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Livonia ordinance would keep pets from cold

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Plenty of people let the family dog spend ample time outside.

But even though most pets have fur, some temperatures are too cold for pets to safely stay outside for a long time. According to the Ann Arbor Animal Hospital, people should check their dogs for

signs they're cold, like shivering, when it temperatures dip below 20 degrees. But, it isn't an exact science and depends on the breed and size of the dog.

Livonia is considering an ordinance to regulate how long pets can stay outside during extreme cold snaps.

Councilman Brandon McCullough asked the city's law department to research what an ordinance might include

and make a recommendation to council on how to proceed. Council voted unanimously to pass the issue to legal. Weather is briefly mentioned in the city's current animal cruelty and neglect ordinance.

"Just even being a dog owner, I've had multiple people over the last year or so after being elected bring this up to me with the cold temperatures and some-

times the heat," McCullough said.

The issue became a hot topic among residents last week when a resident left three beagles outside while metro Detroit was experiencing freezing temperatures.

Local animal control authorities received a flurry of calls about the

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Johnny Mihaesi and Morgan Zaremba sit in a booth at US12 Bar and Grill on Feb. 17 near a display graphic of Iggy and the Stooges. Iggy and his band played at the bar in Wayne when it was the Rock and Roll Farm. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Wayne bar remodel touts its place in rock history

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Tucked away on Michigan Avenue in downtown Wayne is a bar with a rich rock 'n' roll history. Now, its owner is putting that history out front and center.

John Goci, owner of US 12 Bar and Grill, has reopened the space at 34824 W. Michigan Ave., after renovating the longtime mainstay in Wayne over the

past year. The highlight of the renovations include images on the wall of some of the rock acts performing in the space decades ago, including Iggy Pop and The Stooges, as well as Bob Seger.

"I always knew about the rock history of this place," Goci said. "There was no Westland, it was Nankin Township. There was no Canton. Wayne was the big town.

"There have been so many great artists who have played here."

The site was home to the bar called Rock 'n' Roll Farm in the mid-1970s, hosting plenty of musical acts for a small cover charge. Goci said Seger played at the bar three times and The Stooges played once, attracting crowds of all kinds. Several musicians, including those two, now have their images plastered on the walls of the bar with the images of Seger coming

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Livonia WWII veteran celebrates 100th birthday

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Joseph Girolamo has been a lot of things.

He's a father, a brother, a great-great-grandfather, a union man, a soldier during World War II and so much more.

Now he's adding centenarian to that list.

Girolamo will celebrate his 100th year on this earth March 9. His family rented out DeLuca's Restaurant in Westland so he can celebrate with those who love him most. Girolamo was also honored by his friends at American Legion Post 32 in Livonia March 3 for his years of volunteering.

The oldest and last surviving of seven children, Girolamo was born in New

York City in 1921 and grew up in the Detroit area. He sold newspapers on street corners growing up and cultivated a love of music. He's played in bands and won awards for his skill playing violin, trumpet and bass. He can still play his harmonica, too.

During WWII, Girolamo answered

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Canton Twp. road epitomizes drivers' frustration

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The poster child for the most messed-up, rim-rattling, tire-damaging roadways in western Wayne County is the half-mile northbound driving surface (calling it a road would be giving it way too much credit) of Canton Township's Canton Center Road from Hanford to Warren roads.

I know because I live just a hub cap's roll from the above-mentioned driving horror show.

The Mars rover would be lucky to last 30 seconds on Canton Center, which is about the lifespan of tires that meet one of its deep and sharply bordered craters at just the right angle.

One of Canton Center's most-recent victims is the driver's side front tire of my wife's 2019 Honda Accord, the replacement of which set us back \$180. Less than a minute after she hit the deflating crater, she observed another disabled vehicle being towed away from a nearby 7-11 parking lot, one of its tires headed toward the rubber graveyard.

After viewing the accompanying video produced while driving down Canton Center one man quipped: "That's the first time I lost a filling just by watching a video."

Less than three years removed from a \$2 million-plus improvement project by the Wayne County Roads Division, Canton Center is littered with gaping potholes and uneven patches of pavement that have been filled with temporary-patching compounds.

Vehicles driven by presumably-sober motorists weave haphazardly through the pothole minefield, appearing as if they've had a few too many cocktails.

Ric Johnson, who co-owns Ric & Rocky's Car Care with his son Rocky, sees a steady stream of business created by Canton Center Road, which runs parallel to his business that sits just south of Hanford.

"It's not just tires that are damaged on that road," Johnson said. "It's rims, suspensions."

Johnson said the most susceptible vehicles are the ones with shorter sidewalls on their tires (like my wife's Honda Accord).

"When the sidewall is shorter, there

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from one of his performances in Wayne.

The bar's former iteration was owned by Leo Speer, Goci said, the same person who owned the old Michigan Theater in Detroit. Many times the owner would lure acts to western Wayne County to perform there as well.

"It used to hold a couple thousand people," Goci said of the bar. "When these artists would come through and had an open day before or after, he'd book them in here."

Tyler Moll, director of the Wayne Historical Museum, said that era of history in Wayne is unique, especially when it comes to music venues. He said other places, such as the State Wayne Theater down the road, also began offering live music in the venue around the 1970s.

He said while the museum doesn't have a lot of artifacts connected to the city's rock scene, it has plenty of old newspapers from that era he hopes to go through as early as this summer. Considering the amount of buildings being torn down in town at the time, having some of these rock bands perform was a unique part of Wayne's history, Moll said.

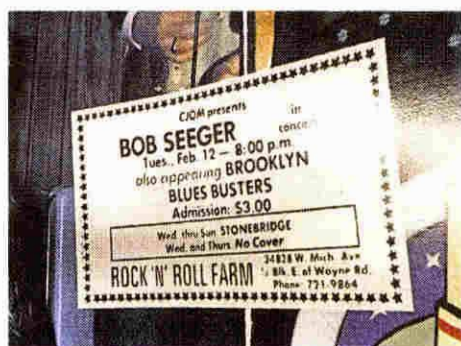
He echoed Goci's comments regarding the rest of the region, saying Wayne was the center of the area and where people would head for an evening out.

"There really wasn't any music venues around here," Moll said. "Most of the towns that were around here were still pretty small and rural."

Goci's family has owned the space since the 1980s. When restaurants were ordered closed last spring, Goci decided it was time to do some refreshing inside. So in between selling items like toilet paper during the shutdowns, he decided to spend a few hundred thousand dollars and update US 12 Bar and Grill. He's worked on the space throughout the past year.

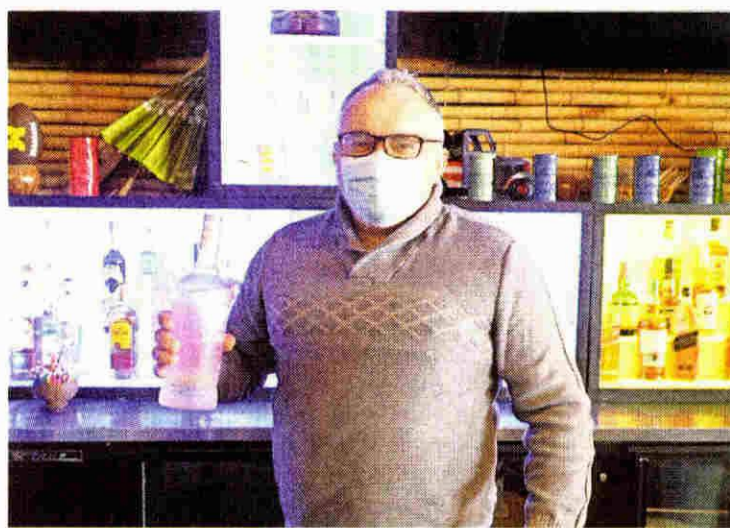
In addition to the graphics on the bar's walls, new booths were added inside and the side room has completely transformed into a tiki bar-themed space. Dubbed the "Daiquiri Shack," the side room to the bar feature tropical decorations and will serve up special drinks just in that room.

"It hadn't been touched in 20 years," he said. "I hired some local artists and



A promotional poster for Bob Seger's concert on display at US12 Bar and Grill. Seger played at the bar when it was called the Rock 'N' Roll Farm three times from 1971-74.

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US12 Bar and Grill owner John Goci in his new next door hangout - the Daiquiri Shack. Goci's family has owned the space since the 1980s. He's worked on remodeling the bar since soon after the coronavirus pandemic began.



A display graphic on a wall at US12 Bar and Grill shows Bob Seger during a performance.

we're still finalizing it."

Goci also relocated his real estate office from its location in Plymouth to the former VIP room at the bar as part of the renovations.

Renovating a part of the bar into a more tropical theme, Goci said, should hopefully bring in customers looking for

some warmth, especially during the colder months.

"It's a family lineage that I want to continue," he said. "I know people are going to be stir crazy from staying home with this lockdown, I think people are going to be looking for entertainment venues.

"There's nothing better than going to a place that (transports) you to a tropical setting when it's minus 2 degrees outside."

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US12 Bar and Grill bartender Jamie O'Leary pours a drink near a photo of bar owner John Goci's parents.

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Service animals complicated in no-pet developments



Robert Meisner
Guest columnist

Q: I am an owner of an apartment building. I have a dilemma because one of my tenants, who has a medically-documented severe allergy to pet dander, rented an apartment, relying in large part on the "no pet" provisions of the rental agreement.

At the time, there were no pets in the building. Later, I rented a unit down the hall, and that tenant asked for permission to keep a dog and submitted a letter from his psychiatrist stating that an emotional support animal would be beneficial to his physical and emotional health.

I am afraid I will be sued by my first tenant, and I am wondering what I should do given the circumstances. What do you think?

A: Hire an attorney immediately to take a look at all of the details of your case and provide guidance. Cases where the fair housing rights of different tenants/owners conflict are by no means clear-cut, and the best advice will de-

pend on the specific facts involved.

That said, your inquiry reminds me of a recent Iowa Supreme Court case decided last year, *Cohen vs. Clark*, 945 NW2d 792 (Iowa 2020), which involved similar circumstances.

In a 4-3 split decision, the court decided that the accommodation provided the second tenant was not reasonable in light of a direct threat to the health and safety of the first tenant, citing a "first in time" factor to the decision. However, the court also made clear that "first in time" was by no means the only factor to be considered.

As an example, the court noted that if the second tenant were blind and needed a disability service dog, the ruling may have been different. Courts regularly confirm that accommodation issues generally require balancing the needs of both parties involved. It's also important to understand that this case does not set precedent for the State of Michigan, but decisions from other states are nevertheless instructive as to how other courts might decide similar cases.

I should note that one interesting question that may not have been raised was whether the second tenant claimed a dog was the only type of animal that

could provide emotional support. Could he not have received emotional support from some other type of animal to which the first tenant was not allergic? These issues continue to be a developing area of real estate law which draw a great deal of interest from landlords, tenants, and co-owners of condominiums.

Q: I have read your book, and I am interested in buying a new condominium. While the project is being developed by a prominent developer, their name is not on the purchase agreement, which seems strange. How do I find out about what this developer is all about?

A: Unfortunately, the disclosure statement that the developer has to give you will only include information concerning the project in question. It does not require them to divulge information about other developments that the developer or its limited liability companies have developed.

If you find an attorney who has been around for a number of years, that attorney may well know about the history of the developer in other projects and may well also know about whether or not that developer has been saddled with construction defect litigation or other problems with purchasers. Keep in mind that most developers operate un-

der a separate legal entity for each project, which insulates them from liability and does not require them to disclose other problems that they had at other projects.

The Corporations Division of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs provides records online, including filings showing the principals of corporations and limited liability companies. Go to michigan.gov/lara and find the corporations division under the dropdown list of bureaus.

Purchasing a home is one of the most important financial decisions that you will ever make, so be sure to take advantage of all publicly available information. You have every right to ask questions of the developer if anything you discover makes you uncomfortable.

Even better is to get an attorney to ask those questions. The more you learn about the developer and the principals of the developer entity, the better you and your attorney will be able to assess the viability of such a purchase for you.

Robert M. Meisner, Esq. is the principal attorney of The Meisner Law Group. His book "Condo Living 2: The Authoritative Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium" is available at www.momentumbooks.com.

Working teens should take advantage of Roth IRA options



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

My 14-year-old son worked this summer at his grandfather's company. He earned a few thousand dollars and received a W-2. A couple of years ago I heard you speak at the Livonia Public Library and I remember you mentioning that a minor could open a Roth IRA and that it would be a great way to save for their retirement.

I spoke to our tax professional and they said I must have misunderstood

you because minors are not allowed to have brokerage accounts. Is my 14-year-old allowed to have a Roth IRA? And how much can he put into it?

Thank you, Amy

Dear Amy:

Yes, your son is eligible for a Roth IRA, and I definitely recommend you open one for him. I think the confusion is whether he is able to open a brokerage account.

Because your son is under 18, he cannot open a brokerage account in his own name. However, a Roth IRA can be opened for your son, as long as you open a custodial Roth IRA.

A custodial Roth IRA provides all the same benefits as a regular Roth IRA; the only difference is that there is a custodi-

an who controls the assets until the child reaches age 18. The custodian is usually a parent.

With regards to the maximum contribution that can be made into a Roth IRA, the current limit is \$6,000 or the total of a child's earned income, whichever is less. For example, if your son's W-2 was for \$3,500, that would be the maximum contribution allowed into the Roth IRA. On the other hand, if he earned \$7,000, then \$6,000 would be the maximum.

Not only can a Roth IRA be a vehicle to help teach a child the benefits and the importance of investing, it will also help teach the child the importance of saving for their retirement.

To be able to invest money that will grow tax free for 50 plus years is a huge

benefit.

The key is whether your child has earned income. In other words, if they received a W-2, then they are eligible. Whether the child puts their own money into the Roth or you help them by making the contribution for them, it is a great opportunity to help secure your child's future, and I recommend that you definitely take advantage of it.

Don't forget, you have until April 15, 2021, to make a Roth IRA contribution for 2020.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomadvisors.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email Rick at rick@bloomadvisors.com.



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Stand still and birds may land on you at Kensington Metropark

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"It was a heart stopping moment. It was so beautiful," Birmingham resident Elisabeth Snyder recalled. "I have never had a bird on my hand before. It was thrilling to feel the little feet curled around my fingers as I held out my hand with sunflower seeds to feed it."

She was at Kensington Metropark on the nature trails.

Jani Gustafson of White Lake is an experienced guest on the nature trails. "I go two to four times a week," she said. "It gives me a feeling of awe that the birds trust you enough to land on your hand. I find that getting outside calms my spirit."

Gustafson advises people coming for the first time to coach children to be patient and stand very still in areas on the trails which have clusters of trees and the sounds of birds singing.

Holding hands outstretched with black sunflower seeds in your palms is the best way of attracting the chickadees, nut hatches, tufted titmouse, and downy woodpecker birds.

Hilary Simmet, media specialist for the metroparks, said visitors to the metroparks pay a vehicle entry fee (\$10 daily or \$40 annual).

"Visitors may not bring dogs. Wildlife animals may not be fed," she added. "Only birds that may land on your hands may be fed. You may want to bring water to drink."

On site at the Kensington Metropark Nature Center is Victoria Taylor Sluder, Western District interpretive services supervisor.

"We have seven miles of trails, on any one of the trails small songbirds can land on your hands," she said. "There are also sandhill cranes and wild turkeys, which should not be approached. Some people bring huge bags of seed. I recommend small Ziplock bags of seed which are easier to handle. Almost every songbird likes black sunflower seeds. Early on overcast days is the best time to come. We open at 6 a.m."

The nature center building is closed due to COVID-19, however restrooms are available.

"Visiting Kensington Metropark is a



A tufted titmouse enjoys some sunflower seeds near Wildwing Lake at Kensington Metropark.

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wonderful, unique opportunity in our area to get close to nature," Dexter Snyder suggested. "Birds tend to be in the clusters of trees. Stand still for five minutes like you are a statue, hold out your hand with seeds, and the birds will come, sharing their lives with you for a few moments."

Jani Gustafson feels that she has gotten to know some of the birds.

"One has a damaged eye and one has a growth on his leg," she noted. "I am always glad to see them again and again and know that they are all right. I enjoy seeing deer in the area, also. Sometime the birds land nearby and observe the humans for a few minutes or make trial flights before landing on your hands. It is as if they are checking that you are trustworthy."

Laurie Cooper, a retired Birmingham teacher, had the chance to feed the birds for the first time this past fall. She realized that her former students would be fascinated by the antics of the birds. She took photos and composed a small book and sent it to her students.

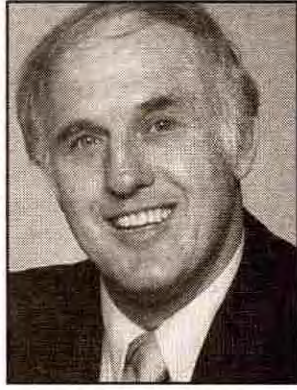
"There was a special feeling of serenity there. It was very peaceful in the woods listening to the sounds of the birds. Seeing them up close and perched on my hands was wonderful. I've been back several times since that first visit," says Cooper said.

Kensington Metropark is located at 4570 Huron River Parkway in Milford. Learn more online www.metroparks.com/parks/kensington-metropark.

Obituaries

Raymond John Wiacek

WIACEK, Raymond John passed peacefully in his sleep on February 22, 2021, at the age of 90. Mr. Wiacek was preceded in death by his high school sweetheart and wife of over 70 years Winifred (McLeod) and son Michael. Loving father to his six children Raymond, Jr. (Nancy), Diane, David (Sylvia), Joe (Kathy), Nancy White (John) and Patty Martin and cherished grandfather of Katie, John (Meredith), Billy and Michael Wiacek; Elizabeth, Mary, and Jennifer Drabik; John and Jackie White, Jessica Livingstone (Kyle), and Eileen Martin. He is survived by his brother Ronald; four step grandchildren; nine step great grandchildren; two step great, great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Ray was born on October 13, 1930, the fourth child of John and Mary Wiacek. Raised in Dearborn, he attended and graduated from Fordson High School. An outstanding student athlete, Ray was an all-state basketball player and a tremendous baseball talent. Signed out of high school by the Detroit Tigers, Ray and his new bride Winnie traveled the south as a minor league ballplayer in the Tiger organization. After a few years Ray recognized that pro ball was not in the cards and returned to the Detroit area to start a new career and a family. However, he would use his love of sports throughout his adult life.

Settling in the Village of Inkster, Ray began a new career as a member of the Inkster Police Department. He was a dedicated officer. During his time as a member of the Police Department, he and several other officers sponsored and coached little league baseball teams in the Inkster Rec League. He rose to the rank of Sergeant before leaving the force in the late 1960s. To support his growing family, Ray began a career as a sports official. He umpired youth baseball and adult softball and refereed CYO and high school basketball. He was so proficient at his craft as an umpire that he officiated many World Championship slow and fast pitch softball tournaments.

After leaving Inkster, Ray began a new career in the up and coming field of Parks and Recreation Administration. Hired by the City of Garden City to head their Recreation Department, he began a long career in the city. He dramatically improved the recreational services provided by the City to its citizens including the enclosure of the ice arena, expanding and improving park facilities including Moeller Field, more children's programs, a senior community center and new playground equipment throughout the city just to name a few. He was a member of the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association professional group and was widely respected and honored by

his peers for his outstanding and positive contributions to his community and field. During his tenure as Director, he attended Central Michigan University and acquired continuing education credits through the Recreation Administration program at CMU.

He retired after over 25 years in the Recreation Department but his service to his community was not over. He entered the field of politics and was elected to serve as a member of the City Council. After leaving elected office, he continued his community involvement by attending council meetings on a regular basis speaking to important local issues on behalf of the citizens of Garden City.

Ray was a devout Roman Catholic and served his faith community at St. Norbert Parish in Inkster and St. Raphael Parish in Garden City. Until recently he was a fixture as an usher at the noon mass at St. Raphael. He was also a longtime member of the Garden City Rotary Club.

In retirement Ray enjoyed puttzing around the house, spending time with his family playing pinochle and watching sporting events live or on television. He was an avid reader particularly of the local newspapers and the New York Times. He enjoyed travel especially to his son's vacation home in the Chesapeake Bay area where he could spend quality time with his children and grandchildren.

Ray loved his family and was proud of the accomplishments of his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a caring, compassionate and kind man but also strong willed and opinionated. He used these traits wisely to support his family and serve his community.

Raymond John Wiacek was a dedicated family man who accomplished a lot in his ninety years on this earth; an outstanding high school student athlete, a professional baseball player with the Detroit Tigers, a good police officer, a coach and mentor to young kids, a world class sports official, a top notch bowler, an innovator in the field of Recreation Administration, a dedicated public servant, and a community activist and leader. However, his crowning achievement in those 90 years was being the best, most devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather he could be. And he was. May he be at peace in heaven with Winnie and Mike.

A memorial service in celebration of Ray's life will be held at a later date. No flowers please. Charitable contributions in his memory to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd. Livonia, 48154. Interment will be at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights, in the family plot with his beloved wife Winifred and next to his dearly departed Mike.



Eunice Mitchell

LIVONIA - Eunice A. Mitchell, 87 of Livonia, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 26. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, James R. Mitchell. She is survived by her son Mark (Linda), daughter Lisa (Ed) Kadala; and two grandchildren, Anna and Ellie.



Eunice's love for the Lord and her family guided her life and work as a stay at home mom, teacher, and secretary. She was the daughter of Pastor Howard Fulton of Belden Baptist Church in Chicago, IL, and attended Northwestern University and Michigan State University. She studied the Word of God daily under the ministry of R.B. Thieme III of Berachah Church in Houston, TX.

Easy to laugh, Eunice was endeared to all by her kindness, thoughtful actions, and selfless love. She enjoyed music (singing hymns, going to concerts, and playing piano - especially gospel and boogie woogie), family gatherings, dogs, sewing and crafts (everyone loved to receive her specially adorned cards), reading, playing games, and doing puzzles. She would often be heard whistling as she went about her life and there was always a joke or funny saying on the tip of her tongue. She will forever be in our hearts.

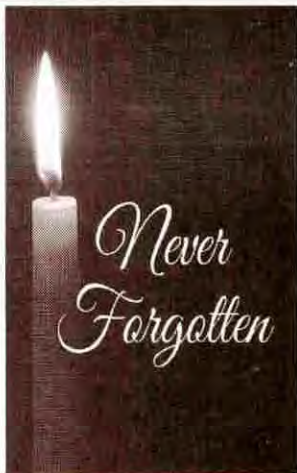
A graveside service will be held at the Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date.

The Mitchell family would like to express our deep gratitude to God and all of her doctors, nurses, and caregivers at Michigan Medicine, Visiting Angels, and Arbor Hospice for their kind and compassionate care.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Andrew Currie

GOTHA, FL - Andrew Currie, age 64, of Gotha Florida, formerly of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away peacefully February 19, 2021. Beloved husband to his high school sweetheart, Marylynn. Loving father of Neal and Austin. Full obituary at cremationchoicesfl.com.



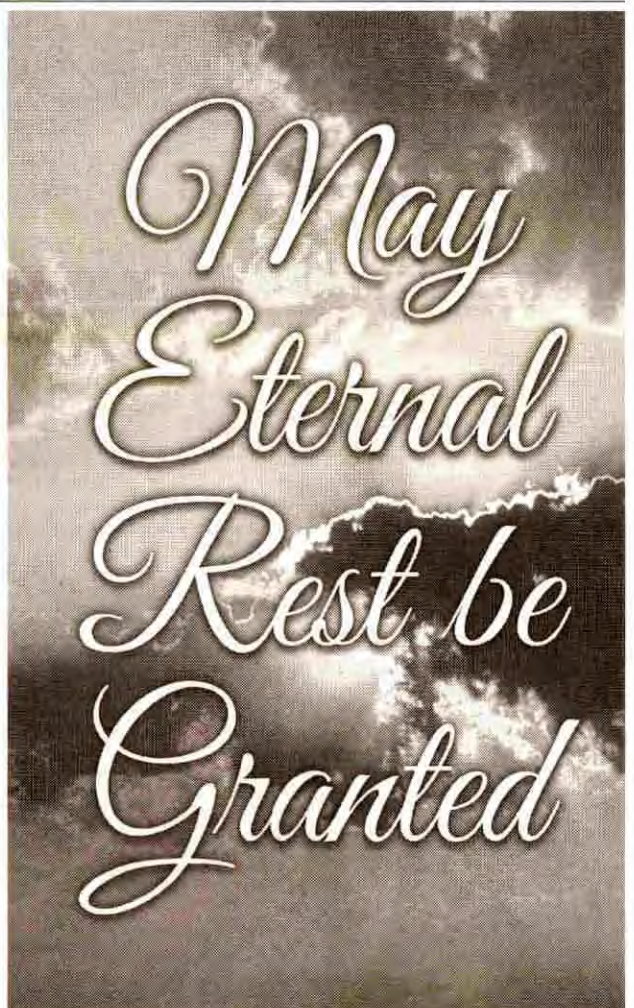
In loving tribute

Richard "Dick" E. Michel

-- February 6, 2021, Age 92. Birmingham resident for 58 years. Korean War Army Veteran and Purple Heart recipient. Dean at Lawrence Technological University. Member First United Methodist Church Birmingham. Beloved husband of the late Martha for 68 years. Loving father of Carol Michel, the late Jane Goding, and the late Paul Michel. Cherished grandfather of Jason Goding (Sarah), Deborah Michel (Cory Paiva), and David Michel. Proud great-grandfather of Katelynn Nguyen, Trey Paiva, Andrew Goding, and Athena Goding. Memorial service will be announced and held at a later date. Memorial tributes to First United Methodist Church, Birmingham 1589 W Maple Rd Birmingham, MI 48009 or LTU's Paul Michel Grant or Michel/Goding Scholarship Fund c/o LTU Development Office 21000 Ten Mile Road Southfield, MI 48075. Please indicate the Paul Michel Grant or the Michel/Goding Scholarship fund in the memo line. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and sign tribute wall at



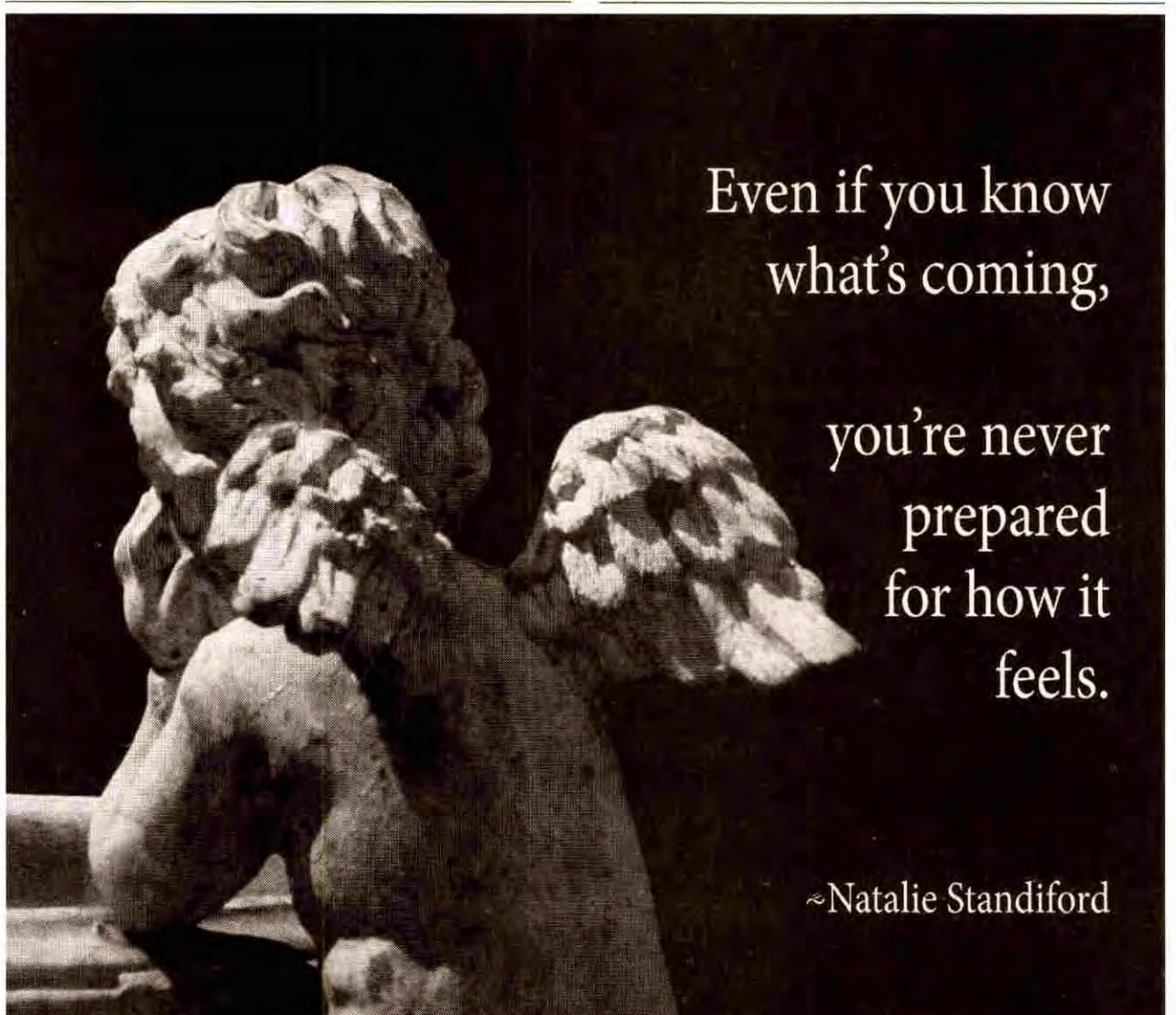
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Farmington High gymnasts Allie, left, and Sydney Schultz wave to a photographer while practicing Feb. 23. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Farmington continues success through twin sisters

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Since taking over the Farmington gymnastics program in 1987, Jeff Dwyer and his team have been incredibly consistent.

The team earned a regional championship in 15 of the past 20 seasons, placing in the top 5 at the state meet 18 times since 1998 while earning five state title trophies: a legacy that speaks for itself.

"They understand right away that, 'Hey, we're a good team,'" Dwyer said. "They almost put pressure on themselves because they don't want to be the team that lets the legacy down."

"It's kind of like Harrison football. People always wondered why they were so good. Well, the players know they better be good."

This is a mentality identical twin sisters Sydney and Allie Schultz implemented upon arrival, helping Farmington win two straight state championships in 2018 and 2019 after a 12-year drought.

Now, heading into their senior year as the team's two captains with two state titles and another just within reach — Farmington was the No. 1 seed coming into the 2020 state meet before it was canceled due to COVID-19 — the Schultz sisters strive to make sure the legacy does not end with them.

Wanting to progress

While their mother was a gymnast, the Schultz sisters were not really exposed to the sport until the 2012

Olympics, watching Team USA take gold in London. "I was like, 'They are so cool, doing all those flips,'" Allie Schultz said, joining a gymnastics class in fourth grade with her sister.

After developing skills with a club team, Allie and Sydney were introduced to Dwyer through their father, who used to work for Farmington Public Schools. Compared to their club team, it was a new environment.

The pair quickly acclimated to the culture: the spirit and attitude of Farmington gymnastics, the confidence, the feeling of success and striving to do better regardless.

Both sisters saw the love that the team members had for the sport and for one another, uniting students from Farmington and North Farmington high schools for the sole purpose of success on the mat.

From that starting point, the Schultz sisters began to feed off one another.

"Whenever I saw her progress, I wanted to progress too," Sydney Schultz said. "We always kind of pushed each other a lot."

As a freshman at the state meet, Sydney Schultz, participating in the uneven bars and balanced bars, scored 17.8 points to Farmington's 144.750 total points for a state title. As sophomores, the pair competed together: Sydney in the floor exercise, vault and uneven bars; and Allie in the vault and uneven bars, helping Farmington to its second-straight championship.

Dwyer said the Schultz sisters are team players and have improved over the years, something that

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Groves football coach joins Detroit Lions coaching staff

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DeOn'tae Pannell grew up in a football family, but it took a while to follow in his family's footsteps.

Pannell was an asthmatic, and his mother was afraid to let him play football; after all, he spent a couple months in the hospital each year until he was 10 years old dealing with it.

But Pannell continued to beg her to let him play.

When he got to Birmingham Schools and was introduced to the football coaches, Pannell got his chance.

"Once I got the opportunity to play, just running around, hitting people and not getting in trouble for it, that was right up my alley," Pannell said.

That opportunity to play turned into his life calling, transitioning from playing football for Groves and Penn State to coaching, teaching the game he learned to love.

Pannell's coaching passion led to a job at the highest level, joining the Detroit Lions as a part of the William Clay Ford Minority Coaching Assistantship, working primarily with the offensive line.

Finding out about the opportunity from new Lions offensive coordinator Anthony Lynn, the former Penn State lineman longed for any opportunity to learn and to grow in the game, two things that had already defined his football career from the start of his playing days.

Growing up

Groves head football coach Brendan Flaherty first saw the "gentle giant" on the basketball court, realizing the potential right away: a Berkshire Middle School athlete who was only going to get bigger, stronger and more athletic.

As he developed into an offensive and defensive lineman for Flaherty in high school, Pannell developed into an NFL-caliber prospect, taking up space inside on defense, while using his size and athleticism on offense to keep defenders out of the backfield.

But even more impactful to Flaherty was Pannell's ability to draw people in off the field even after committing to Penn State after his junior season.

"He was Groves' favorite son," Flaherty said. "You couldn't find a person to say something bad about him. Humble almost to a fault. 'It's OK to put your shoulders back, you are a Big Ten football player now,' but he's just such a good guy that way and just so well-grounded."

During Pannell's recruitment, Flaherty remembers Penn State recruiters roaming the halls of Groves High School, asking random students what

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South Lyon East continues LVC dominance against Lakeland

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South Lyon East boys basketball head coach Ron Levin knew he wanted his team to play its brand of basketball.

The Cougars already faced Lakes Valley Conference rival Lakeland this season, beating the Eagles in a 39-37 slugfest in the fourth game of the 2021 season. Instead, Levin wanted to see his players pick up the pace, score in transition and get in the 50-plus scoring range.

With the help of senior guard Bryce Bird early in the third quarter, South Lyon East (7-1) got what it wanted, beating Lakeland (5-3) for the second time this season, 57-52.

Trailing 26-24 after a half of play, Bird took his coach's message to heart: speeding up the game, taking control using South Lyon East's five senior guards. The Cougars wanted to outrun the Eagles.

Bird opened the third quarter with a layup, an and-1 try and a 3-pointer, giving South Lyon East back the two-point lead.

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South Lyon East boys basketball has won six of seven games in Lakes Valley Conference play this season. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Brother Rice basketball fights off CC comeback

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For the first two quarters Feb. 24, Brother Rice continued its beat down of rival Detroit Catholic Central from the previous Saturday.

After beating the Shamrocks, 78-37, at home five days prior, the Warriors exploded to a 56-26 halftime lead, using the shooting range of sophomore Curtis Williams and sophomore Xavier Thomas to create a mismatch.

Then the Shamrocks woke up. Catholic Central outscored Brother Rice, 28-7, in the third quarter, helped by 11 points by freshman point guard Chaz Lewless to bring the Shamrocks to within seven points. But Brother Rice (4-2) kept Catholic Central (1-5) at enough of an arm's length to secure the 75-67 victory on the road.

"Our immaturity and we let our foot off the gas," Brother Rice head coach Rick Palmer said. "And give credit to CC. This is a huge rivalry game and... it's shocking it took three halves of basketball to wake up. He's got injuries and all that, but that was the type of effort we kind of expect in this rivalry game."

But Brother Rice was short-handed as well.

In the final minute of Monday's practice heading into the CC game, senior forward Will Shannon — the Warriors' only senior in the starting lineup — suffered a right foot injury, something Palmer said he wouldn't know the severity of until the swelling subsides in a few days.

Facing the Shamrocks, Brother Rice started a lineup of four sophomores and freshman Keithan Gillmore.

In the first 16 minutes, the plan seemed to be working for the Warriors. Williams and Thomas combined for 28 first-half points. Brother Rice out-rebounded the Shamrocks, 28-11 in the



Brother Rice tries to set up an inbounds offensive play against Catholic Central.
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first half, including six offensive boards.

Catholic Central head coach Brandon Sinawi knew his team didn't come out to compete against Brother Rice that previous Saturday. So when he saw the same thing happen in the first half of the rematch — being without junior forward Cooper Craggs and junior guard/forward Kam Mayes — Sinawi made sure his message was clear.

"We had a nice, friendly conversation at halftime and got them going, fired them up, let them know what we are capable of doing if they actually came out and played with some pride," Sinawi said. "And they did that."

After Williams opened the third quarter with a jumper, extending Brother Rice's lead to 30, Catholic Central be-

gan to chip away.

The Shamrocks recorded a 7-0 run before the Warriors could score another basket, hitting four 3-pointers by four different scorers to cut the deficit to seven points.

Along with Lewless, who Sinawi called a "special player" as a freshman, the head coach said Brady Hower stepped up big late in the second quarter and in the third quarter, making key plays in transition and on offense to bring the Shamrocks back to within striking distance.

Lawless finished with 25 points — 18 coming in the final 16 minutes — while Landon Lodato finished with 11 and TJ Nadeau, who came of the bench and scored eight points in the third quarter,

scored 10 for the Shamrocks.

Catholic Central outscored the Warriors, 41-21, in the second half.

"I've had teams that have been in this position before... that went to the final four," Sinawi said. "We're going to get going at the right time, I have full confidence in that. The guys love each other, we're out there fighting for each other every day in practice. There's no doubt in that locker room, no one is pointing any fingers. They are owning up to things."

"We're going to be trialed and tested with the competition we play and we're going to be better for it come March and early April."

In the fourth quarter Brother Rice kept Catholic Central at bay, recording three 3-pointers, including a dagger late by guard freshman Xavier Bowman to seal the victory.

Williams led the team with 22 points, hitting four 3-pointers, while Thomas added 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Moving forward, Williams said Brother Rice can't come out of the locker room at halftime lackadaisical.

Instead, it's pedal to the floor until time expires.

"We can't come out with no defense, no energy," Williams said. "They came out with a lot of energy, came to play in the second half. We just have to come out ready to play."

Palmer will need a full 32 minutes from his players Saturday when the Warriors face undefeated Orchard Lake St. Mary's on the road.

"We played a full game Saturday and 14 great minutes tonight," Palmer said. "When we get away from that, what happened can happen."

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Pinckney's Beckwith pulls off rare dual-sport combo

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Some sports just seem to pair up nicely.

Soccer players, particularly midfielders, tend to be good cross country runners.

Track and field offers an opportunity for football players to showcase their athletic ability, whether it's as a sprinter, jumper or thrower.

It seems every good diver comes from a gymnastics background.

For some reason, hockey players make good golfers. Maybe it's all the down time during the summer.

But try to find a football offensive lineman who is also a state-qualifying swimmer.

It would be a difficult task, but not impossible.

That rare two-sport combination exists in the person of Pinckney's Alex Beckwith, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound senior.

Beckwith is an offensive lineman who will continue his football career at Lawrence Tech University after making second-team All-Livingston County in the fall. He was a state qualifier in the 50-yard freestyle last season.

Beckwith said he hasn't run across anyone else who has played offensive line and qualified for the state swim meet. Veteran Pinckney coach Laura Eibler has never coached an athlete with Beckwith's combination of skill sets. Football coach Rod Beaton doesn't recall coaching a lineman who also swims.

"He's a big boy," Eibler said. "He's always been big. He's a hard worker. Probably out of all the swimmers I've had, he's probably grown the most as far as work ethic."

"One of the hardest things when they play football is you're trying to build



Pinckney High School's Alex Beckwith swims laps with teammates during a workout Feb. 22. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

body mass and be strong, as opposed to a swimmer, who has to have those long, lean muscles. But he's doing it and working hard."

Brighton's JD Ham was a notable athlete who starred in football and swimming, but the 2015 graduate had more of a classic swimmer's build as a defensive back and wide receiver in football. Ham swam at Grand Valley State University.

"Coach Eibler does such a great job getting her kids in the weight room," Beaton said. "You could definitely see the benefits and payoffs for him. Being a football player, he was able to continue to lift and do those things during the swim season, which was awesome. He's just a super humble kid, works so hard. He's just a good overall athlete; you can see it. He can jump out of the pool and jump onto the football field and back into the pool."

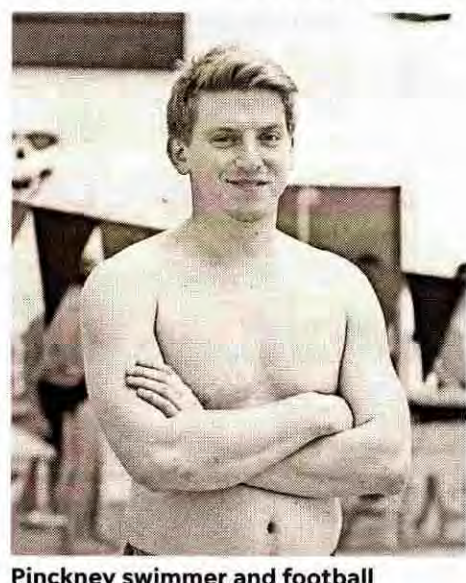
Unlike many of his swimming peers, Beckwith is not a year-round swimmer. He swims only during the high school season, which makes his accomplishments even more remarkable. He qualified for the state Division 2 meet last year with a time of 22.61 seconds in the 50.

"As soon as football season is over, I get right back into the pool and get ready for my swim season," Beckwith said. "It's definitely refreshing. It helps prepare you and not get overloaded with one sport for a long period of time."

Beckwith has been swimming for 14 years, because it was the first sport he tried in which he had some success.

He didn't step onto a football field until he was a freshman in high school after some intense lobbying by Beaton.

"The great head coach, Mr. Beaton, had been beginning me, begging my



Pinckney swimmer and football offensive lineman Alex Beckwith prepares for swim practice.

parents," Beckwith said. "Finally, I asked my parents and they said, 'Yeah, sure.' It boiled down to me just giving it a shot, seeing if I could play football, because I always wanted to play football. It ended up just sticking."

Beckwith missed Pinckney's first two meets of the season because of contract tracing at school before winning the 50 and 100 in his first meet back. He lowered his times to 22.97 in the 50 and 51.82 in the 100 in a quad Saturday at Brighton.

Having chosen to play football in college, there's a sense of purpose for Beckwith as his competitive swimming days are winding down.

"It's definitely making me push myself a lot harder than I would have if this wasn't my last season doing this sport," he said.

Basketball

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But after a Lakeland layup by junior Caleb Zurek tied the game at 32, South Lyon East stepped up offensively.

The Cougars recorded an 11-0 run, with eight points coming from senior guard Adam Trent, to give them a 43-32 lead.

Bird says South Lyon East's success starts on defense, something the Cougars showed in the third quarter: recording four steals along with two offensive rebounds to go with 21 points.

"It really all starts on defense because if we get rebounds, we're picking

up the tempo," Bird said. "Once we get the tempo up, then we really start to feel it."

"That just controls the game for us." But Lakeland began to chip away, with the help of Andrew Turnquist.

Trailing by 11 points in the third quarter, the sophomore forward grabbed an offensive board and hit a 3 to bring the deficit back into single digits. He added another layup before scoring Lakeland's first six points in the fourth quarter, keeping the Cougars' lead at eight points.

"We challenged Andrew today, every second he's out there, give us that max effort. I think he did a tremendous job of doing that," Lakeland head coach Ron Thompson said of Turnquist, who led

the team with 17 points, five rebounds and a steal. "He rebounded the ball really well, he attacked the basket. He kind of showed off what he can do."

Five points by Zurek at the free-throw line late in the fourth quarter cut Lakeland's deficit to three points, but four makes by Bird at the line for the Cougars secured the victory.

The South Lyon senior guard finished with 22 points, including 18 points in the second half, along with four steals and three rebounds. Trent finished the day with 13 points, including two 3-point makes.

"It's incredible to have a senior guard like Bryce, but it's even better when you have five senior guards," Levin said. "We're so loaded at guard and they are

all experienced... They've had some hurdles and they've learned. They know how to close out a game now."

With the run South Lyon East has been on this season in the LVC — winning six-of-seven matchups with the only loss being by one point in overtime — the Cougars are confident heading into the bookend of the regular season.

But the approach for Levin's team is simple, especially with eight seniors: play with relentless effort, contagious positivity and with the mindset of "We."

"As long as we focus on those three things," Levin said, "then the basketball comes easy."

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SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Super Crossword

STICKY SITUATIONS

ACROSS

- 1 Plates, e.g.
- 6 "Star Wars" villain — the Hutt
- 11 Longtime fashion mag
- 16 "Got it!"
- 19 Muslim god
- 20 Has left the office, say
- 21 Bilbao locale
- 22 "Whether — nobler ..."
- 23 Sudden-death extra in a golf tournament
- 25 Supermodel Klum
- 26 Hi-fi platters
- 27 Cook gently
- 28 Behave obsequiously
- 31 Secretive U.S. org.
- 32 Redding of song
- 36 Opp. of horizontal
- 37 Film preview
- 38 Sort who's at hand whenever needed
- 42 Part of a hunting outfit
- 43 Lucy of "Kung Fu Panda"
- 44 French painter Rosa

- 45 Narcissists
- 48 Bone: Prefix
- 50 Insult, informally
- 51 YWCA part
- 54 Yule, briefly
- 57 Small Vlasic offering
- 63 Domestic
- 67 Explorer Ericson
- 68 Glossy surface
- 69 "As above," in a footnote
- 70 Morning joe, maybe
- 75 Tear to bits
- 76 Gambols
- 78 Inventory
- 79 Board, as a ship
- 81 One who's distraught with feelings
- 86 1/16 ounce
- 87 Perfectly
- 88 "— aboard!"
- 90 Baker's unit
- 94 Pec-building exercises
- 98 Tilling tools, to Brits
- 101 King, in Caen
- 102 Old Peruvian
- 103 Connections making people feel close
- 108 Big name in hygiene products

- 111 "QED" part
- 112 Beneficiary
- 113 Certain PC readout
- 114 Purplish fruit spread
- 117 Male ducks
- 120 — Lingus
- 121 Rivulet
- 122 What the last word of 23-, 28-, 38-, 57-, 70-, 81-, 103- or 114-Across is a synonym of
- 126 Hang behind
- 127 Giant in life insurance
- 128 Televised
- 129 "... and vice —"
- 130 Hip-hop "Dr."
- 131 Hide, as loot
- 132 Old Russian dynasts
- 133 German city

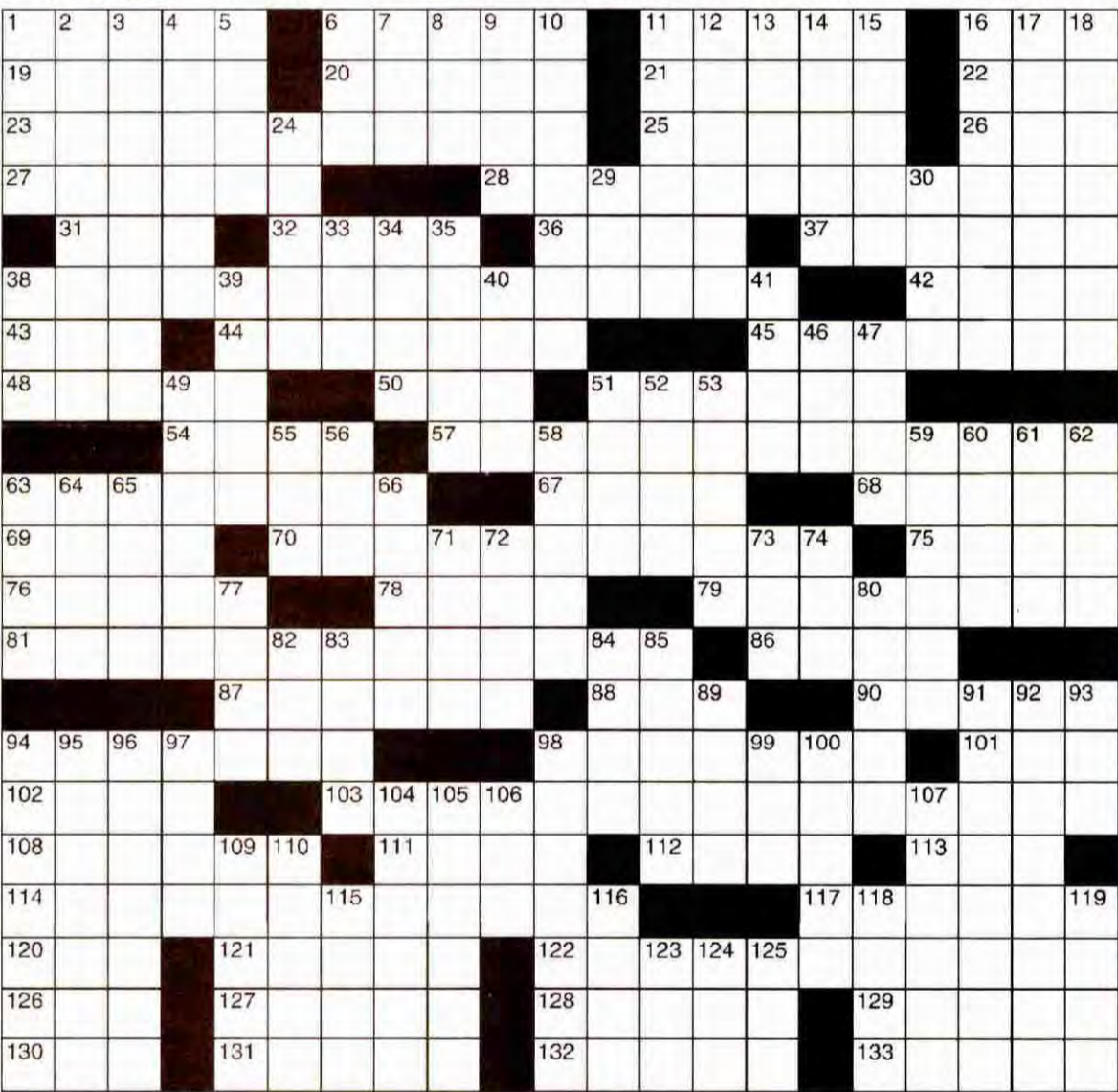
DOWN

- 1 Does a fist bump, colloquially
- 2 Chicago's home
- 3 Close loudly
- 4 The Caribbean's — Islands
- 5 Slipper, e.g.
- 6 Peanut butter brand

- 7 Volcano stuff
- 8 Startling cry
- 9 Light source in a socket
- 10 Had dinner at a friend's house, e.g.
- 11 Note equivalent to 66-Down
- 12 Not necessarily against
- 13 Spoke
- 14 In the — of (during)
- 15 In readiness
- 16 Map-filled references
- 17 Most with it
- 18 Alleges
- 24 Ice-cream alternative, for short
- 29 "Scream" director
- 33 Weight unit
- 34 With a sharp picture, briefly
- 35 Shrek creator
- 38 "Gigli" co-star, familiarly
- 39 Certain nuclear weapon, for short

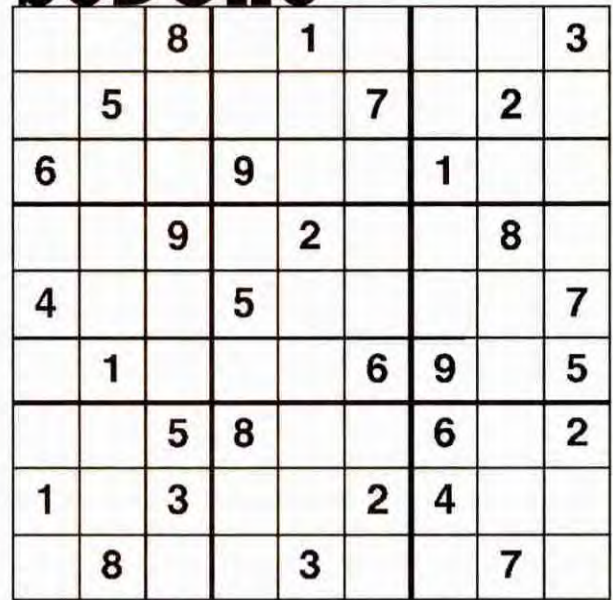
- 40 "Be silent!"
- 41 Adolescent
- 46 Country's econ. measure
- 47 Suffix of medical conditions
- 49 Free (from)
- 51 Plump bird
- 52 "— From Muskogee" (1969 hit)
- 53 Annoys
- 55 Circle part
- 56 Ionian, e.g.
- 58 Upper crust
- 59 Purity of a color
- 60 Razor-sharp
- 61 Advanced
- 62 Lead-in to skeleton
- 63 Give a job to
- 64 Former Laker Lamar
- 65 Office letter
- 66 Note equivalent to 11-Down
- 71 Do a tax task
- 72 J.D. Salinger title girl
- 73 "— be my pleasure"
- 74 Baby of a boomer
- 77 In — (as first found)

- 80 Big name in beer brewing
- 82 "Alley —!"
- 83 Condé —
- 84 Mall lure
- 85 Spill clumsily
- 89 Guitar's kin
- 91 Con artists
- 92 Abridge
- 93 Took cover
- 94 Patchy horse
- 95 Vague
- 96 Plague
- 97 Fit as a fiddle
- 98 Sound of falling hail
- 99 F-J link
- 100 One of two in "crocodile"
- 104 Wading birds
- 105 R&B singer — Badu
- 106 — Mahal
- 107 Accuses
- 109 PLO head Mahmoud
- 110 Brimless cap
- 115 "The Godfather" score composer
- 116 Some med. scans
- 118 All-night bash
- 119 Comic Laurel
- 123 Eon subunit
- 124 Bonn article
- 125 TSA requests



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702-4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com.

SUDOKU



Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

COLOR IT ...

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.



- AMBER
- AUBURN
- AVOCADO
- AZURE
- BEIGE
- BLACK
- BLUE
- BROWN
- BURGUNDY
- CERISE
- CHARCOAL
- COPPER
- CREAM
- CRIMSON
- FAWN
- GOLD
- GREEN
- GREY
- IVORY
- JADE
- KHAKI
- LEMON
- LILAC
- MAGENTA
- MAUVE
- MULBERRY
- MUSTARD
- NAVY
- OCHRE
- ORANGE
- PEACH
- PINK
- PURPLE
- RED
- ROSE
- SALMON
- SCARLET
- SILVER
- SLATE
- TAN
- TEAL
- TERRACOTTA
- TURQUOISE
- VERMILION
- VIOLET
- WHITE
- WINE
- YELLOW

ANSWER KEY



COLOR IT ...

1	7	5	7	1	2
8	9	2	4	3	9
2	6	3	9	8	4
7	9	5	8	4	1
8	1	2	3	7	6
4	3	6	5	9	5
5	7	1	2	4	3
6	2	7	6	8	3
3	5	1	4	9	7
9	4	8	2	1	5
6	4	8	2	1	5



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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
INITIAL PROPOSED STATEMENT OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES
AND PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS**

The Charter Township of Redford will be submitting to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a One-Year Annual Action Plan for FY 2021-2022 AND our Five-Year Consolidated Plan FY 2021-2025. Title I of the National Affordable Housing Act established the requirement that municipalities who apply for direct assistance under certain HUD programs have an approved housing strategy.

The 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan is the Charter Township of Redford's five-year strategic plan for community/economic development, housing services and special needs projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan serves as the annual application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for CDBG funds and details activities and programs to be funded during the 2021-2022 Program Year.

The 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan serves as the basis for describing the need for proposed projects and contain as assessment of the Township's housing, homeless, special needs populations, community development, economic development, and community services needs as well as prioritization of those needs.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a public meeting will take place with the Redford Township Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Development via Zoom teleconference on March 18, 2021 at 5:00pm. A public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving suggestions, proposals and ideas from interested citizens concerning the proposed use of Federal Housing and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The CDBG Advisory Committee will hold said public meeting to make recommendations to the Township Board of Trustees on proposed spending of block grant funds as they relate to Redford Township's Consolidated Plan.

The Charter Township of Redford expects to receive \$900,000 plus \$300,000 in program income during the 2021 Federal fiscal year. The public hearing will take place as following:

March 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.
ZOOM Teleconference Meeting
Meeting ID: 943 6045 6768 Password: 249123
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+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

The following objectives and general range of activities takes into consideration the eligible community development needs of the Charter Township of Redford.

- COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES:**
1. Increase the supply of standard, affordable housing through the rehabilitation of existing housing units and, if appropriate, the construction of new units.
 2. Support fair housing efforts that provide accessibility to all housing options for all Redford Township residents.
 3. Promote homeownership opportunities in Redford Township.
 4. Develop fund mechanisms for the disposition of acquired foreclosed and abandoned residential units.
 5. Improve, preserve and expand the affordable housing stock within Redford Township.

- The following range of activities will be proposed for the FY 2021/2022 funding submission:
- NSA-1 (The area between Curtis St. and Eight Mile Rd.; Inkster Rd. and Five Points St.):
Acquisition of Property - Blight (LMA)
Neighborhood Watch
Site Clearance - Blight (LMA)
 - NSA-2 (Generally the area between Puritan St. and Graham St.; Norborne St. and Telegraph Rd.):
Acquisition of Property - Blight (LMA)
Neighborhood Watch
Site Clearance - Blight (LMA)
 - NSA-3 (Generally the area between Plymouth Rd. and the C&O Railroad; Inkster Rd. and Telegraph Rd.):
Acquisition of Property - Blight (LMA)
Neighborhood Watch
Redford Senior Center Improvements
Site Clearance - Blight (LMA)
 - NON-NSA/TOWNSHIP-WIDE:
Acquisition of Property - Blight (SBS)
Dial-A-Ride
Housing Rehabilitation
Neighborhood Economic Revitalization
Park Improvements - ADA
Programming for Seniors & Disabled persons
Redford Interfaith Relief
Sidewalk Improvements Assistance (LMC)
Site Clearance - Blight (SBS)
SNAP II Program
Street Paving - Section 108 Loan
Youth Services

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Redford Township municipal buildings are currently closed to the public or holding all public meeting virtually as mandated by the State of Michigan. For those interested citizens who are unable to attend the meeting, public comments can be e-mailed to the Community Development Department at hcd@redfordtwp.com or can be mailed to the Redford Township Community Development Department, located at 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239. For more information call 313-387-2771. Comments must be received by 4:00 P.M. on March 17, 2021.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Redford

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
ORDINANCE NO. 361**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD'S MUNICIPAL CODE DIVISION 58-VII-3 FIREARMS SECTION 58-275 TO ADD THE LANGUAGE PROHIBITING PERSONS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FROM CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD ORDAINS:

Municipal Code Division 58-VII-3 Firearms Section 58-275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 58-275(a) Concealed Weapons

It shall be unlawful for any person within the Township to carry any pistol, knife, dirk, knuckles, slingshot, or other dangerous weapon concealed on his person unless they have a permit to carry a concealed pistol by the State of Michigan and is not in violation of the following:

Section 58-275(b) Carrying a Concealed Weapon Under the Influence of Alcohol or Controlled Substance.

1. No person shall carry a concealed weapon while he is under the influence of alcoholic liquor or controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.
2. A person found under the influence of alcoholic liquor with a bodily alcohol content of 0.10 or more grams per 100 milliliters of blood, or 210 liters of breath, or 67 milliliters of urine, or a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days, or \$100.00 or both. The court shall additionally order the concealed weapon licensing board that issued the person a license to carry a concealed pistol, to permanently revoke the license.
3. A person found to have a bodily alcohol content of 0.08 or more but less than 0.10 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or 67 milliliters of urine, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or \$100.00, or both. The court may additionally order the concealed weapon licensing board that issued the person a license to carry a concealed pistol to revoke the license for not more than three years.
4. A person found to have a bodily alcohol content of 0.02 or more but less than 0.08 grams per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or 67 milliliters of urine, shall be responsible for a civil infraction and may be fined not more than \$100.00. The court may additionally order the concealed weapons licensing board that issued the concealed weapons license to revoke the license for one year.
5. This section does not prohibit an individual licensee, pursuant to Public Act No. 372 of 1927 (MCL 28.421 et seq.), to carry a concealed pistol who has any bodily alcohol content from transporting that pistol in the locked trunk of his motor vehicle or another motor vehicle in which he is a passenger, or, if the vehicle does not have a trunk, from transporting that pistol unloaded in a locked compartment or container that is separate from the ammunition for the pistol or on vessel if the pistol is transported unloaded in a locked compartment or container that is separated from the ammunition for that pistol.
6. A police officer who has probable cause to believe a person is carrying a concealed pistol in violation of this section may require the person to submit to a chemical analysis of his breath, blood, or urine.
7. Before a person is required to submit to a chemical analysis under subsection 6 of this section, the police officer shall inform the person of all of the following:
 - a. The person may refuse to submit to the chemical analysis, but if he chooses to do so, all of the following apply:
 - i. The officer may obtain a court order requiring the person to submit to a chemical analysis.
 - ii. The refusal may result in his license to carry a concealed pistol being suspended or revoked.
 - b. If the person submits to the chemical analysis, he may obtain a chemical analysis described in subsection 6 of this section, from a person of his own choosing.
8. If a person refuses to take a chemical test authorized under this section, the peace officer shall promptly report the refusal, in writing, to the concealed weapon licensing board that issued the license to the person to carry a concealed pistol.
9. If a person takes a chemical test authorized under this section and the test results indicate that the person had any bodily alcohol content while carrying a concealed pistol, the police officer shall promptly report the violation, in writing, to the concealed weapon licensing board that issued the license to the person to carry a concealed pistol.

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Redford Township Clerk

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