracle

The top Cranes finisher was junior Peter Papapolymerou, who finished

OAA Red Division: Clarkston ran off See MEETS, Page 5B

with the third OAA Jamboree held Oct. 17 at Clintonwood Park by scoring 31 points. Oxford was second with 74 points, followed by Birmingham Seaholm (90), Troy (92), Lake Orion (103) and Rochester Adams (124).

The meet winner was Clarkston junior Brendan Favazza, who crossed the 5,000-meter course in 15:16. Seaholm senior George Nummer was second in 15:31. Senior Jakob Sayers (sixth in 16:01) and sophomore Jack Seel (16th in 16:42) were the other Maples in the top 20.

**OAA White Division: Stoney Creek** had all five of its runners place between fourth and ninth to win the White Jam-

# **Hockey**

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said the game will be a welcome chance for those "who struggle to navigate their sensory environment and new experiences. Families that are overwhelmed with medical care and the hard work that autism presents will simply enjoy an afternoon of great hockey and AAoM is pleased to partner and celebrate the event."

# No frills allowed

Appert, who this season is head coach of the NTDP U-17 team, said he saw first-hand during his time at RPI (2006-17) just how those on the autism spectrum and their parents responded to the opportunity to watch hockey without all the bells and whistles.

"It was unreal, it was one of the coolest things I was a part of there," Appert said. "That was the first game of its kind, anywhere in any sport, pro or college, that really shut everything down for the whole building to be friendly for the entire community.

"The first year you try it, you don't know how it's going to go. But our fans received it very well. We educated our fans on it. It became more like a golf event, where there's polite clapping of goals.

Regardless of how the Oct. 28 event fares, Appert is confident it will grow to become an annual event, the way it was at RPI.



U.S. NTDP head coach Seth Appert talks to players during a 2017-18 game. He saw first-hand how "sensory friendly" events work during his time as RPI college coach. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

"When you do a first-time event, they take on a life of their own," Appert said. "It will have to happen organically. At RPI, I can say it took on a life of its own and became a huge event.

"It became an every year thing where we raised thousands of dollars for the autism society. I think here, we have to let that evolve. You don't quite know how it's going to go when you do something for the first time."

Appert said all USA Hockey NTDP fans coming to the United States Hockey League match-up will be educated "about what the day will be and what the event is and, obviously, our players

are too, because it's going to be a different atmosphere.

"There's going to be no music, none of those types of things that some people can constitute as a home-ice advantage. It's a different event that day, but I think it's a great opportunity for players to go out there and perform regardless of that, because those things really aren't what drive you as a player anyway."

Based on his RPI experience, Appert is hopeful that parents of autistic children will be enthusiastic about having a Sensory Friendly Day to bring them to.

"The best thing (at RPI) was talking

to parents, that got to bring their children to their games," Appert said. "For them, who have to live a different life in terms of some of that stuff, to have those opportunities as a family, that was the best thing to get feedback on and to be a

Fans can expect decreased auditory and visual stimulation, along with a modified concessions menu with gluten-free and health-conscious options. In addition, there will be quiet rooms available and a Halloween fun zone with costume contests and special giveaways.

Although this family-fun hockey game was created especially for fans with sensory needs, all Team USA fans are welcomed and included.

"It's just a hockey game at its purest form, which is great," Appert said.

Autism spectrum disorder is a developmental disability "that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website

Although there is no cure for ASD, research is making strides to help many curb the long-range impact of the disor-

In 2018, according to CDCP, it was reported that "the prevalence of autism" has risen to one in every 59 births in the United States.

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# Vaeth

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and, when I go to volleyball, I don't want to think about cross country. I just want to think about volleyball and how I can get better in volleyball."

Vaeth's primary sport has been volleyball. As a starting setter, she helped the Chargers capture the KLAA East Division title Oct. 18 when she finished with 34 assist-to-kills and 19 digs in a four-set win at Livonia Stevenson.

She's been playing volleyball since the sixth grade and, during the winter and spring months, she'll be playing for the Legacy Volleyball Club on its national level travel team.

Vaeth's first stop after school is cross country practice, where she'll normally run four to five miles, followed by a light post-run workout. Then it's off to volleyball practice around 5:30 p.m.

"I usually bring some snacks," Vaeth said. "I go to the vending machines. Sometimes if I have time, I'll stop at a convenience store next store, pick up a sandwich or something or Subway."

When volleyball practice ends anywhere between 7-8 p.m., she'll head home, shower, eat, do her homework and then sleep.

"That kid probably has more energy than any kid I've ever coached," Churchill volleyball coach Kristin Clutter said. "She comes to practice every day after running. She never slacks, ever. She never misses a beat and always puts in 100-percent effort all the time. It actually doesn't affect her at all. Never complains about being tired. The worst thing she'll do is be three minutes late for practice because she has to eat something really quick. But she's always there. She does a really nice job for us."

And Vaeth has been doing a nice job this season for the Chargers cross country team, which recently captured the Livonia City and KLAA East Division dual meet titles.

She placed fifth at the Livonia City Meet on Oct. 12 at Cass Benton Park with a 5,000-meter time of 20:22. "I had a personal best by 14 seconds and it's a really

hard course, so I was proud of myself," Vaeth said. At the KLAA meet Oct. 18 at Huron Meadows Metropark, Vaeth took 25th overall while earning all-con-

ference honors with another personal best (19:51.0).

"Grace puts 100-percent effort into everything that she does," first-year Churchill cross country coach Sara Krol said. "It's not, 'How do I split time with the practices and workouts between both sports?' She comes to cross country and she's fully committed to cross country. We're still doing 5,000 meters of effort on every hard workout day and we're in the weight room ... then she finishes up, she cools down and she goes to volleyball practice. I couldn't ask for anything better from a leader standpoint from her. She leads by example every single day and is constantly doing ev-

erything she can do to be the best cross country athlete



Vaeth

"I'm pretty good this year, I'm really proud of myself actually, but it's difficult. Sometimes, I don't go to bed until 1 a.m. I'm trying to go to bed earlier now so I have more energy for the next day."

Grace Vaeth

she can be and then I know she's doing the same for volleyball."

Krol believes Vaeth brings many intangibles to her cross country team.

"She's very, very funny, light-hearted in everything that she does, but certainly can tone it down and be serious when she needs to be," Krol said. "But always the type of person that approaching everything with the mindset, 'How can I have fun and how can I get the best out of today?"

Wanting to earn her letter jacket sport patch, Vaeth went out for track at Churchill as a sophomore, when she fell in love with running distance. But the seeds to be a runner were planted long before that.

"My cousins were really good runners when they were in high school," Vaeth said. "They went to U-M, Michigan State ... so I've been going to cross country meets since I was 3 years old. I've grown up around that sport. I always wanted to try it, but since in volley-ball I wasn't tall, I said, 'Hey, why don't I try it?' It's worked out. I feel like I've never been in better shape in my life. It's just so much fun. I love the people in both sports. Both teams are very supportive of each other. I know a couple of my cross country friends came (to the Stevenson match). Some of my volleyball girls keep up on how I'm doing in cross country and they're always, like, 'Congratulations, you're doing good."

Vaeth is not only doing well on the volleyball court and on the cross country trails, but she's also in the classroom. She is taking three Advanced Placement classes this semester.

Her hectic sports schedule, along with balancing the academics, has proven to be a challenge.

"What I like the most is that I have friends that can help me if I'm struggling or I don't have enough time after school to study up when a test is coming up," Vaeth said. "I'm pretty good this year, I'm really proud of myself actually, but it's difficult. Sometimes, I don't go to bed until I a.m. I'm trying to go to bed earlier now so I have more energy for the next day."

But Vaeth continues to thrive. She carries an impressive 3.9 grade-point average.

"We were concerned at first with her maintaining her grades," said Mark Vaeth, Grace's father. "In fact, being a dual-sport athlete has made her focus better on her studies. And there are benefits from doing multiple sports. For example, she is much quicker and has more stamina on the volleyball court because of all her cross country and track training. Needless to say, we are quite proud of her."

From time to time this fall, Vaeth has had to make a decision which sport to participate in when there is a scheduling conflict. This Saturday, the Chargers will be playing in a volleyball tournament the same day as the MHSAA Division1cross country regional at Willow Metropark in New Boston.

"I decided I'd go to the cross country because that might be my last meet, unless I qualify for states," Vaeth said.

As far as her athletic future, Vaeth is open-minded. She would like to try volleyball in college if the opportunity presented itself. Her No. 1 school is Grand Valley State, with Michigan State, Wayne State and Central Michigan also in the picture.

There is another option out there as well.

"If I get into Grand Valley, I'd like to play on their club team or try as a walk-on," Vaeth said. "I talked to the coaches at Madonna (University), where I could play volleyball and run track —if I wanted to."

For Vaeth, that's something she's very familiar with.

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# **Tennis**

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the season, but throughout the year, which has given them an edge over the other teams."

Not to be forgotten, Groves and Seaholm tied for second place in Division 2 behind Okemos. It marks the second straight year the Falcons have earned the runner-up trophy.

All the teams were forced to play their finals indoors due to inclement weather. Following is a closer look at the state tournament results:

#### **Division 1**

Bloomfield Hills won five of the eight flights to defend its title with 37 points. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice and Ann Arbor Huron tied for second with 22 points apiece.

The Black Hawks won by only two points last year, but this year dominated the tournament with a 15-point margin.

"They played fantastic. The dominated pretty much the whole weekend," Burks said. "I mean, it wasn't without its hard matches. I mean, we had a ton of tough matches. I'll give them one thing, they have a ton of fight in them and they just fought all weekend long. And thankfully, we were on the receiving end of all those fights.

The winning singles players - both top seeds - were Andrew Zhang (No. 1) and Sebastian Burman (No. 3).

Zhang, one of six senior starters, won four matches without losing a set and dropped just 13 games combined. In the finals, Zhang defeated Brother Rice's second-seeded senior Jarreau Campbell, 6-1, 6-4.

Zhang was a state runner-up last year at No. 1 singles and No. 2 state champ as a sophomore.

Burman defeated Clarkston's Frank Piana in the No. 3 championship match in three sets, 7-6 (0), 4-6, 6-4. The Black Hawks senior also won his semifinal in three sets over Northville's Samir Raja-

The Bloomfield Hills doubles teams winners were freshman Noah Roslin and senior Adrian Wilen (No. 1), senior Frank Ryan and sophomore Andrew Chen (No. 2) and sophomore Michael Lee and senior James Piel (No. 4).



Cranbrook Kingswood captured its fourth straight Division 3 boys tennis state championship. CRANBROOK VARSITY TENNIS

The top-seeded Roslin and Wilen needed three sets to get past Troy's third-seeded team of Michael Song and Aniket Dagar, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. The other two Black Hawks teams won in straight

Brother Rice's lone victory came at No. 2 singles, where top-seeded J.J. Etterbeek defeated Bloomfield Hills' second-seeded Tommy Herb in three sets, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

# **Division 2**

Okemos won its second straight state title with a near-perfect 37 points and Groves placed second for the second straight season with 23 points. District rival Seaholm also scored 23 points to share runners-up honors.

'We had great effort from all players. I do believe going indoors really hurt us," Groves head coach Dave Farmer said. "We are a much better outdoor team and can hide our weaknesses better in cold and windy conditions. But we battled with everything we had and fell a little short.

The only teams that kept Okemos from winning all seven flights were Seaholm's doubles teams of senior Max Levitsky and junior Cameron Lee (No. 3) and junior Fred Kassab and sophomore Nolan Werner (No. 4).

Levitsky and Lee, the second seeds. defeated Okemos' top-seeded duo of Siddharth Nagisetty and Aditya Kandula in straight sets, 7-6 (2), 6-4. Kassab and Werner, seeded fourth, won their title with a 6-4, 6-3 upset of Groves' thirdseeded team of juniors Brett Kovan and Ethan Weitzman.

Seaholm's No. 1 doubles team of seniors Ben Adams and Aidan O'Neill lost in its championship match to Okemos' Zal Chinoy and Daniel Gorelik in straight sets. The No. 2 Maples team of sophomore Jonathan Cross and senior Owen Cross also lost in its championship match to an Okemos team.

The top three Groves singles players senior Gabe Liss (No. 1), senior Gabe Vidinas (No. 2) and sophomore Jonah Liss (No. 3) — each advanced to the semifinal round before losing.

# **Division 3**

Cranbrook Kingswood was one victory short of sweeping all eight flights and scoring a perfect 40 points in defending its title.

The Cranes finished with 39 points the most points scored in its current state-title streak - and Detroit Country Day was second with 28 points. It marks the fourth straight year DCD brought home the runner-up trophy.

"I didn't expect to win by that big of a margin, but I knew we were capable of it," Herdoiza said. "I don't think the team felt any pressure to repeat because our mindset was only on the things we could control. We stayed committed to execution, strategy and competing at our highest level."

Cranbrook Kingswood and Country Day met in three singles and one doubles championship match.

In a battle of the top two seeds at No.1 singles, top-seeded CK junior Lucas Bosch needed three sets to defeat DCD junior Nikolas Gruskin, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

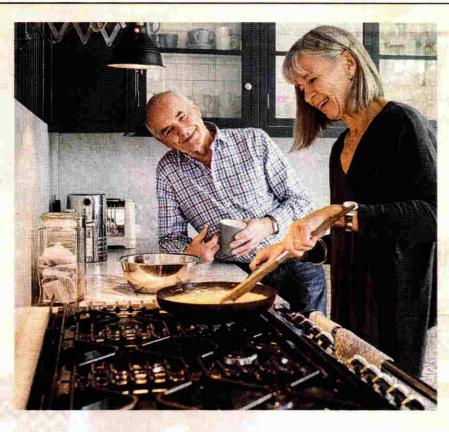
At No. 3 singles, Cranes junior Nolan Sherwood defeated Yellowjackets freshman Christian Grozev in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3. Cranbrook Kingswood senior Joe Croskey defeated Country Day sophomore Zain Rodger in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1, to win the No. 4 crown.

Cranbrook Kingswood's doubles winners were the teams of freshman Patrick Tiwari and junior Sohum Acharya (No. 2), juniors Hayes Bradley and David Hermelin (No. 3) and sophomore Geoffrey Qin and freshman Isaiah Croskey (No. 4).

The East Grand Rapids duo of Ryan Post and Kole Bulterer rose up as the third-seeded team to defeat CK's fourth-seeded senior duo of Jack Trees and Nikhil Deenadayla for the No. 1 doubles championship in straight sets by identical 6-4 scores.

"I felt incredibly proud of the team. They put their hearts and souls into the season and it was gratifying to see them rewarded for all the hard work they put in," Herdoiza said. "I think we had an extremely cohesive group of boys that had a growth mindset. They improved each week throughout the season by practicing and conditioning intensely and allowing the coaches to shape their games and minds."

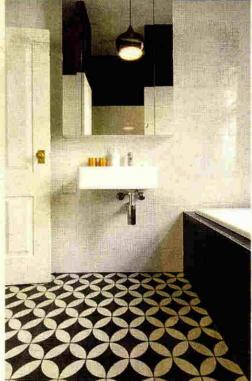
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# **Meets**

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boree No. 3 held Oct 18 at Oakland University.

The group-running Cougars finished with 33 points and Royal Oak was second at 50. Farmington placed third with 75 points, followed by Troy Athens (99), Bloomfield Hills (142), Rochester (168), North Farmington (182) and West Bloomfield (255).

Farmington freshman Peter Baracco won the meet in 16:30, beating Royal Oak's Drew Meinecki, who crossed second in 16:40. Senior Matt Denison (14th in 17:41), sophomore Anthony Judge (17th in 17:52) and sophomore Andrew Spencer (20th in 17:59) were Farmington's other runners among the top 20.

The top North Farmington runner was senior Justin Baker, who placed 23rd (18:13). The top Bloomfield Hills runner was senior Forest Zhang, who was 25th (18:16).

OAA Blue Division: Avondale had four runners in the top 10 and scored 31 points to easily win the White Jamboree No. 3 meet held Oct. 18 at Catalpa Oaks County Park.

Oak Park was second with 84 points, followed by Groves (89), Berkley (100), Hazel Park (III), Farmington Harrison (125) and Ferndale (151).

Avondale senior Sebastian Jackson was the race winner in a time of 16:57.

Senior Alex Hidalgo (11th in 18:10) was the top runner for Groves and senior Hanting Wong (12th in 18:18) was the top runner for Harrison.

## **Girls meets**

Catholic League: Dearborn Divine Child, led by overall winner Kaitlin Murray (20:24), finished with 29 points to dominate the meet.

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard was second with 88 points, followed by Bloomfield Hills Marian (98), Macomb Lutheran North (105), Farmington Mercy (131) and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood (149).

Sophomore Ainslie Vanneste (10th in 21:20) and freshman Erin Sever (11th in 21:24) were the top two Marian runners. Mercy's leading runner was freshman Lily Fromm (17th in 21:94). Cranbrook Kingswood's top runner was junior Olivia Bowden (15th in 21:28).

OAA Red Division: Clarkston com-

pleted the sweep to win the Red Division Jamboree with 31 points. Lake Orion was second with 64.

Lake Orion sophomore Sophie Novak crossed the 5,000-meter Clintonwood Park course in a time of 18:07, while Seaholm sophomore Audrey DaDamio was a close second in 18:09. Clarkston junior Mia Patria was third in 18:12.

Seaholm's next three finishers were freshman Lexi Deighan (15th in 19:50), senior Reagan McNally (19th in 20:09.70) and senior Alison Donnini (20th in 20:09.79).

OAA White Division: Bloomfield Hills had four runners among the top 11 and took top honors in the White Jamboree Oct. 18 at Oakland University.

The Black Hawks finished with 45 points, nine ahead of runner-up Stoney Creek, which had 54 points. Royal Oak was a distant third with 112 points, followed by Rochester (115), Troy Athens (117), Farmington (158), West Bloomfield (166) and North Farmington (186).

The Black Hawks were led by junior Shelby Jenkins, who was third in 19:33.2. The other scoring Black Hawks were freshman Kate Kenkins (fourth in 19:36), freshman Kellen Fife (10th in 20:17), freshman Grace Jenkins (11th in 20:20) and junior Isadora Halsband (17th in 20:58).

Farmington senior Abby Inch was second in 18:45.

West Bloomfield senior Kyla Christopher-Moody was the meet champion with a time of 18:11.

North Farmington's top runner was senior Whitney Reid, who placed 12th in

OAA Blue Division: Berkley won the five-team Blue Division meet with 29 points and Groves was second with 40. The next three were Oak Park (63), Avondale (105) and Hazel Park (138).

Berklev senior Emma Murray was first (19:24) and Harrison senior Anya Turner was second (19:26) as the only two runners to break the 20-minute mark.

Groves freshman Elyssa Bieerman (20:22) and junior teammate Katie Lucken (21:06) were fifth and sixth, respectively. Groves senior Jessie Whitmer (ninth in 21:58) also placed among the top 10.

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## CITY OF GARDEN CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a hearing will be held by the City of Garden City Zoning Board of Appeals at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. At the hearing all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard on the following agenda item.

- Construction of a Detached Garage 30268 Marquette (parcel 35-016-02-**0334-300).** The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing detached garage and construct a new detached garage. The applicant is seeking a variance from the following sections of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance:
  - Section 154.022(C)(3). The maximum lot coverage of all detached accessory buildings is 950 sq. ft. The lot coverage of the proposed garage
  - Section 154.022(C)(4)(a)(1). The maximum peak height of a detached accessory building is 21 feet as measured from the ground level to the top of the ridge. The peak height of the proposed garage is 28 feet.
  - Section 154.022(C)(4)(a)(2). The maximum sidewall height of a detached accessory building is 10 feet. The sidewall height of the proposed garage is 18 feet, 4 inches.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting and should be addressed to the Zoning Administrator at 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application and supporting materials may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing.

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# NOTICE OF HEARING - BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

#### APPEAL CASE NO. 487-09-18

An appeal has been filed with the Building Code Board of Appeals by Edward McIntosh, Clipper's Landscaping regarding property at 13320 Stark, Livonia, seeking to modify the decision which would not allow salt storage buildings longer than six months without the approval of the Building Code Board of Appeals (Michigan Building Code 2012, Section 112.1) and without proper permits; further to modify Building Code Board of Appeals grant 473-05-11 in regards to ownership of the temporary salt storage building.

A hearing will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the offices of the Inspection Department, in the Annex of the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, thus offering an opportunity of the appellant's attitude being recorded on this appeal.

## APPELLANT MUST APPEAR OR HAVE AN AUTHORIZED AGENT PRESENT

**Board Members** cc: City Clerk (2) Livonia Observer (2) Mayor Wright **Building Official** Law Department Fire Marsha Edward McIntosh Bulletin Board (2)

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### CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

A public accuracy test of the election software and tabulation equipment will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.

The accuracy test will be conducted for the STATE GENERAL ELECTION to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, in the City of Livonia.

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# CITY OF GARDEN CITY

### **Notice of Election**

Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan:

General Election will be held in the City with the 2 major political parties; and of Garden City on,

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the regular polling places. following offices are to be voted upon:

Governor

Secretary of State Attorney General

United States Senator

Partial Term

State Senator 5th District

Representative in State Legislature 11th compensation. District

State Board of Education Vote For 2

University of Michigan Regent Vote For 2 Michigan State University Trustee Vote For 2

Wayne State University Governor Vote For 2

# County Executive

County Commissioner 12th District Justice of Supreme Court Vote For 2 Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District

Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District Vote For 1

Vote For 2

Judge of 3rd Circuit Court Incumbent Vote For 16

Judge of 3rd Circuit Court Incumbent Judge of 3rd Circuit Court Non-

Incumbent Vote For 3 Judge of Probate Incumbent Vote For 2

Judge of Probate Court Non-Incumbent

Vote For 1 Schoolcraft College Board of Trustee Vote For 2

Garden City Public School Board Member Vote For 4

The following proposals will also be voted

# PROPOSAL 18-1

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age

and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers

This proposal would:

to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.

 Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.

Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.

edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.

crimes to civil infractions. Should this proposal be adopted?

#### YES NO PROPOSAL 18-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years

This proposed constitutional amendment PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT would:

• Create a commission of 13 registered Shall Section 2.06(A) of the Garden City To the Qualified Electors of the City of voters randomly selected by the Secretary Charter be amended to delete the meeting of State:

Notice is hereby given that the State • 4 each who self-identify as affiliated members of Council other than the

major political parties. Prohibit partisan officeholders and \$2,880 per fiscal year? Candidates for the candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as

commissioners.

candidates.

· Require an appropriation of funds for Wayne County, Michigan commission operations and commissioner City of Garden City

Should this proposal be adopted? YES NO

# PROPOSAL 18-3

A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution

This proposed constitutional amendment Garden City Public would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to: Incumbent Partial Term Ending 1/1/2023 • Become automatically registered to vote

when applying for, updating or renewing 2020 a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines.

Partial Term Ending 1/1/2021 Vote For 2 • Simultaneously register to vote with will be as follows: proof of residency and obtain a ballot Precinct 1 during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day. Precinct 2 · Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.

> · Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general

Should this proposal be adopted? YES NO

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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

#1

It is proposed that Sections 2.03 and Precinct 9 2.09 be amended to provide that when a mayoral vacancy is filled on a permanent Precinct 10 basis by an election, the Mayor Pro-Tem, marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up which the Mayor Pro-Tem is acting as Mayor.

Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?

Should this proposal be adopted? YES NO

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

• Permit retail sales of marijuana and Shall Section 2.03 of the Garden City

Charter be amended to provide that if the Council member receiving the highest number of votes in the last general • Change several current violations from election is unable or unwilling to act by a person of the voter's choice, other as Mayor Pro Tem during the absence than the voter's employer or agent of that or disability of the Mayor, or unable or employer or officer or agent of the voter's unwilling to hold the office of Mayor if a union. vacancy occurs, the Council member who In addition to our regular hours, the City received the second highest number of Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, disability of the Mayor, and hold the office voting. of Mayor if a vacancy occurs?

> Should this proposal be adopted? YES NO

attendance compensation contingency for

Mayor, and provide instead that such · 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with members of Council shall receive a flat rate of compensation in the amount of

#### Should this proposal be adopted? YES NO

I, ERIC R. SABREE, Treasurer of Wayne • Establish new redistricting criteria County, Michigan, do hereby certify including geographically compact and that, as of June 27, 2018 the total of contiguous districts of equal population, all voted increases in excess of the tax reflecting Michigan's diverse population rate limitation established by Section 6, and communities of interest. Districts Article IX of the Constitution of the State Representative in Congress 13th District shall not provide disproportionate of Michigan, as amended and the years Representative in Congress 13th District advantage to political parties or such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increases Effective	
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019	
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021	
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020	
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mill	2020	
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022	
Wayne County RESA	November 8, 2016	2 mills	2021	

# School District

Schools August, 2012 18 mills 2018 (non-homestead only) November, 2014 2 mills

The places of voting for the General Election to be held on November 6, 2018

Farmington School 33411 Marquette Memorial School 30001 Marquette Lathers School 28351 Marquette Precinct 4 Lathers School 28351 Marquette Precinct 5 Memorial School 30001 Marquette Precinct 6 Farmington School 33411 Marquette Precinct 7 Maplewood Center 31735 Maplewood Precinct 8 Henry Ruff School 30300 Maplewood Civic Center 6000 Middlebelt Douglas School 6400 Hartel

who acts as Mayor on an interim basis, All polling places are handicapped shall resume his or her Council seat and accessible. If you anticipate difficulties that the person appointed by the Council at your normal polling place please to replace the Mayor Pro-Tem on the phone the City Clerk's office to arrange Allow individuals 21 and older to Council shall be a member of the Council an alternate location. Absentee Ballots purchase, possess and use marijuana and for the limited period of time during marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up which the Mayor Pro Tem is acting as Hall, 6000 Middlebelt, through 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 6, 2018 to anyone who meets one of the following requirements: Electors age 60 or older; Electors who expect to be absent from Garden City the entire time the polls are open on Election Day; Electors who are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; Electors who cannot attend the polls due to tenets of their religion; or Electors who are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial. Furthermore, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance

> votes in the last general election shall act November 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 as Mayor Pro Tem during the absence or p.m. for the sole purpose of absentee

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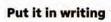
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# 6 strategies to use when dealing with a forgetful boss

**Kate Lopaze** 

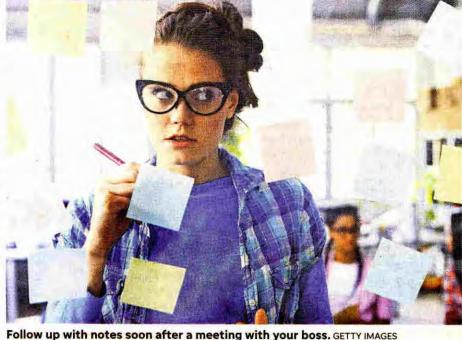
Every job has a secret component that never appears on a job description or annual review: managing your relationship with your boss. Unless you're at the very top of your company's food chain, you have a manager who works above and with you to make sure you're doing what you need to do. But although this is a highly professional relationship, it's also a human one, with your personality and your boss's in play. If you have a boss who tends to forget things, or has a short attention span, the work day can feel a bit like Groundhog Day as you explain and re-explain things-but it doesn't have to be that way. Let's go over some strategies you can use to make sure your boss has all the info she needs, while helping you keep your sanity.



When you come out of a meeting, or discuss something with your boss, follow up with notes soon after. That way, you have a record of what you talked about, what next steps were, what everyone's responsibilities will be, etc. When your boss comes to you later to ask about topic X, you'll be able to say, "Oh, I have the notes on that from last week. I can resend." Then it's just a quick email forward, and not a rehash discussion of things you'd already cov-

# Be proactive

Don't wait for your boss to come to you with a request like, "Can you update me on X?" or "I'm blanking on what you were going to do next for Y." Sending



Follow up with notes soon after a meeting with your boss. GETTY IMAGES

short, regular status updates on various projects can help keep your boss in the loop (preventing queries and you having to stop and explain things), and jog his memory about what you're doing, and

# **Target your information**

attention span (or busy-ness, or distraction) keep your discussions focused. If you have a status meeting where you update on a number of projects, send an agenda with the most important items highlighted, so that you can keep the discussion focused on specific points. Instead of having large meetings on a range of topics, consider having shorter meetings, each on a separate and targeted topic. Staying on-topic can prevent attention and discussions from wandering too far from the subject at

# Use email more efficiently

Nothing gets lost in an inbox faster If you're dealing with a boss's short than an email subject line of "Hey, quick question" or "Meeting to discuss." The ease and portability of email often makes for casual writing, but whether you're sending an email from your desk or on the fly from your phone, take the time to make the subject line as specific as possible. That makes it more findable in your boss's inbox, and may help head off follow-up questions that have al-

ready been answered.

## Tailor to your boss's personality

Think about what the core issue is here. Is he forgetful because he's in constant meetings, and just doesn't have time to process information? Does she do better with visual presentations than with long-winded discussions? It's like how teachers adapt their classrooms to how students learn. If you consider why your boss is forgetful or isn't paying attention, it can help you figure out how to attack the issue. It doesn't mean your boss is doing a bad job-just that her style may be different from your own.

# Turn to technology

If you don't feel comfortable setting reminders for your boss, there are ways to let tech do that for you. Productivity apps like Asana or Evernote can help you manage your own workload and projects, but they also have built-in tools like the ability to assign tasks to other people, send email reminders, etc. It can be a gentle way to remind your boss that he needs to send you the information you need, or sign off on something before you can proceed. Bonus: it'll keep you more organized too!

If you have a manager whose style can seem absent-minded at times, don't despair. You can't necessarily change your boss or his style, but you can work on the way you "manage up" to help maintain your own productivity and peace of mind.

Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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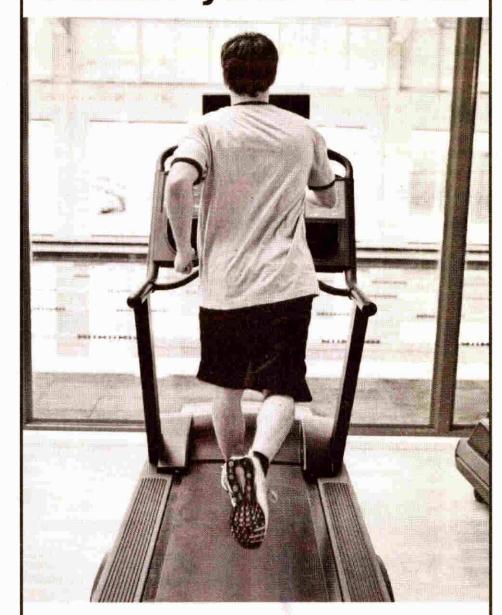
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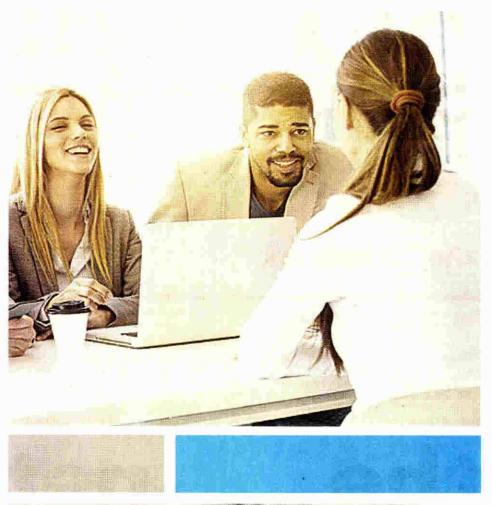
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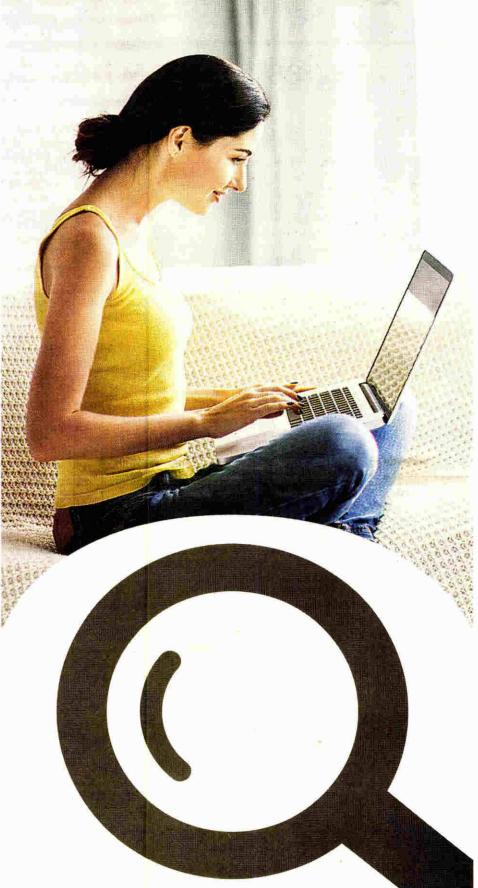


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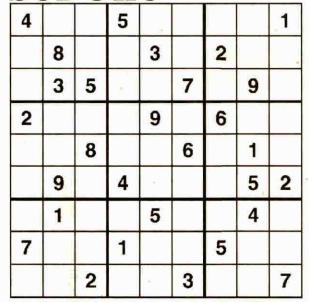
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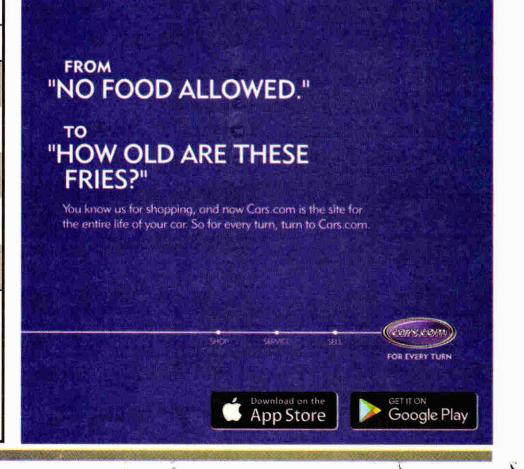
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## NOTICE OF HEARING - BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS **APPEAL CASE NO. 484-05-16**

An appeal has been filed with the Building Code Board of Appeals by Michael La Forest, Apartment Services, 34600 Glendale, Livonia, seeking to modify the decision which would not allow a temporary salt storage building longer than six months without the approval of the Building Code Board of Appeals (Michigan Building Code 2012, Section 112.1) and without proper permits; further to modify Building Code Board of Appeals grant 472-08-10 in regards

to ownership of the temporary salt storage building. A hearing will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the offices of the Inspection Department, in the Annex of the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, thus offering an opportun ity of the appellant's attitude being

# APPELLANT MUST APPEAR OR HAVE AN AUTHORIZED AGENT PRESENT

**Board Members** Mayor Wright Mike La Forest Planning Department

City Clerk(2) Livonia Observer (2) Bulletin Board (2)

Law Department **Building Official** Fire Department

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#### CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

**AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals** November 13, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor) 33000 Civic Center Drive Livonia, MI (734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-07-26 (Tabled on October 9, 2018): 6 Mid Plaza, LLC, (Ramiz Naman) 27013 Hampstead, Farmington Hills, MI 48331, seeking to maintain the storage of recreational vehicle(s) and construction equipment including trailers in the exterior parking lot, on property located on the south side of Six Mile (29423) between Oporto and Middlebelt, which is not allowed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-09-40 (Tabled on September 25, 2018): Aaron Johnson, 18363 Foch, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to overturn the Inspection Department's determination that the property located on the west side of Foch (18357) between Pickford and Curtis is a valid nonconforming use as a two-family residence.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-11-45: Dario and Annunziatina Ciccarelli, 36650 Joy, Livonia MI 48150, seeking approval to construct a future single-family dwelling on vacant property located on the north side of Joy (36700) between Newburgh and Crown, which is deficient in lot width and lot area.

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

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#### Planning Commission NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Redford has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Township Hall Board Room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, to consider the following:

Amended Zoning Map No. 02-18: Rawad "Ray" Haddad, requests to rezone the southerly approximately 107 feet of following property from R-1 Residential District to P-1 Vehicular Parking District to provide additional area for paved parking.

32B1B that part of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SEC32 des as beginning at a point on the N line of said Section Distant N 89D 55M 35SEC E 330.0 Ft. from the N  $\frac{1}{4}$  cor of SEC 32 and proceeding th N 89D 55M 35SEC E along said N line 119.85.FT TH S 0D 19M 10SEC W 437.5 Ft th S 89D 55M 35SEC @ 118.60 th N OD 09M 20SEC E 437.5 Ft to the POB 1.19 acres.

> Property more commonly known as 24855 Plymouth Rd. Parcel #79-045-99-0003000

A copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641

Interested persons unable to attend the public hearing are invited to send their written comments to the attentions of the Planning Commission at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239. All written comments must be received by the close of business November 1, 2018 to be considered.

David Allen, Chair Planning Commission Charter Township of Redford

The Charter Township of Redford, Township (P.C., ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (PC, ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.). Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

#### CITY OF WESTLAND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI, November 14, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this

Petition #2884 - B. Johnson-Carpenter - 35230 June Dr.

Req. for a 55' setback variance, a 139 sq. ft. detached structure area variance, a maximum hgt. variance, and a 5' detached structure from Ord. 248 in order to construct a 27' x 36'. 19' high detached garage in the side yard of the home that would be built even with the front of the home; whereas Sec. 7:4.3 requires that the detached structure be located a minimum of 10' behind the rear building line, Sec. 7:4.3(b) requires that the detached accessory structure no exceed in area the square footage of the home (the existing home is 833 sq. ft.), Sec. 7:4.3 allows a maximum height of accessory structures of 14'; however, the height of an accessory structure is allowed to exceed 14' in hgt. provided that: 1) the size of the lot exceeds one-third (1/3) of an acre (14, 520 sq. ft.), 2) the accessory structure does not exceed the maximum height requirement for the principal structure, and, 3) approval of the Zoning board of Appeals is first obtained for any such height variance (the proposed garage would not exceed the height allowable for the home but the property does not exceed one-third square foot as the property is .245 acres), and Sec. 7:4.3 allows a maximum hgt. for accessory structures of 14'.

Petition #2887 - J. Alcodray - 35211 Ford

Req. for a 7' side yd. setback variance, an 11 parking space variance, and a parking setback requirement variance from Ordinance 248 in order to construct an addition to a commercial building that would be located 8' from the street side lot line, would provide 12 off-street parking spaces, with two spaces located within the required front parking setback: whereas Sec. 9:4.5(a) requires a minimum street side yd. setback of 15', Section 16:2.2(47) requires a minimum of 23 off-street parking spaces for the proposed building, and Section 9:4.5 requires a parking setback of 15'.

Petition #2888 - M. Lisnov - 550 N. Linville

Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code in Order to install a 6' high privacy fence in the south side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 6' in hgt.

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#### CITY OF LIVONIA

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

PETITION 2018-08-01-05 submitted by Leo Soave Building Inc., to rezone the properties located on the west side of Farmington Road between Norfolk Avenue and Eight Mile Road (20209, 20219, 20225, 20235, and 20307 Farmington Road) in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, from R-U-F (Rural Urban Farm), to R-1 (One Family Residential)

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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#### CITY OF LIVONIA **ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A

#### STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at which time, candidates of the Republican, Democratic and Libertarian parties for the following office will be voted upon in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan:

> Governor and Lieutenant Governor Secretary of State Attorney General United States Senator Representative in Congress 11th District State Senator 7th District Representative in State Legislature 11th District Representative in State Legislature 19th District Member of the State Board of Education Regent of the University of Michigan Trustee of Michigan State University Governor of Wayne State University Wayne County Executive County Commissioner 8th District County Commissioner 9th District Justice of Supreme Court

Judge of Court of Appeals - 1st District - Incumbent Position Judge of Court of Appeals – 1st District – Incumbent Position – Partial Term Ending 01/01/2023 Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Incumbent Position

Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Incumbent Position - Partial Term Ending 01/01/2021 Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - Non-Incumbent Position Judge of Probate Court - Incumbent Position Judge of Probate Court - Non-Incumbent Position Judge of District Court - 16th District - Incumbent Position Board of Trustees Member - Schoolcraft Community College Board Member - Clarenceville School District

#### PROPOSALS

Proposal 18-1 A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.

Board Member - Livonia Public Schools

Proposal 18-2 A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives, and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

Proposal 18-3 A proposal to authorize automatic, and Election Day voter registration, noreason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution. Schoolcraft Community College - Schoolcraft Community College Millage Restoration Authorization with 10 years expiration.

# THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Precinct Location	Address
1A Clarenceville JHS 20210	0 Middlebelt Road
1B Clarenceville JHS 2021	0 Middlebelt Road
2A Clarenceville HS 2015	5 Middlebelt Road
3A Webster School 32401	1 Pembroke Street
3B Webster School 32401	1 Pembroke Street
4A Webster School 32401	1 Pembroke Street
	200 Newburgh
	200 Newburgh
	200 Newburgh
	900 Levan Road
10A Riley School 15556	Henry Ruff Road
	00 Curtis Avenue
	00 Curtis Avenue
	Henry Ruff Road
	Henry Ruff Road
	00 Hubbard Road
	900 Levan Road
	00 Hubbard Road
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	900 Levan Road
	200 Newburgh
	0 Norman Avenue
	0 Norman Avenue
	041 Stark Road
	041 Stark Road
	01 Hubbard Road
	1 Hubbard Road
	0 Lyndon Avenue
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	0 Lyndon Avenue
	Henry Ruff Road
	West Chicago Ave
31A Rosedale School 3665	1 Ann Arbor Trail
	0 Hubbard Road
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	West Chicago Ave
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	West Chicago Ave
36A Emerson Center 29100	West Chicago Ave
	Cathedral Avenue

\*Temporary change from Cass School

RELATIVE TO THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF POLLS

The polls of said election will be open at seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. and remain open until eight (8:00) o'clock p.m. Eastern time of said day of election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR CITY OF LIVONIA RESIDENTS

Voters may obtain an absentee ballot by submitting an application to the Livonia City Clerk's office. Applications may be printed from the City of Livonia website (www.ci.livonia.mi.us), you can call the Clerk's office at (734) 466-2121 and leave your name and address to have an application sent to you, or you can pick up an application at the City Clerk's Office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI, 48154. The last day we can mail an absentee ballot is Saturday, November 3, 2018. Voted Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Livonia City Clerk's Office by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

> SUSAN M. NASH LIVONIA CITY CLERK

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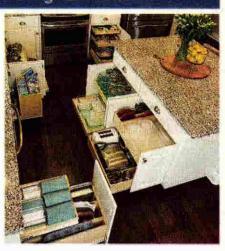
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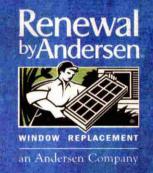


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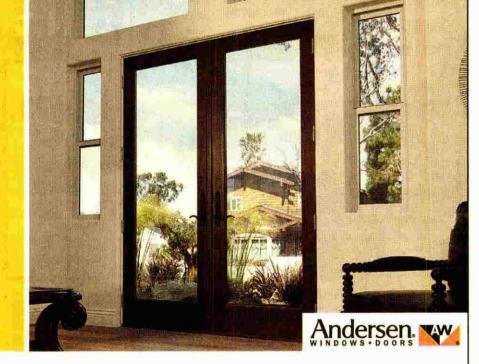
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