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## Doctor hopes to open opioid treatment facility

### Site plan for former Montana's Steakhouse now awaits green light from Westland council

David Veselenak [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A longtime eyesore on Ford Road could see new life as a facility to battle the ongoing opioid crisis.

The Westland Planning Commission recommended approval July 16 of a special land use and site plan for a new inpatient opioid recovery facility at the former Montana's Steakhouse at 34290 Ford Road near Wildwood.

Dr. Naim Khanafer, who works in a practice in Dearborn, has proposed transforming the former steakhouse into a recovery center for patients seeking help battling addiction. Patients coming to the facility would require a referral from a physician or by other means; they could not just show up asking for treatment.

"It will be a state-of-the-art facility,"

he said. "But no walk-ins. Patients cannot walk in."

The facility, which will house up to 32 patients, will see complete renovations from the former steakhouse, Khanafer said.

He said opening such a facility in the area is important so that patients don't

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Angela and Brent Wojtyniak stand with their son, Colton, left, and daughter, Brooklyn. COURTESY OF THE WOJTYNIAK FAMILY

## Family fund-raising for craniofacial association

Shelby Tankersley [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Little Brooklyn Wojtyniak is like most 6-year-olds. She likes listening to music, has a little brother to hang out with and is happy to be on summer vacation. She just looks a little different.

Like Auggie, featured in the 2012 book and 2017 movie "Wonder" starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson, Brooklyn has a craniofacial syndrome. Brooklyn's skull bones fused together earlier than they should have, so at just 6 years old she's already had more than 20 surgeries on her skull and face to give her

head room to grow.

"The bones in the head fuse together prematurely," Brooklyn's mom, Angela Wojtyniak, explained. "So where your head grows and expands, those bones are open so that you can grow and your head can get bigger. Kids with a craniofacial syndrome, those bones are fused, so (surgeons) basically have to go in and open those bones up, and it affects the whole look of your face."

A craniofacial syndrome can manifest itself in a number of ways. Angela said some people, like her daughter,

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**"A lot of those people ask me if those surgeries are just for cosmetic reasons. Kiddos with this stuff need them for survival. ... These surgeries are medically necessary for these kids."**

Angela Wojtyniak  
Brooklyn Wojtyniak's mother

## Galloway's September exam could last a week

Susan Vela [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
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The court file for Floyd Galloway Jr., charged with first-degree murder, remained closed to the media July 18 in 47th District Court, but court staff confirmed that a Sept. 9 preliminary examination will be open to journalists and others.



Donna Rusher, senior clerk supervisor at the Farmington Hills court building, wrote in an email that the preliminary examination, which typically includes testimony and evidence to determine whether there is enough evidence in a case for it to go to trial, is scheduled to potentially last a week.

Galloway, 32, is accused of killing Danielle Stislicki, a Farmington Hills woman who went missing more than two years ago. Hearings since his March 6 video arraignment have been closed to journalists.

Stislicki's vanishing has received attention throughout metro Detroit. Her body has not been found. She was reported missing Dec. 2, 2016.

Her vehicle was found at her Farmington Hills apartment, but there were no signs of Stislicki, who at the time of her disappearance was 28.

Galloway became a suspect soon after she went missing. He was the last known person seen with her.

In March, Attorney General Dana Nessel announced Galloway would face first-degree premeditated murder charges in Stislicki's disappearance.



Special prosecutor Jaimie Powell Horowitz speaks to Danielle Stislicki's family after Floyd Galloway's video arraignment. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE





# Expensive glitch delays athletic field renovation

**Ed Wright** [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The transformation of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools junior varsity athletic field's surface from grass to artificial turf has encountered an expensive speed bump.

While conducting an on-site "proof roll" to test the field's soil stability on July 1, G2 Consulting discovered "significant four- to six-inch ruts" that hinted the soil

condition was "not yet optimal" to lay the base for the turf.

The test was conducted one step before the installation of a stone base for the turf.

The consulting firm offered two options to correct the issue: a process that would undercut eight inches of soil and back fill with stone; and a "soil stabilization" method that would include mixing concrete additives into the soil, which is then tilled and compacted.

The second option would cost the school district an additional \$132,942.63 to the original cost of the project while the first option's price tag was \$147,171.

Athletic contests are scheduled to begin at the site in late August.

Soil borings that were conducted on the field on Sept. 18 by contractor McCarthy & Smith showed no soil concerns.

However, once actual construction commenced in May, the project was delayed approximately four weeks by consistent rain.

Once the initial step of the project was completed in late-June, the proof roll was carried out, identifying the problematic ruts.

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The renovation of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' junior-varsity football field has hit a few expensive roadblocks. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2019-18 JULY 2, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT; Wayne Downtown Days Presentation, Painting presented to City-150th Anniversary. COUNCIL APPROVED: agenda; minutes of regular meeting of July 2; Site Plan #2019-01 Beaumont Urgent Care 34435 Mich. Ave.; Board Resignations; Board Appts. & Reappointments; Engagement Ltr. from Auditor; T-POAM Agmt.; Historical Commission Deaccession List; 1st Right of Refusal Tax Foreclosed Property Purchase; Agmt. Between Wayne Supervisors and I.B.E.W. Local 58; Consent Calendar. Adjourned 9:28 p.m.

Tina M. Stanke, CMC  
Wayne City Clerk

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2019 CITY OF WESTLAND, COUNTY OF WAYNE

The City of Westland will hold its public accuracy test on Dominion voting equipment for the August 6, 2019, Special School Election on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballot results count the votes in the manner prescribed by law

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A rendering shows what the proposed opioid treatment facility on Ford Road in Westland would look like. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND

## Facility

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need to travel too far to receive such services.

"We wanted Wayne County, because the patients we deal with that get addicted to opioids post-surgery, post-injury, we want to be able to help those patients," he said. "So we wanted to be close to home."

The exact closure date of the restaurant is unclear, though reviews on Yelp appear to indicate it closed around a decade ago.

The opioid treatment facility plan still requires final approval from the city council and will be taken up at a future council meeting.

Many planning commissioners said they believed the facility would be a benefit to the Westland community, including Commissioner Lori Wilson.

"I'm totally in favor of the renovation and restructuring of this building," she said. "I think this facility is going to be one of the better things that happen in the city."

Planning Commissioner Debra Fowlkes said adding such a facility would be a positive step for the community.

"Thank you for bringing this to Westland," she said. "Westland is not the



The site of the former Montana's Steakhouse as it looks now, before any renovations. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

only city in this area that's having these opioid problems."

### Lawsuit update

Westland, along with the communities of Wayne, Livonia and Canton, have joined with potential lawsuits to sue opioid manufacturers in the fight against opioid abuse.

Mark Bernstein, of the Sam Bernstein Law Firm, gave an update to the case at the Westland City Council meeting July 15. He said the original suit, filed in the U.S. District Court of Eastern Michigan, has been moved to a Multi-district Litigation court in the U.S. District of Northern Ohio in Cleveland.

He said evidence is still being gathered before the case can go to trial. He

said several hundred depositions have been taken in the case.

"The discovery is ongoing in this litigation," he said. "But to date, we've reviewed approximately 1.5 million pages of documentation related to the conduct of the defendants in this case."

"We're hard at work on this case." Contact David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com).

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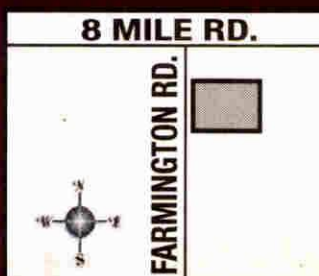
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**Livonia man reports car stolen on Fourth of July**

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com  
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Livonia police have a new round of vehicle violations that include a pilfered dark gray Mazda 6 with tinted windows.

In reports, police say they were dispatched to an Inkster Road address the afternoon of July 4 because a 22-year-old man wanted to report his car missing.

He had left his car unlocked and parked in a driveway near Elmira Street the night before. His keys were in his sister's nearby vehicle.

The man called his sister when he realized his car was gone. She did not know where the car was.

On July 9, police took a report regarding stolen camouflage body armor/plate carrier gear from a vehicle parked along Arden. The plate carrier had a "Punisher" skull patch and some pouches.

Valued at about \$1,000, the plate carrier may have held a Sig Sauer magazine and Federal 9-mm bullets.

The owner said he parked his Jeep in his driveway and left his vehicle unlocked the day before. There were no signs of damage or forced entry on his vehicle.

Bullets matching the owner's description, along with the magazine, were found along Arden.

Also that day, Auburndale Street residents called police because their security cameras had captured images of a man pulling on their Toyota Tacoma door handles.

The vehicles were locked, and the man walked away.

Anyone with information is asked to call Livonia Police Department at 734-466-2470.

Contact Susan Vela at svela@hometownlife.com or 248-303-8432.



Novi Town Center retailer Charming Charlie is one of three local stores set to close when the company shuts down. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**Charming Charlie closing all stores**

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Yet another national retailer with local stores is closing its doors for good.

Charming Charlie, a women's fashion and accessory chain, will close all of its stores nationwide, the company announced this month. Those closures affect 261 stores in 38 states.

Those closing nearby include:

- 26020 Ingersoll Drive, in the Novi Town Center in Novi
- 35000 W. Warren in the Westland Shopping Center in Westland
- 9900 Village Place Blvd., in Green Oak Village Place in Green Oak Township

The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on July 11, announcing its plans to close all of its stores. As a result of the closure, the store will offer 20%-50% off original prices with an extra 20% off the lowest ticketed price of clearance merchandise, which includes items such as jewelry, clothing, handbags and more.

"Customers are encouraged to shop

their local Charming Charlie store to purchase their favorite styles at discounted prices," the company said in a statement. "These stores are well known for offering a wide array of women's apparel and fashion accessories, beauty, gifts and more, all ingeniously arranged by color; making that perfect look fun and easy to find. We encourage customers to shop early to take advantage of the best selection of products. Given the popularity of this brand and the compelling discounts, we expect merchandise to sell very quickly."

There's no word on when the stores will shutter their doors.

The closure of the retail chain is in line with several other brick-and-mortar stores that are shutting their doors at a rapid pace. The most recent retailer, Dressbarn, announced earlier this year it would close all its stores. That includes stores in Canton, Livonia, Novi and downtown Farmington.

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Charming Charlie filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on July 11.



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# Pet alligator captured after escape in Milford

Susan Bromley [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Dawn Stuebben had just left her job as a pet groomer in Milford and was driving home last Thursday afternoon when she spotted it strolling across the front lawn of a house.

She couldn't believe what she was seeing. "It was scary," the Plymouth resident said. "It looked like a big monitor lizard walking across a front

yard. I said, 'What the hell is that? Is that real?'"

Stuebben pulled into the parking lot of St. Mary's Church on East Commerce Road. She said people in the driveway of the home looked unfazed. She then realized they hadn't yet seen what she now recognized as a four-foot-long alligator.

Moments later, they were calling the police. Stuebben said she and a man at the neighbor's home worked together to capture the animal. She tied together three dog leashes while he got a pole and makeshift hook. Stuebben then lassooed the alligator under his jaw.

"He was upset and hissing, but not trying to come at us," she said. "There was a drainage ditch that goes under the road and he was heading that way. We knew we'd never get him out if he got that far."

The alligator had a small harness around the front of his body, with a broken wire attached.

The neighbor realized it was the pet alligator owned by another neighbor, James Kozub, according to police.

Police reached Kozub, who was at a Madison Heights water park with his family, and he arrived about an hour later, taping the alligator's mouth shut and carrying him home. He then put "Puff" in his above-ground swimming pool to cool off.

"He's my buddy," said Kozub, who has owned the American alligator for 20 years and has lived with him in Milford Township for the past eight. "He's never been a problem."

Kozub said Puff was "a mad gator" on Thursday after he broke loose from his tether in the front yard of their home in the 2000 block of East Commerce.

Kozub said he was in high school when he bought Puff from House of Pets in Dearborn Heights. He previously has lived with his pet alligator in Westland and Redford. He said he has legally owned Puff in every place, and informed township officials about Puff when he moved to Milford Township.

Puff has a cage in Kozub's home. Young children also live at the home, as well as Kozub's 11-month-old Great Dane/Mastiff mix, Zeus.

Kozub, who is also a beekeeper, has had a variety of interesting pets over the years, including chickens, pigs, and birds, but Puff has outlived them all.

While he can't cuddle Puff, he enjoys him, calling the alligator "hardy, and fun to watch," as well as to listen to with the noises he makes. He keeps Puff's size in check by controlling the temperatures to which he is exposed.

What does an alligator eat? Kozub says, "everything."

"It's hard for people to understand," he said. "People judging me don't know about alligators. They make good pets."

Kozub emphasized it is not against state law or DNR regulations to own an alligator and in the police report, an animal control officer confirmed that to police.

Kozub was issued a citation for failing to maintain a reasonable control/leash law in Milford Township.



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Puff, a 20-year-old American alligator, was returned to his Milford Township home after briefly escaping his tether last week. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM





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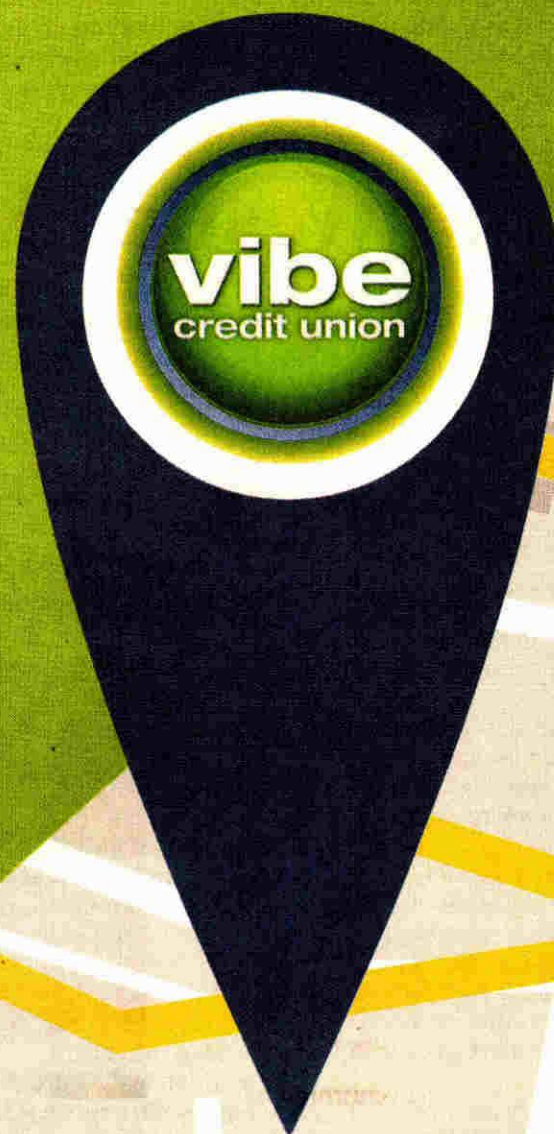
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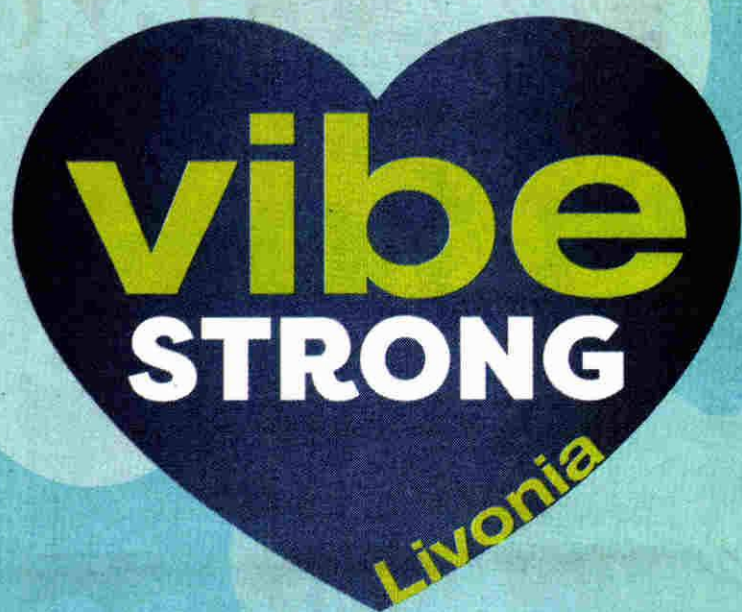
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# Owners of record-breaking cats sue chair maker

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A Farmington Hills couple is suing an electric massage chair maker in the name of their beloved record-breaking cats, Cygnus and Arcturus.

William and Lauren Powers owned an 8-year-old chair that burst into flames Nov. 12, 2017, destroying their home in the 34000 block of Quaker Valley Lane.

Cygnus, then known by Guinness World Records standards as the domestic cat with longest tail, and Arcturus,

the tallest domestic cat, were presumed missing until their remains were found a month later in the home's basement.

"The cats were like children to Plaintiffs. Their loss was and is a source of immense grief to Plaintiffs," reads a complaint filed July 16 in U.S. District Court. "The record-holding cats were economically valuable, and their loss attracted worldwide media attention."

The Powerses and the accused electric massage chair maker - American Crocodile International Group, Inc. - could not be reached for comment.

The defendant is better known in the

business world as Fujiiryoki USA, based in Fremont, California.

In their product liability, the Powerses demand a jury trial and at least \$1 million in damages. They say the chair made in 2009 had a defect that caused the fire. It was owned by someone else, "without incident," until it entered their home the year of the fire.

William Powers was at home when the fire happened and suffered a facial injury. The couple said they couldn't work for months after the fire. They also claim to have suffered deep depression and anxiety.

Guinness World Records posted a web story about the couple and their cats two months before the fire.

According to the story, Cygnus Regulus Powers was a silver Maine Coon cat with a 17.58-inch tail. Arcturus Aldebaran Powers was a 2-year-old Savannah cat reaching a stature of 19.05 inches.

"Both kitties are exceptionally well bonded, constantly playing and chasing each other around the house, grooming each other, and sleeping in a cuddle pile," the story said.

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# Big Boy in Westland closes its doors

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It appears the only thing being eaten at the Big Boy in Westland these days are worms by the birds nesting in the restaurant's signage.

The restaurant, at 6360 Wayne, abruptly closed its doors after a lengthy time serving up Big Boy hamburgers and Slim Jims.

"This restaurant is closed," a sign on the door reads. "Thank you for generations of memories."

Lights were on at the restaurant Thursday afternoon. A message was left at the number listed on the Big Boy website for the restaurant seeking additional comment.

The closure comes at a time when Big Boys are both opening and closing across the region. Several area Big Boy restaurants in Farmington, Livonia and Milford have closed in the last decade. However, there are a few that are opening, including one this past spring in Garden City.

Big Boy Restaurant Group, LLC CEO David Crawford said earlier this year at the Garden City restaurant's grand opening that he expected to see more Big Boys open across metro Detroit.

"We're planning to add 20 restaurants in Michigan in the next two years, which will get us back to 100 in the



The Big Boy restaurant at 6360 Wayne Road in Westland has closed.  
DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

state," Crawford said. "We have three or four more in the books set to open in southeastern Michigan."

In addition to the Garden City restaurant, Big Boy currently has local eateries in Livonia and Novi.

Westland Mayor William Wild said he was unsure of any future plans for the site. He said he believed the Big Boy had been there for decades. It was one of the few restaurants in town with a banquet room that held several community,

business and political meetings throughout the years, he said.

"I do think it's sad," Wild said. "It's been a part of our community for a long time."

He was hopeful something else could occupy the space in a reasonable amount of time.

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# Detroit man tries to steal water heater in Livonia

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A Detroit man was arrested for trying to steal a hot water heater, along with an accessory, from a Home Depot store in Livonia.

Police said in a report they were dispatched to the 13500 Middlebelt Road store about 2 p.m. July 15 because someone had walked out of the store with the water heater and a pan.

They arrived to find the man trying to put the equipment in his sedan. The man drove off, leaving the water heater in the parking lot.

He eventually stopped for police, and the 26-year-old man was arrested. The water heater pan was recovered from his trunk.

Security cameras showed the man pushing a cart through the store and selecting the hot water heater and pan.

He asked an employee to call someone so a business account could pay for the items, valued at about \$500. The person on the other end offered a credit card number that was twice declined. The Detroit man exited the store, leading to his arrest.

He faces a second-degree misdemeanor retail fraud charge and a felony weapons charge.

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# FedEx shooter sentenced to up to 32 years in prison

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Only his attorney spoke on behalf of Robert Easley-Calloway, who was sentenced July 19 to up to 32 years in prison for trying to kill his estranged wife last year outside the FedEx distribution center in Livonia.

"He's extremely remorseful," Larry Polk told visiting Judge Michael Hathaway in a Third Circuit courtroom in Detroit. "He has a tremendous amount of family that love and support him. He understands that this situation has greatly im-

pacted them as well. He knows and understands that this is something that shouldn't have happened."

Easley-Calloway, 26, of Detroit, was sentenced to two years for possessing a firearm during his Nov. 26 crimes, five to 15 years for unlawful imprisonment and 16 to 30 years for assault with intent to murder.

He will serve the latter two charges concurrently.

Easley-Calloway pleaded guilty to the three charges July 1. More than 10 charges were dismissed as part of the accepted plea deal.

One of his relatives sobbed as she left the 10-minute sentencing.

Easley-Calloway became known throughout the region soon after Thanksgiving for shooting his wife, Azia Calloway, when she attempted to report for work at FedEx. He then forced her into a Chevrolet Malibu and fled the scene.

Michigan State Police shot and injured him, concluding a highway chase. Azia Calloway was treated and released for gunshot wounds to her back and left leg.

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Robert Easley-Calloway enters the courtroom of Judge Michael Hathaway in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on July 19. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Obituaries

### Dorothy A. Cox

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - DOROTHY A. COX, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away on July 19, 2019 at the age of 87.

She was born on March 29, 1932 to Ray Howard and C. Iona Howard and raised on the family farm in Farmington Hills where they raised dairy cows, chickens, hay and a fruit orchard. She attended a one-room school for first through sixth grade. Her biggest class was five students! She then attended school in downtown Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School. She attended University of Michigan and earned her BA in Education in 1953, MS in Environmental Education in 1972 and a PhD in Education/Natural Resources in 1980. She became a teacher who taught first grade in New York Public Schools on Staten Island. She then taught at Farmington's Bond School and Southfield's Angling Road School before moving to the Clarenceville Public School District.

Dorothy enjoyed being involved in education extension groups. As a consultant for the Michigan Conservation School she traveled to France and Germany, working with the US Department of Defense Dependent Schools. She also traveled to China, Hong Kong, Thailand and Nepal as part of science/environmental education groups.

She married James Cox in 1951 and they were married for 68 years. They raised three children, Nancy, Lee and David. In retirement, she and James lived on Kerswill Lake in Gladwin, MI where she enjoyed quilting, boating and volunteering for Meals on Wheels. They relocated to Farmington Hills in 2016.

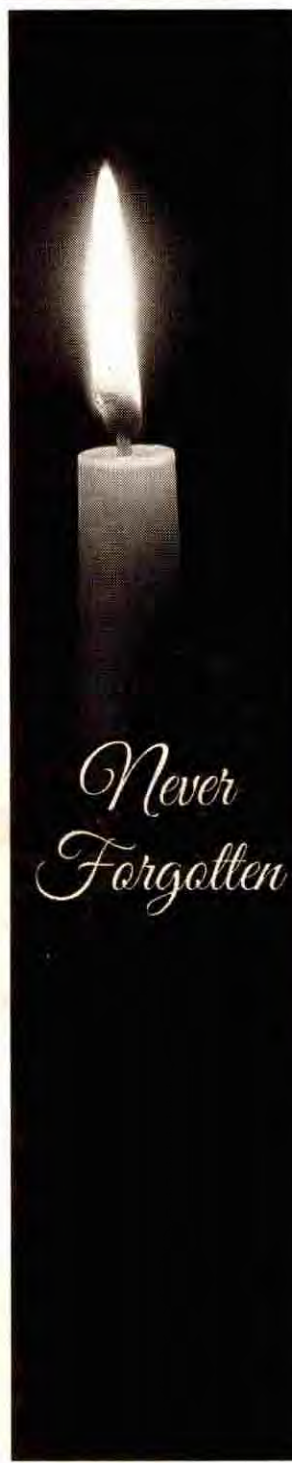
She is survived by her children Nancy (Don) Kurtz, Lee (Debbie) Cox, David (Robin) Cox, ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Howard and grandson, Lucas Kurtz.



### William Raymond Ryburn

**ARROYO HONDO, NM** - Arroyo Hondo, New Mexico - Passed away July 4, 2019 at the age of 92. William (Bill) was born August 24, 1926 in Billings, Montana to Raymond and Shelda Ryburn and brother of the late Shelda (Leeper) Ryburn. Bill grew up in Cody, Wyoming then moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Bill graduated from the University of Michigan. Bill became an Ensign in the US Navy ROTC while attending University. There he met his wife of 65 years Frances Dalby Hannan who preceded him in death in 2016, Bill is survived by his son Charles William Ryburn of Michigan. After College

Bill and Frances settled in Bloomfield Hills Michigan in 1957. Initially out of school Bill worked for the Firestone Rubber Company. From there Bill joined the Eaton Yale and Towne Corporation where he became the driving force of the fledgling Air Bag Safety Industry in the early 1970's. This was followed by a brief stint as an Automotive Supply Representative then finally he owned a Cessna Aircraft Dealership. Bill Retired at 56 and together he and Frances moved to the mountains of Taos, New Mexico area. Where he pursued skiing, raising llamas & donkeys, flying hi performance sailplanes and aerobatic flying. Bill was not only a sailplane pilot but a certified Instructor and held Instructor Licenses in single and twin engine airplanes. Bill was an accomplished musician who played the clarinet and saxophone brilliantly as well as the flute, oboe, piccolo and piano. He played for the Pontiac Symphony in Michigan during the 1960's and numerous chamber music groups as well as The Los Alamos Big Band during his time in New Mexico. An avid Sportsman, Bill was a lifetime member of the Oakland County Sportsman's Club where he raced Mini Cooper sports cars in 1960. Bill was a member of the National Ski Patrol that complemented his love of skiing in the 1960's and 70's. Be it sailing boats or raising honey bees or building an experimental Sail Plane (glider) Bill was tireless. Retirement did not slow him down. A student of Life Long Learning, Bill pursued his hobbies of physics and astronomy, building a dome and installing a 12" Telescope in his New Mexico home. This to satisfy his ongoing curiosity of cosmology and astronomy that he taught while attending college but could now fully devote his free time to. Never one to sit still, Bill engaged himself in electronics, flying, gentleman ranching, skiing, reading, physics, cosmology and most of all music. As a trained engineer who literally could fix and repair anything better than originally constructed nothing went broken for very long. He was a giant of a man who will be deeply missed. Donations may be made in his memory to the Best Friends Animal Society Sanctuary, 5001 Angel Canyon Rd., Kanab, Utah 84741 (435) 644-2001

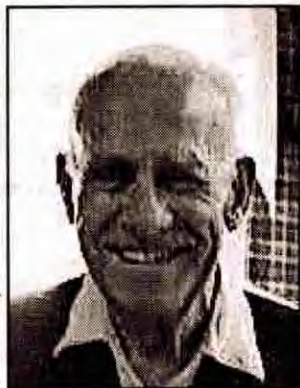


### James Cox

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - JAMES COX, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away on June 24, 2019 at the age of 87.

He was born on July 6, 1931 in Pontiac, Michigan to J. Cecil Cox and Shirley Ulmer. He graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1949. His studies at Michigan State Normal College were interrupted when he volunteered for the army during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1954 and graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1958 with a teaching degree. He earned a Master's Degree in 1962 and taught mathematics and computers at North Farmington High School until he retired in 1986. He married his sweetheart, Dorothy Howard, on June 15, 1951. They had a daughter and two sons. He enjoyed fishing, camping and bowling. In retirement, he and Dorothy lived on Kerswill Lake in Gladwin, MI. They relocated to Farmington Hills in 2016.

He is survived by his children Nancy (Don) Kurtz, Lee (Debbie) Cox, David (Robin) Cox, ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, William and Charles, and grandson, Lucas Kurtz.



### Jo Ann Saranen

**LIVONIA** - Ann (nee Immel) of Livonia, age 89, July 17, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Carl Robert Saranen. Loving mother of Gayle (John) Jetchick, Richard, James, Yvonne Burton and Janet (Phillip) Smith. Proud grandmother of 7 and great grandmother of 5. No Service is planned. Memorial contributions may be directed to Michigan Humane Society. Please share a memory at [www.rggrharris.com](http://www.rggrharris.com).

### Patricia Sari

**LIVONIA** - A long-time resident of Livonia and former Livonia School board member, Patricia Sari, 75, passed on the morning of July 13, 2019, after a long illness.

She is survived by her children Kevin, his wife Melanie, William, his wife Kelly, Robin, and her husband Brent, and her grandchildren Robert, Ann-Louise, Noah, Reese, Brian & Isaiah.

She had lived a wonderful and happy life. She spent her time advocating for what she believed in, serving on numerous committees and boards that supported her community and will be missed by all.

Memorial Services at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, July 27 at 10:00 am.

### Irene Gertrude Veresh

**NORTHVILLE** - Irene Gertrude Veresh of Northville, passed away July 21, 2019, just one day shy of her 86th birthday. She was born in Northville, to William and Martha (nee Heintz) Matthews. Irene was the beloved wife of 65 years to the late Edward Veresh, who died in 2016. Irene is

survived by her two loving children David (Janice) Veresh and Kathy Veresh, her dear grandchildren Brad Toombs, Tim Veresh, Bethany (Dave) Harris, and Benjamin Veresh, and 7 great-grandchildren. Irene was preceded in death by her husband, both of her parents, her loving daughter Karen Veresh (2018), and her two sisters Elizabeth Allen and Jean Unger. Visitation for Irene will be Thursday, July 25, 2019 from 5-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, 48170. Her Funeral Service will be Friday, July 26, 2019, at 11am at Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth, 48170. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Community Opportunity Center. To view full obituary and leave a condolence please visit [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com).





# Police chief celebrates 40 years with Livonia

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Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid recently celebrated his 40th anniversary with the city.

Mayor Dennis Wright and City Council members took time out from the July 8 council meeting to honor the chief, who started as a Livonia police cadet in 1979.

"It's my honor to recognize a man we all know and respect for not only his career in law enforcement but his integrity, his leadership in our community, our region and with our state," Wright

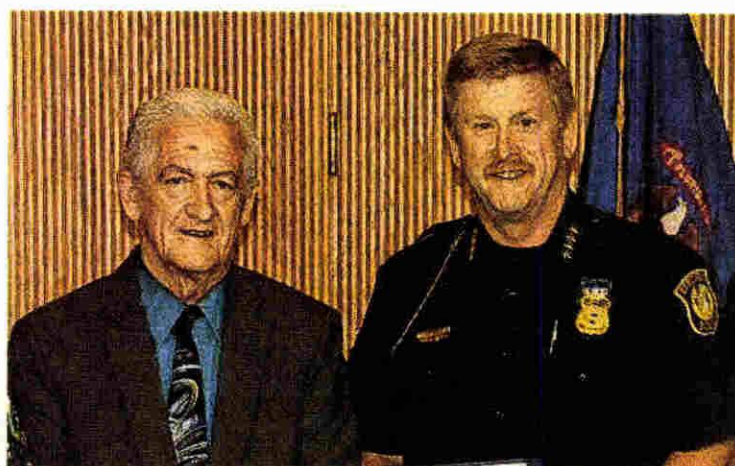
said.

Over the years, Caid moved up through the police department's ranks and was appointed chief in 2011.

Earlier this year, his department of approximately 100 police officers became officially accredited by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to certainly hold this seat (and) for 40 years, to serve this great community," Caid said at the City Council meeting. "It does seem like a blink."

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Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright, left, and City Council members recently honored Police Chief Curtis Caid for his 40 years of service with the city. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA

## Family

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have mild cases, while others live without ears or need surgeries to separate their fingers and toes.

"There's hundreds of craniofacial syndromes," Angela said. "To make it easy to understand, there's a gene called FGFR2 and the gene just mutates. However the gene mutates can affect the bone growth and the various looks."

The surgeries pile up quickly, so the Wojtyniaks are raising money for the Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA) at a golf outing Aug. 10 at the Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia. The event, which starts at 8 a.m., has been full since April and is hosting 220 people, 148 of whom are golfers who will take on an 18-hole course.

But, people can donate online in Brooklyn's name.

Last year, the event's first year raised over \$17,000, shattering the \$5,000 goal. They're not setting goals this year, and just want to give to the organization that has helped their family.

"My goal is to raise \$100,000 for the Children's Craniofacial Association," Angela said. "So when I reach that goal, no matter how many years that takes me, I'll feel good about it."

Among other things, the CCA works

to create acceptance for people no matter how they look. Craniofacial syndrome is physical, not impacting the individual's cognitive skills. Brooklyn has been to CCA conferences and has made friends who understand her life.

"CCA basically stands for promoting acceptance for all individuals regardless of what they look like," Angela said. "To me, that touches on pretty much every human being, because who doesn't want to be accepted? To judge someone based on how they look has just opened my eyes since she's been born."

The CCA also helps families travel for treatment. The Wojtyniaks have the University of Michigan, which happens to be one of the largest craniofacial centers in the country, nearby, along with a strong support system, but most people don't have that luxury.

"Many families aren't that lucky and have to travel," Angela. "So a lot of this money is going toward helping families who can't get to the surgeries."

And of course, those funds go toward the life-saving surgeries the kids need.

"A lot of those people ask me if those surgeries are just for cosmetic reasons," Angela said. "Absolutely not. Kiddos with this stuff need them for survival. They help their breathing, some have feeding tubes, some have trachs. These surgeries are medically necessary for these kids."

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Brooklyn Wojtyniak has a craniofacial syndrome. Brooklyn's skull bones fused together earlier than they should have, so at just 6 years old she's already had more than 20 surgeries on her skull and face to give her head room to grow. COURTESY OF THE WOJTYNIAK FAMILY

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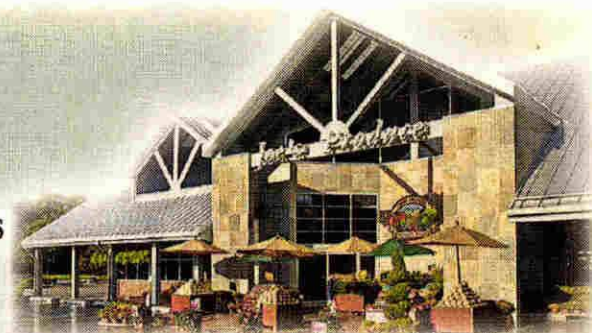
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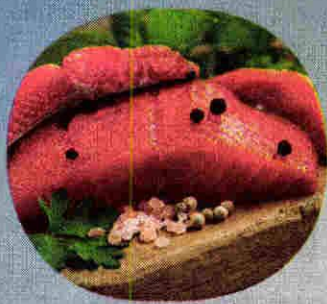


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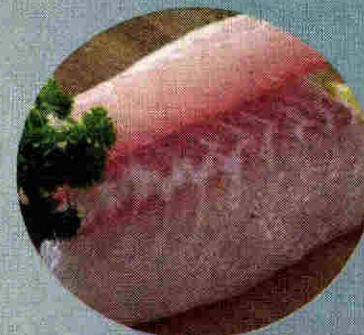


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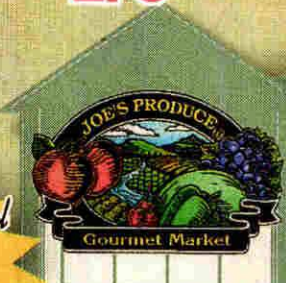
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## Livonia man runs every street in city

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His shirt drenched with sweat, Mike Silvio smiled as he walked up the steps to Livonia City Hall.

Silvio, 54, had just accomplished a feat he began working toward back in 2013 — running every single street in the city of Livonia, which encompasses

about 35.86 square miles.

To reach his goal, he ran more than 2,000 miles in Livonia, running by every single house, apartment, business, etc. You name it, he's run past it.

Greeting Silvio at City Hall were his wife and daughter, along with Mayor Dennis Wright, who took a photo with Silvio and his running partner, Kirk Vickers, who is his friend and trainer. Vickers did not run the entire city with



Silvio

our city on a daily basis," Silvio said. "If you live in Livonia, I've run by your house."

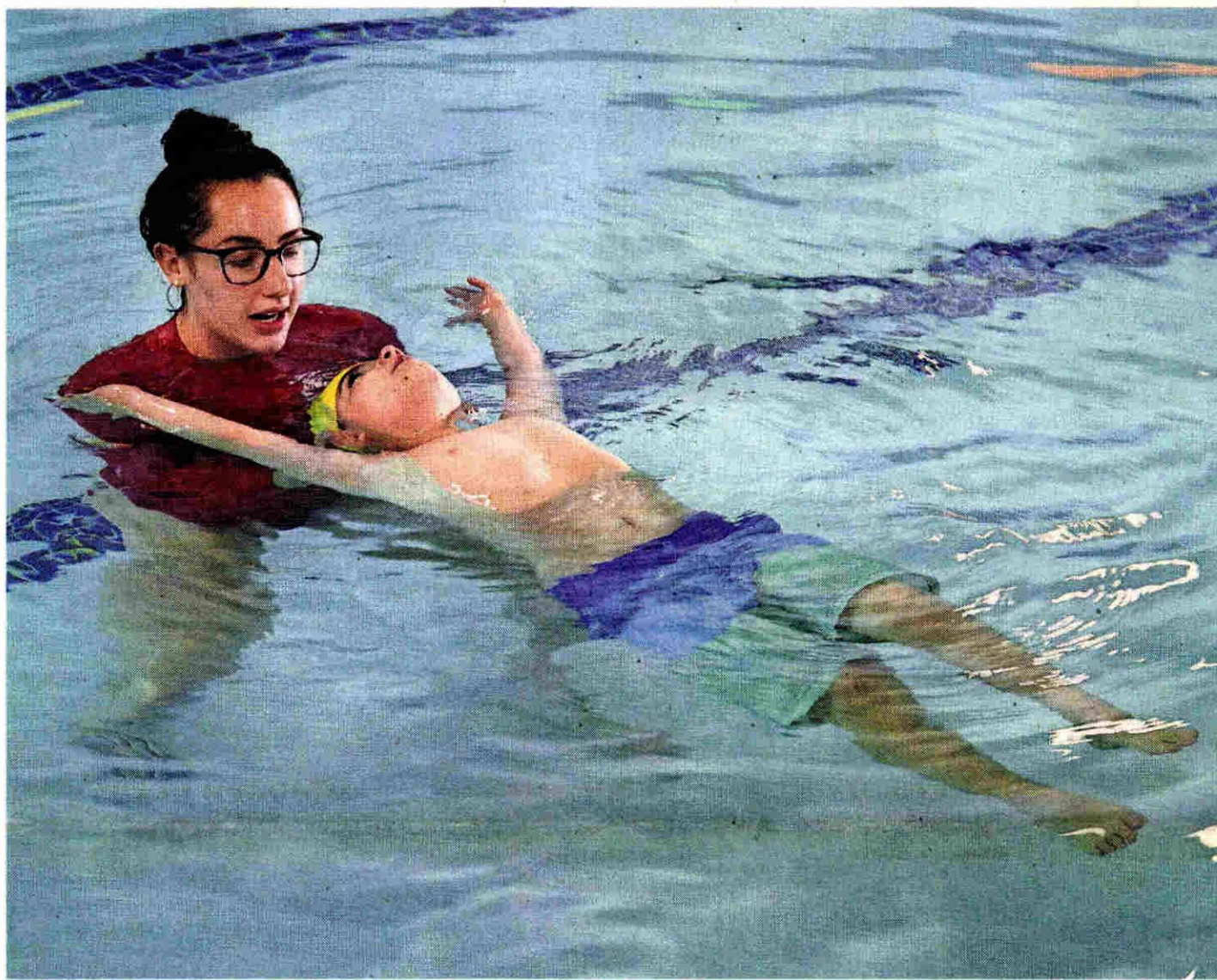
Silvio, but they ran the final mile and a half together last Thursday.

"I feel like I know the city about as well as anyone now except for the police and firemen and people that take care of

Silvio has lived in Livonia for the last 15 years, despite working in Akron, Ohio. He loves the city and feels it's a great place to raise a family. Part of his running mission is to encourage other citizens to be more active and to look out for their neighbors.

Silvio is no stranger to running long distances. He is a member of the Seven

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British Swim School instructor Mary Trimble works with Mikael El-Awad, 5, as he floats during a July 16 session at the South Lyon business. The school works with its students in basic swimming techniques but makes sure they've mastered the ability to float on their backs for extended periods of time, as the skill is a potential life-saver for an early swimmer.

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## New swim school for all ages opens in South Lyon

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There's a little taste of London in the Brookdale Square shopping center in South Lyon.

British Swim School opened earlier this month at 22185 Pontiac Trail, providing a swim school designed to teach the mechanics of being in the water.



Farhat

"We start as early as three months and we go all the way to adult swimming," said Nora Farhat, who owns the South Lyon franchise as well as two others in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. "Most of our customers are usually students or young kids that parents want to get them into swim classes."

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The British Swim School has a large seating area where parents can observe their children's sessions in the pool without fear of getting splashed.

## Mountain biking races set in Novi, Northville

**Andrew Vaillencourt**  
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A pair of mountain biking races, sponsored by the Motor City Mountain Biking Association (MCMBA), are coming to Novi and Northville this summer.

First is the 14th annual Tree Farm Relay Invitational on July 27 at Lakeshore Park in Novi.

The MCMBA will be using 12.5 Mile and Dixon roads as a parking area, which the city of Novi has agreed to shut down for the day. The race will then start from the pump track area of the park.

Due to ongoing renovations to the park, fewer racing teams will be accepted this year, but there is still room for 50 teams of four riders each.

The course features lots of hills and passing zones. This is a perfect race for the beginner looking to see what team or endurance racing is all about and for experienced racers looking to test their skills against rival teams. If you want to try an endurance race, but aren't ready for the distance, this is the perfect event for you to see what the team racing concept is all about.

The race is open to both men and women and there will also be a costume class. Race fees are \$120 per team before July 25 and \$140 per team on the day of the race.

Advanced teams start racing at 9 a.m. with a registration cut-off of 8:30 a.m. Sport and costume teams start racing at 11 a.m. and have a registration cutoff of 10:30 a.m.

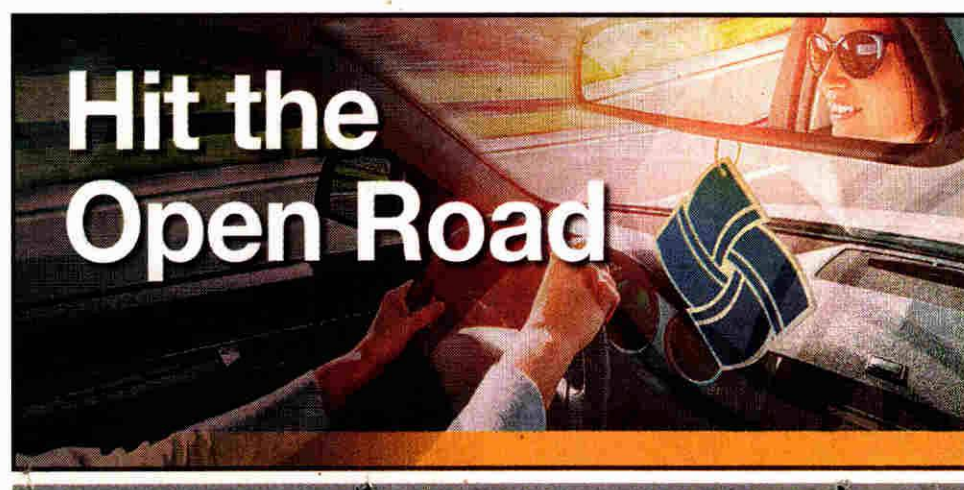
For more information on the event and to register, go to: <http://site.mcmba.org/index.php/events/tree-farmrelay>.

On Aug. 25, the Motor City Mountain Biking Association Benefit Time Trial will take place in Northville.

The 13th annual Maybury State Park Time Trial is Race No. 9 of the 2019 MMBA CPS series, brought to you by the MCMBA. See the Championship Point Series page for more information on the series.

The course length is nine miles and features a mix of fast open sprints and tight, technical single-track, which rewards both cardio and bike handling skills. Elite and expert racers will do two laps; everyone else will do one lap. The cost ranges from \$15-35. There will be an event for kids and lunch.

For more information and to register, visit <http://site.mcmba.org/index.php/events/2014-03-25-01-32-57>.



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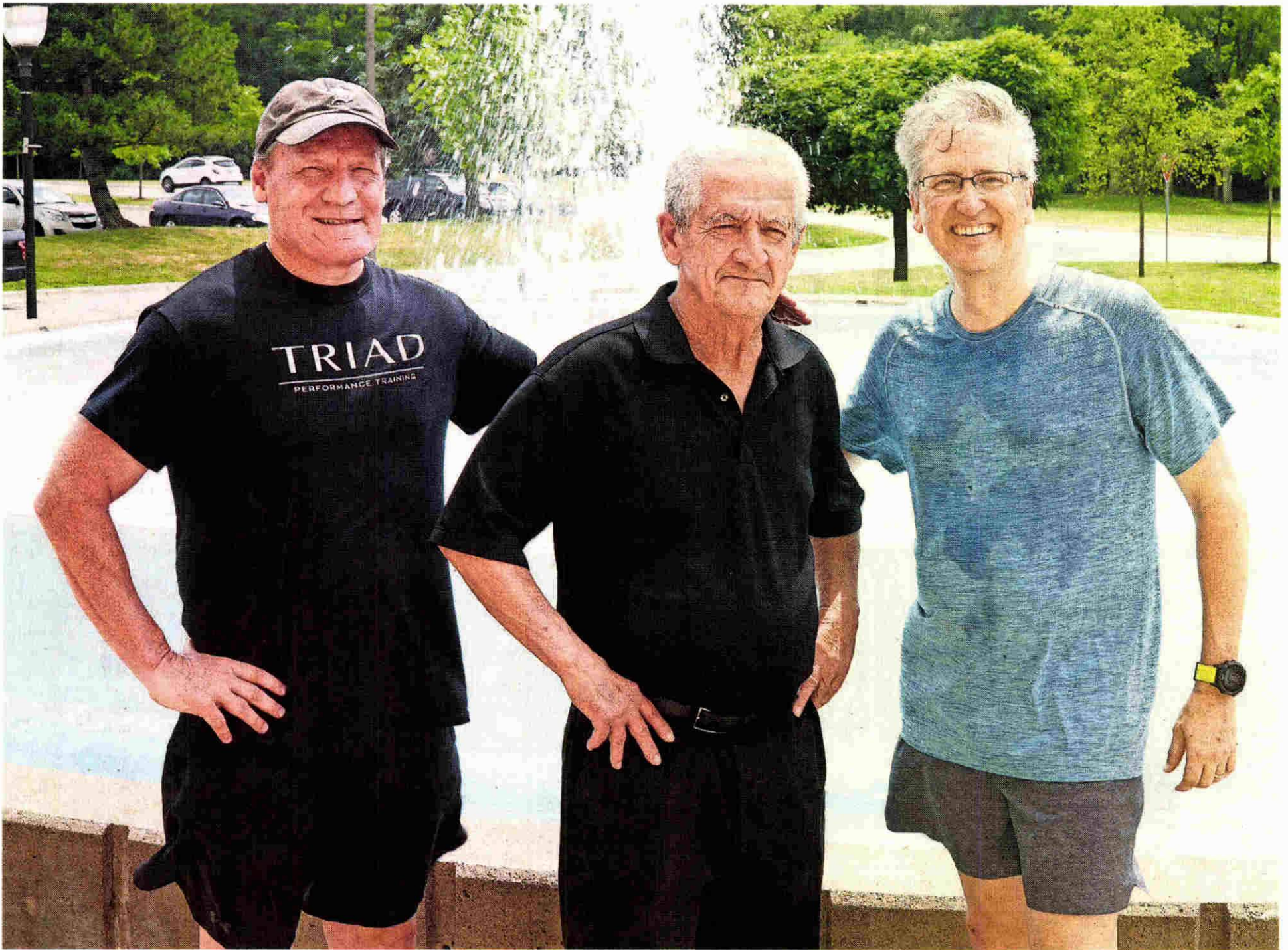
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After running every block in the city of Livonia, Mike Silvio, right, with his running and training partner Kirk Vickers, left, greets Mayor Dennis Wright on July 18.

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## Silvio

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Continent Club, which means he has run marathons in all seven continents. He has logged more than 10,000 miles in the last decade.

Running marathons and training hasn't always been easy; there have been some significant challenges along the way.

Silvio is diabetic and underwent heart surgery in recent years after he was diagnosed with a 95% blockage of the LAD artery, commonly known as the widow maker. This came after his completion of a marathon in Antarctica, an area where health care isn't as readily available as most other places. He didn't feel well going into the race, and learned quickly afterward that his heart condition was serious.

His doctors put in a stent and to this day, he counts his blessings, knowing he very well could have died in Antarctica.

He ran his first marathon in 2012, and with training taking 16-20 weeks leading up to each race, he needed a way to keep things interesting – and that's where the idea to run around the entire city of Livonia came to life.

"I'm a process guy, I'm a plan guy," Silvio said. "When I train with Kirk there's a plan, when I train for a marathon there's a plan. When I'd go out to run in the morning, I'd be like, 'Okay, where am I going to go?' There's not really a plan, you just know how many miles you have to do. This allowed me to have a plan and make this interesting."

Vickers, who has been friends with Silvio for nearly 10 years, is the owner of Triad Performance Training, which is located on Wayne Road in Livonia. He's helped Silvio throughout his journey into running and said what Silvio has accomplished is remarkable.

"Mike's been working with me for about the last 10 years, and he's not only a very good person, he's a very strong-willed, tough-nosed individual," Vickers said. "For somebody to do what he's done, and then run in Antarctica with a bad heart, that's unheard of. To do some



Silvio, right, and Vickers run near Livonia City Hall on July 18.

of the things he's done, he's understating it. He's a very talented and gifted individual."

Silvio would run about 5-16 miles per day, but weather and work changed his running schedules every week. Some weeks he would run through different neighborhoods on three or four different days; other times, it would be just once or not at all. Bit by bit, he highlighted streets on his map of the city.

Like any long-term goal, there were days that he had to give himself that ex-

tra push, especially factoring in Michigan winters.

"The hardest part was always getting up in the winter when it's cold and icy and you know not all the sidewalks are going to be cleared," Silvio said. "Those are the hardest days, when the weather is bad."

The good days far outnumbered the bad ones, however, as Silvio described the feelings his running journey have given him.

"When you have that confidence and

that ability, no matter what your speed is, just that feeling in life that you can do it, that is the most rewarding part, just knowing that you can do it," Silvio said.

On the weekends, he often runs with 501 Running Club, which is based out of Kensington Metropark. He's developed great friendships with other runners and enjoys running in the company of others.

"I'm really thankful for the groups I run with," Silvio said. "Those are the easy days, because I'm with people. When you have to run alone, you have to find a purpose, and this was part of my purpose."

On his final day of running through Livonia, he asked Vickers to run with him – the two have formed a strong bond over years of training and Silvio said there was no better person to complete his goal with than Vickers.

"It was much better for me than it was for him," Vickers said. "It was a treat for me, he's done all the work. He said he'd love for me to go with him on this last mile or two and take me along for the ride. I'm extremely grateful to Mike for allowing me to come along and see some of the work he's put in and the hard work and dedication he's had. There's a lot of streets here."

Silvio, who is a brand ambassador for Lululemon, now has a new goal: to complete the six major marathons.

He has already run in four of them – London, Berlin, Tokyo and New York City. All he has left now is Chicago and Boston.

He plans to participate in the Chicago Marathon later this year and hopes he can do Boston next year, but says it will depend on his health.

Given his track record, you can bet Silvio will do everything he can to check off another huge goal, but for now, he'll embrace his completed journey through the streets of Livonia.

"It's a memory you get to share," Silvio said. "Kirk and I will both tell this story a hundred times, and that's really cool."

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## Swim

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The school goes all in on the British theme, with changing rooms appearing as red English telephone booths (as well as one that looks like a TARDIS from British television's "Doctor Who" series) and plenty of Union Jack decor. Rita Goldberg, a British swimmer, launched the school several decades ago.

Today, there are more than 180 swim schools across 20 states, at which

13,000 students swim each year.

The school teaches students water safety and moves them up levels based on their skills rather than separating them by age group, Farhat said. The instructors do 40-60 hours of water training to better teach and provide safety in the pool. Everyone on staff is lifeguard certified.

It took about a year to get all the proper approvals and do the renovations, including adding the 60-by-30-foot pool, Farhat said.

Farhat said South Lyon was a great location to open a new swim school,

with the growing population and the lack of similar other businesses in the area. The next closest swim school, she said, is in Novi. That interest appeared in the registration before the pool opened.

"We had 200 families just pre-registered before we even opened," she said. "South Lyon seemed like such a growing area. It really seemed to have that nice potential, but it hadn't been saturated yet."

One of those families starting as soon as the school opened was Green Oak Township resident Renee El-Awad. Her

two children took a class last week and have really enjoyed the personal attention they receive.

"It's really nice and they're good with the kids," she said. "We've been talking about putting the kids in swimming classes, and this was really convenient."

Classes take place every day and vary in price. Those interested can reach out to the school or visit their website at [britishswimschool.com/detroit](http://britishswimschool.com/detroit).

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# Thrills at Dunham Hills for junior golfers

M.B. Dillon

You couldn't have asked for more exciting play as Kensington Junior Tour golfers teed it up at Hartland's Dunham Hills Golf Club Monday. With tying scores of 88, three golfers topped the girls' division, prompting a 3-hole play-off. Summer Horen of White Lake pulled out the win over Howell's Audrey Brown and Highland's Ava Moore.

15-year-old Brayden Niemiec of Canton scalded the boys' leaderboard, firing a 1-over-par 73 — a career tournament low for the incoming Plymouth High School sophomore.

Horen, 17, Brown, 16, and Moore, 14, headed into sudden death after deadlocking for first. Horen and Moore both parred the first hole, eliminating Brown, who shot bogey. (Brown, who will be a junior at Hartland High School where she plays on the varsity squad, went on to win Wednesday's Kensington Tyrone Hills tournament, shooting 81.)

On the second playoff hole, a par-5, Horen and Moore kept it interesting, tying again as each one parred. On the third hole, a par-4, both players drove the ball 170 yards, landing within two feet of each other. Horen nailed her approach shot to the back edge of the green.

Moore's second shot caught some tree branches and landed short of the green. She finished with a bogey.

Horen just missed a 30-foot putt and dropped it in for par.

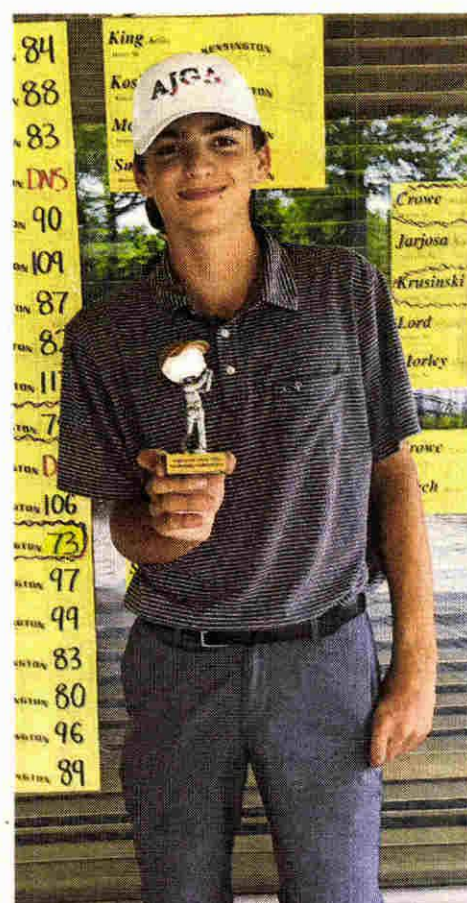
"On the first hole, I was a little bit nervous; I never had to play in a playoff before," said Horen, who's entering her senior year at Walled Lake Northern where she competes on the golf team. "I didn't know how it would be playing Audrey. I've played with Ava before and knew we'd probably drag the playoff on for a while. It feels pretty good to win, especially with the weather being super hot."

Moore, an incoming Milford High School 9th-grader, was pleased all the way around.

"It was my first time breaking 90 this year, so it was exciting," said the runner-up, whose father John was her caddie. "I didn't focus on my score. I knew if I did I would probably get nervous. Right at the end (of regulation play)



Ava Moore, left, Summer Horen, and Audrey Brown (not pictured) all shot 88 to tie for first place at Dunham Hills. PHOTOS BY M.B. DILLON/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Brayden Niemiec of Canton won the Kensington Dunham Hills tournament with an impressive 1-over-par 73.

"I parred the last hole so that was exciting. The playoff was nerve-wracking, but I knew if I let my nerves get to me, I wouldn't play as well as I did. Summer is a senior and I'm a freshman and I was holding my own, so I'm excited about that."

Moore followed up with a fine performance at Tyrone Hills Wednesday, shooting 85 to take runner-up honors once again on the Kensington Tour.

Niemiec birdied the first hole enroute to a 38 on the front nine.

"I had a 7 on the second hole; that wasn't very good. The next couple holes I just made par," Niemiec said. "I birdied number 6, which is the hardest hole on the course. It's a long par 4 so that felt good. On the back nine, I played really well. I shot 35 (one over par.) I made two birdies, which was very nice. I missed three 6-footers which was disappoint-

ing." Niemiec was happy with his drives. "I missed two fairways today; that's it," said Niemiec, who made varsity as a freshman and is in his third year on the Kensington tour. "I like Dunham Hills. It's very challenging, but there are definitely some holes you can get birdies on."

Cole Lamberger took second in the division with a 79. Lamberger golfs for Hartland High School, where he'll be a junior.

Keldon Koshorek, 14, of White Lake captured the boys' 12-14-year-old division with an 84, followed by Keller King of Howell, who carded 94.

"I shot 42 on the front; I played okay," said Koshorek, who'll be a freshman at Waterford's Our Lady of the Lakes High School. "I had a birdie on hole number 3, which helped a lot. It got me motivated

to play better. I finished strongly, trying to bogey and par out.

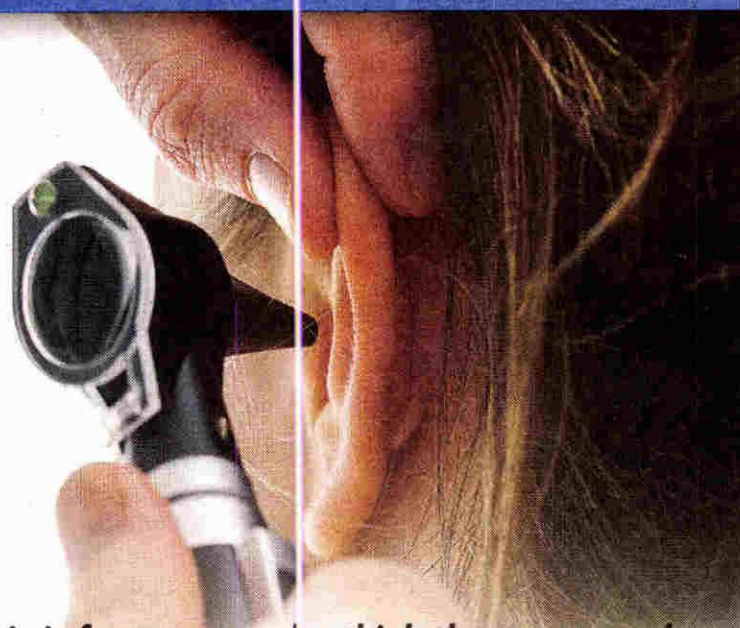
"I had just one 3-putt hole; the rest were one and two putts. On the back nine, I hit my irons pretty decent, which surprised me. I wasn't expecting much going into today," added Koshorek, in his first summer competing on the Kensington Tour.

David Krusinski of Highland won the 9-hole division, scoring 46. Brayden Crowe of Brighton shot 48 to take second.

In the 6-11-year-old developmental division, Brighton's Spencer Crowe finished first with a 56. Addison Mach of Linden shot 71 to capture runner-up honors.

For the latest scores and four-county tour standings, visit the Kensington Junior Golf Tour website and the Kensington Junior Golf Tour Facebook page.

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# Northville girls cross country team hosts mattress fundraiser

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If you or someone you know is looking to replace a bed in your home, now is the time. The Northville High School Girls Cross Country Program has announced they will be hosting a one-day Mattress Fundraiser on Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For one day only, Northville High School will be transformed into a mattress showroom.

There will be 25 different mattress styles on display in all sizes in styles for customers to try, priced below retail. Adjustable power bases, premium pillows, bed frames and mattress protectors will be available as well. Brands like Simmons Beautyrest, come with full factory warranties, are made to order, and will be available 2-3 weeks after the fundraiser. Delivery is available. Best of all, the Northville High School Girls Cross Country Program benefits from every purchase.

The company, Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS) first introduced The Mattress Fundraiser to the Cleveland, Ohio market in 2005. The company now has over 100 locations and works with more than 2,000 schools nationwide. The unique business model helps schools raise thousands of dollars in just one day, and to date, the company has given back over \$40 million.

Contact [sdetroit@customfundraisingolutions.com](mailto:sdetroit@customfundraisingolutions.com) or call (616) 460-1872 for more information.

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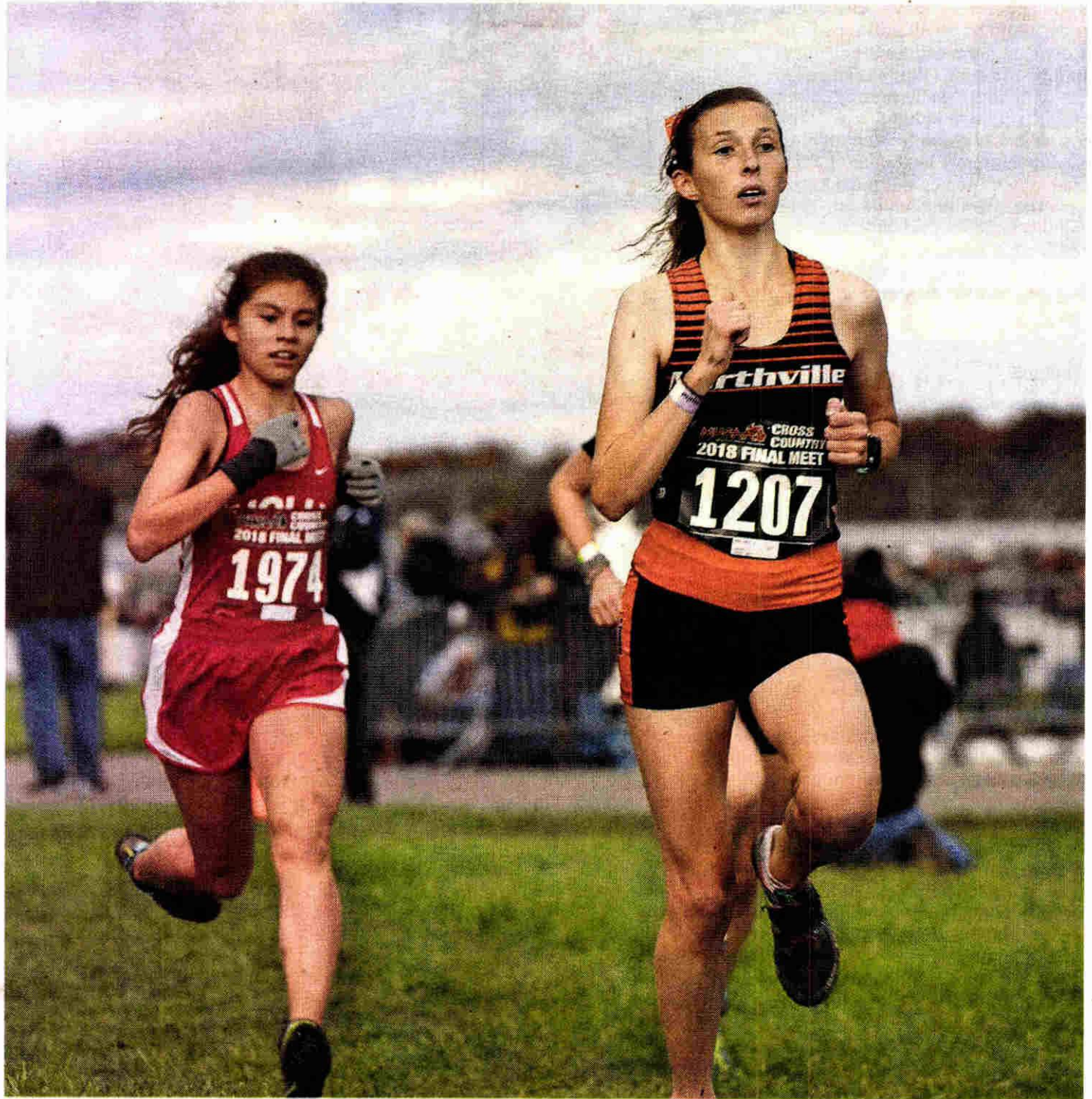
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Northville High School has 26 seniors who signed to play sports in college. COURTESY OF BRYAN MASI

# Northville has 26 seniors sign to play college sports

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Northville High School held a signing ceremony this spring to honor the 26 student-athletes it is sending to play in college.

Students will attend 19 different schools for 19 different sports.

"It is an outstanding achievement to have 26 Northville senior student-athletes make the decision to continue their athletic careers at the next level," Northville athletic director Bryan Masi said. "Their hard work, dedication, and commitment they have put forth has culminated in being awarded an opportunity to participate in a college athletic program."

The 26 student-athletes are:

- Hannah Grant, volleyball, Michigan State
- Jake Khoury, lacrosse, Madonna
- Jeff Varner, lacrosse, Madonna
- Nick Couyoumjian, track/cross country, Indiana
- Olivia Harp, track/cross country, Bradley
- Hannah Laurin, softball, Spring Arbor
- Travis Nitkiewicz, swimming, Michigan State
- Katelyn McCullough, swimming, Rutgers
- Mariella Simoncini, golf, Oakland
- Nolan Knight, football, Michigan
- Grace Cracraft, dance, Spring Arbor
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## St. Catherine in Wixom hiring athletic coaches

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St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom is looking for new coaches to join its athletic department.

St. Catherine is an all-girl Catholic high school that has seen more and more success for its athletic teams over the years. The school is looking for energetic coaches that will "continue to bring that winning spirit to our teams" as well as develop the individual talents and confidence of the school's growing group of athletes.

The open positions are for:

- JV Field Hockey Head Coach
- Pom Head Coach (New Team)

Contact Athletic Director Carlos Calderon at [calderson@saintcatherineacademy.org](mailto:calderson@saintcatherineacademy.org) if you are interested in the positions.

St. Catherine also has open full-time and part-time faculty teaching and support positions. Contact business manager Kathy Isgro at [kisgro@saintcatherineacademy.org](mailto:kisgro@saintcatherineacademy.org).



The St. Catherine field hockey program is searching for a new coach. KATHY ISGRO

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# FaceApp's photo fun raises privacy concerns

Mike Snider  
USA TODAY

Seems like nearly everyone on Twitter is accepting the #FaceAppChallenge by posting photos of themselves having aged.

They are using FaceApp, a downloadable program available on Apple's App store and the Google Play store, which lets you apply filters to your photos to transform your appearance – to make you look younger or older, have a different look, or even more masculine or feminine. Those can be shared online and on Twitter, Facebook and other social media sites.

FaceApp, which uses artificial intelligence to create "neural face transformations," first gained prominence in spring 2017. But a new wave of interest has made FaceApp the top free app in both the Apple and Google app stores, according to measurement site App Annie.

Some privacy and security experts have expressed concerns that users granting the Russian-based FaceApp access to photos on their smartphones is a grand giveaway of privacy and personal information.

## What does FaceApp say it may do with your photos?

Users must grant access to their photos to use the app, but FaceApp's Terms of Service and Privacy notifications don't explain how deep its access may go.

However, in the company's Terms of Service, it says users grant FaceApp "a perpetual, irrevocable, nonexclusive, royalty-free, worldwide, fully-paid, transferable, sub-licensable license to use, reproduce ... create derivative works from ... and display your User Content and any name, username or likeness provided in connection with your User Content in all media formats and channels now known or later developed, without compensation to you."

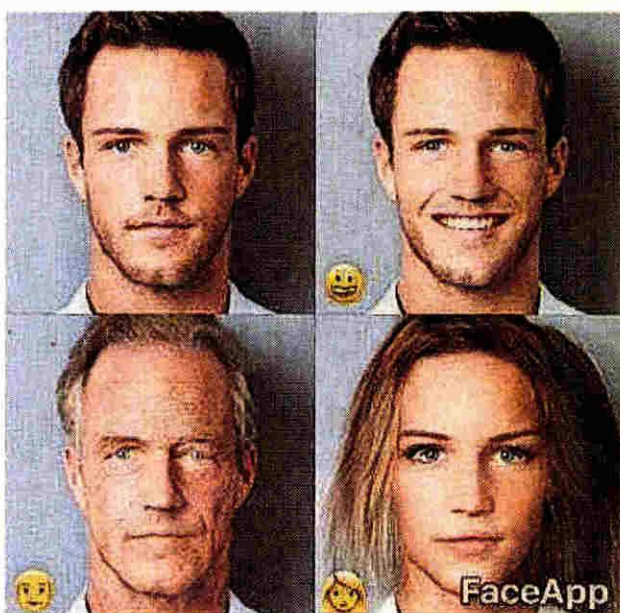
James Whatley of digital marketing firm Digitas noted on Twitter that FaceApp's "terms of service page is a DOOZY."

Silicon Valley lawyer Elizabeth Potts Weinstein reiterated the concern that using FaceApp gives the company "a license to use your photos, your name ... and your likeness for any purpose including commercial purposes."

## Should I be concerned?

Yes, say privacy experts, since it is uncertain what else FaceApp can access and how it might be used. Access to other information the app gets could be used for marketing purposes, too, as its privacy notifications says that "may help us or others provide reports or personalized content and ads."

Most users don't read these notices, says Jason Hill, lead cybersecurity researcher at CyberInt Technol-



## Preview



FaceApp, which lets you take a photo of yourself and add a filter that shows you much older, is raising some concerns with security and privacy experts that users are giving up their images for a lark. FACEAPP

ogies, a Tel Aviv, Israel-headquartered firm.

"Users should always be cautious when permitting an app access to their personal information, be it social media profiles, photos or contacts," he said. "Furthermore, individuals should consider that they may not only be exposing themselves to an app provider as, when permitting access to a social media profile and it's photos, may inadvertently permit access to images containing others."

While there "is no immediate evidence to suggest that FaceApp is performing any nefarious task," Hill said, "as in any case when an app or service is requesting personal information or access to profiles, users should be cautious of oversharing."

Various pieces of your digital profile – acquired through various apps and social networks – could be compiled. "For example, collating photos associated with a user could, where present, allow image metadata, such as the location that a picture was taken, to be mapped and correlated with access logs, gathered when the user accesses the service, that will associate details of their IP address, ISP and the device (including browser, operating system and hardware)," Hill said.

## What about other apps?

Popular video app TikTok is another app to be concerned about. David Carroll, a professor of media design at The New School in Manhattan, has said since FaceApp is based in Russia and popular video app TikTok is based in China, it's "safe to assume those governments can readily access your data."

Tech firms based outside the U.S. are "subject to different standards or governance for data handling," CyberInt's Hill said. "Whilst many individuals may not be

concerned by this, users working in government, military or sensitive roles may want to consider the ramifications of potentially exposing their personal data to foreign entities."

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MEETING NO. 2019-17  
JULY 16, 2019**

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT; COUNCIL APPROVED: Agenda, Recess to Closed Session. Adjourned 7:42 p.m.

Tina M. Stanke  
Wayne City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES  
MTG. 14 7/15/19**

Presiding: President Godbout  
Present: Green, Hammons, Hart, Herzberg, Londeau  
139: Minutes of regular meeting held 7/1/19.  
- Minutes of study session held 7/1/19, 6:00 p.m.  
- Minutes of closed study session held 7/1/19.  
- Purchase of 3 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles, amt. \$105,240.  
- Approval to acquire several tax foreclosed properties to sell & redevelop.  
- Intro. Ord. 248-A-91, to amend Art. XV, Sec. 110-15.3.5 re. temporary political signs.  
- Adopt Senior Alliance Multi-Year Plan for Aging Services Resolution.  
- Extension of 2019 summer tax payment deadline to 8/30/19.  
- Adoption of Mack Mayfield Resolution.  
140: Adoption of Amended Council Policies & Procedures.  
142: Appr. checklist: \$1,157,056.31.  
Mtg. adj. at 8:58 p.m.

James Godbout  
Council President

Richard LeBlanc  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF WAYNE  
NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RENEWAL  
FOR OPERATION  
AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING STREET LIGHTING  
SYSTEMS  
IN THE CITY OF WAYNE**

TO OWNERS OF LAND ADJACENT TO ALL LOCAL AND MAJOR ROADS IN THE CITY OF WAYNE THAT CURRENTLY HAVE STREET LIGHTING:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Wayne has tentatively determined to proceed with a special assessment to:

Maintain and operate the existing street lighting systems on local and major roads in the City of Wayne, and for a five (5) year period, to assess the operation, maintenance, and administration costs of the existing systems, except the City's portion of the cost of the green street lights in the Downtown area, and the applicable costs for all City owned property, to lots and parcels in the City of Wayne currently so serviced.

The special assessment for street lighting will be in five (5) installments due on December 1, 2019, and December 1 of each succeeding year until December 1, 2023.

An assessment roll including the costs of the proposed special assessments for the existing street lighting system has been prepared and is on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

The above referenced properties have been designated as special assessment districts, against which the cost of said operation, maintenance and administration expenses may be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the City Council will meet on the August 6, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall Council Chambers, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan for the purpose of hearing any person to be affected by the proposed assessment, and to determine whether to approve and confirm the special assessment roll.

Pursuant to Public Act 64 of 1989, an owner, party in interest, or his or her agent; (1) may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment; (2) may file an appearance and protest by letter at the hearing; or (3) may file an appearance and protest by letter prior to the hearing in the office of the Wayne City Clerk, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan, during regular office hours. A written appeal may be filed with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after a final confirmation of a special assessment roll, only if that assessment was protested at this hearing, or at a public hearing to confirm the roll.

Tina M. Stanke  
City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION  
FOR THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON  
AUGUST 6, 2019  
CITY OF WESTLAND, COUNTY OF WAYNE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that a Special School Election will be held in the City of Westland on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time, the following proposals will be voted upon in the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

- I. Livonia Public Schools School District Operating Millage Renewal Proposal exempting principal residence and other property exempted by law 18.3866 mills (18.3866 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years.
- II. Livonia Public Schools School District Sinking Fund Millage Proposal 1.6 mills (\$1.60 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years.

Full text of the ballot propositions may be obtained at the administrative offices of Livonia Public Schools School District, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154-5474. 734-744-2500. A sample ballot may be viewed at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote).

The locations for voting for the Special School Election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, will be as follows:

Precincts	Locations
12, 25, 35 & 36	Cooper School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail
15	Greenwood Villa, 7600 Nankin Ct
16	Holiday Park Club House, 34850 Fountain Blvd.
21 & 22	Johnson School, 8400 Hix
27 & 30	Hayes School, 30600 Louise
40 & 41	Hellenic Cultural Center at St. Constantine Church, 36375 Joy

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the clerk in advance of the election.

Absent voter ballots are available through the Westland City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan. The voter, before the issuance of a ballot, must complete an application for ballot. Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office or may be filed out and printed from the following website: <http://www.cityofwestland.com/departments/city-clerk> Voted Absentee ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Richard LeBlanc  
Westland City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
PROGRAM STATUS AND SUBMISSION OF THE CAPER  
(July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)**

The City of Westland will hold a public hearing on the status of CDBG and HOME programs, year ended June 30, 2019, on August 13, 2019, 5:30 p.m., 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland. Draft CAPER available for comment August 15 - September 15, 2019. Submit written comments to: Department of Housing & Community Development, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI.

**CDBG FUNDS**

Project	Status	Amount
CDBG Administration	Complete	218,798
Housing Rehabilitation	Ongoing	93,874
Senior Programs	Complete	155,000
First Step	Complete	4,000
Wayne County Family Center	Complete	3,000
Friendship Center Improvement	Complete	60,700
Community Resource Officer	Complete	116,000
Outreach Ordinance/Code Compliance Officer	Complete	105,000
Samuel B. Ware Community Center	Complete	15,000
NSP - Acquisition/Demolition	Complete	44,457
Norwayne Parks	Ongoing (signs)	0.00
Norwayne Infrastructure		
(funds combined with 2018-19)	Complete	114,999
Jefferson Barns		
Community Center Improvements	Ongoing	65,584
Rental Rehabilitation Program	Ongoing	28,642
Jefferson Barns Center -		
Section 108 Loan Payment	Ongoing (Year 3 of 12)	58,997
TOTAL CDBG EXPENDITUES		1,080,575

**HOME FUNDS**

HOME Administration	Annual Complete	35,984
Homebuyer Program	Complete	78,531
NSP - Acquisition/Renovation	Ongoing	312,475
HOME Housing Rehabilitation (Limited)	Complete	121,030
Community Housing		
Development Organization	Complete	61,805
TOTAL HOME EXPENDITUES		609,825

CDBG grant amount \$1,093,992. HOME grant amount \$319,843.  
CDBG program income is \$17,401. HOME program income is \$254,616.  
Financial data is subject to reconciliation and audit adjustments.  
The City of Westland will submit the CAPER to the Detroit HUD Office on September 25, 2019.

William R. Wild, Mayor  
Westland Observer Newspaper

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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

**CITY PRIMARY ELECTION**

Will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at which time, candidates for the following office will be voted upon in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan:

**MAYOR  
CITY COUNCIL**

Plus the following two (2) proposals:

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW 18.3866 MILLS FOR TEN YEARS**

And

**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL 1.6 MILLS FOR TEN YEARS**

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the Administrative Offices of Livonia Public Schools School District, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154-5474, Telephone: (734) 744-2500.

**THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Precinct	Location	Address
1A & 1B Consolidated	Clarenceville JHS	20210 Middlebelt Rd.
2A	Clarenceville HS	20155 Middlebelt Rd.
3A & 3B Consolidated	Webster School	32401 Pembroke Street
4A	Webster School	32401 Pembroke Street
7A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
8A & 8B Consolidated	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
9A & 16A Consolidated	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
10A & 24B Consolidated	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
11A & 12A Consolidated	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
13A & 14A Consolidated	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
15A & 16B Consolidated	Buchanan School	16400 Hubbard Road
17A & 17B Consolidated	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
18A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
19A & 19B Consolidated	Randolph School	14470 Norman Avenue
20A & 21A Consolidated	Frost School	14041 Stark Road
22A & 22B Consolidated	Kennedy School	14021 Stark Road
23A & 23B Consolidated	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
24A	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
25A & 36A Consolidated	Emerson School	29100 W. Chicago Avenue
31A & 31B Consolidated	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
32A & 33A Consolidated	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
34A	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
34B & 34C Consolidated	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
35A	Emerson School	29100 W. Chicago Avenue
35B & 35C Consolidated	Cleveland School	28030 Cathedral Avenue
36B	Cleveland School	28030 Cathedral Avenue

**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.

**VOTER INSTRUCTIONS IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT**

To comply with the voting accessibility requirements, the voting instructions will be provided on a CD. Any voters who request the voting instructions in an "alternative format" in advance of the election will be supplied with a copy of the CD. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in an "alternative format" should be made by contacting the clerk in advance of the election no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Election. In an instance where a voter contacts his or her local clerk in advance of the election to request that the voter instructions be available in an "alternative format" in the polls, the clerk will arrange to have a cassette player available in the polling place.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR CITY OF LIVONIA RESIDENTS**

Voter's 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](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us)), you can call the Clerks 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 Friday, August 2, 2019. Voted Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Livonia City Clerk's office by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Absentee Ballots can be returned to the Clerk's office via U.S. Mail, depositing them in the red mail box outside of City Hall or in the ballot box provided in the Lobby of City Hall.

SUSAN M. NASH  
LIVONIA CITY CLERK

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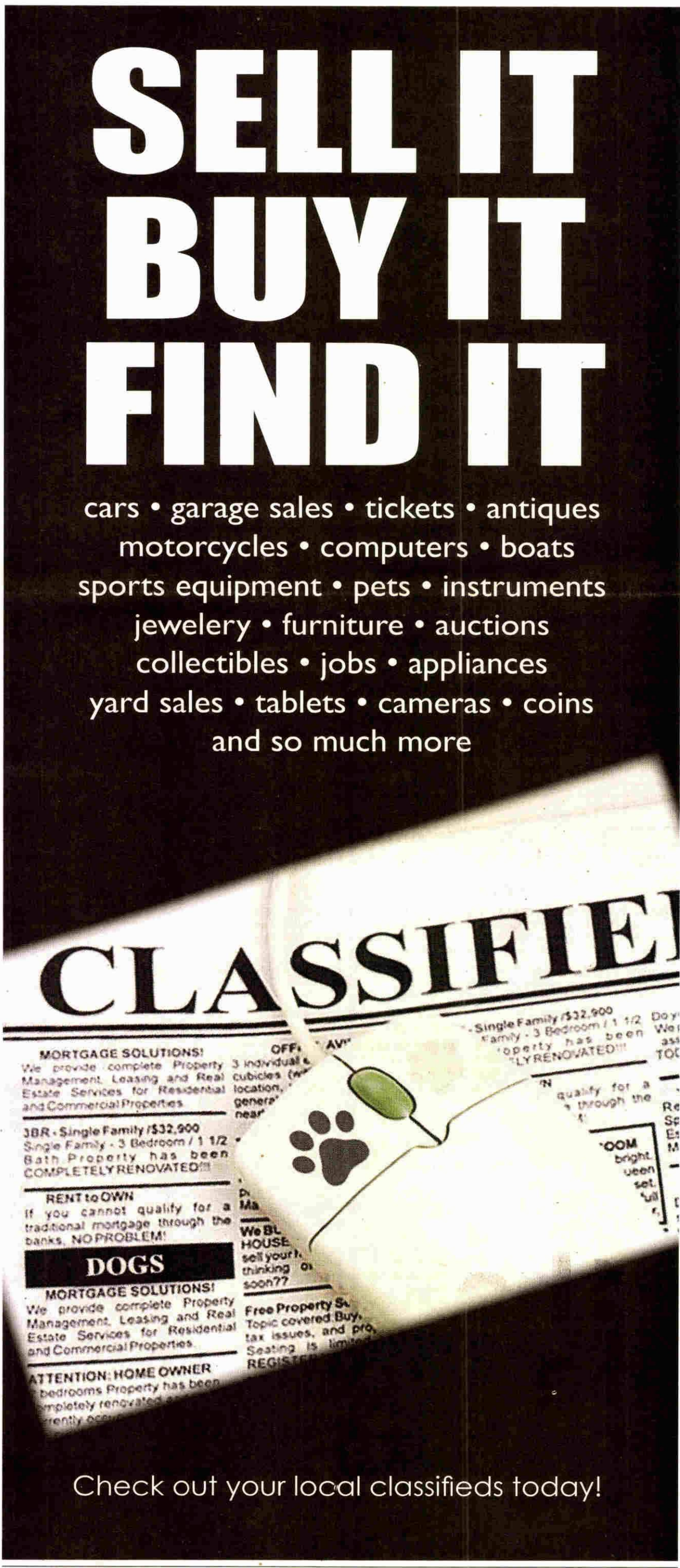
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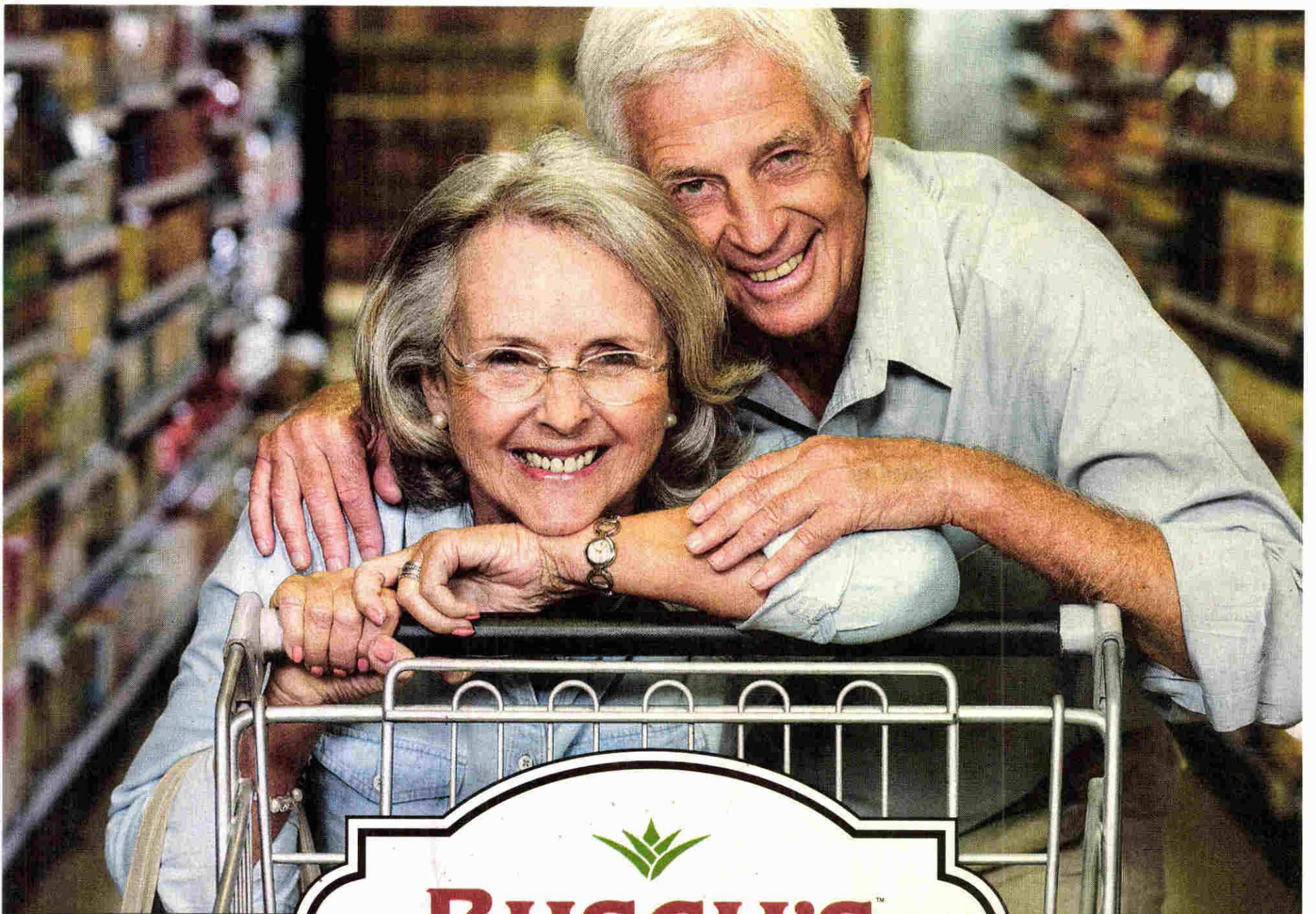
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