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Testimony: Woman took drugs before crash that killed Westland boy

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

After being arrested for running over a Westland boy and fleeing the scene, a Romulus woman reportedly told police that earlier in the day she had twice consumed cocaine and heroin, the sedative Ambien, anti-depressant Prozac and had a couple beers before getting behind the wheel.

Kimberly Garrett, 39, is facing charges, including sec-

ond-degree murder, driving under the influence causing death, reckless driving causing death, operating while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident. A preliminary examination was held Thursday in Westland 18th District Court.

"She was well aware that she shouldn't be driving. She said she felt she was under the in-



Garrett

fluence and shouldn't have been driving," said Westland Police Officer Robert Fruit, who interviewed Garrett after her arrest. "She knew she was in Norwayne. She said she looked down to change the radio, drove off the road into a ditch, came out and kept going."

Additionally, Fruit said Garrett was aware that she was driving in violation of restrictions that stemmed from a March arrest for driving under the influence of drugs.

Child fatally injured

Kayale Fruge, 8, died after being hospitalized on life support for several days. He was struck June 20 by a vehicle that left the roadway on Darwin near Delton Court and came into the yard where he was standing.

"At some point I told her that she had struck someone. She seemed surprised and asked if he was OK," Fruit said. "She cried for a few seconds when I told her that he (Kayale)

was seriously injured and in the hospital."

A Breathalyzer test shortly after her arrest found Garrett had no alcohol in her system. Results haven't been received from a blood test on Garrett, Fruit said.

"She (Garrett) said she was in intensive outpatient treatment for narcotics use and had been clean. She resumed using narcotics in March," Fruit said. The only other witness to

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A previous Community Gathering at Westland's Corrado Park attracted quite a crowd. This year's event is Tuesday evening.

Family fun: Corrado Park hosting community gathering

Westland's first Community Gathering of the summer is scheduled for Tuesday at Corrado Park.

Located at Gladys and Flamingo, south of Joy and west of Middlebelt, the park is scheduled to get a spruce

up this year. Guests at the gathering, which runs from 5:30-7:30 p.m., can get an update on park improvements, check out police and fire vehicles, and get a close-up look at Department of Public Ser-

vices equipment. In case that doesn't sound like enough fun, there will be water slides and a bounce house, giveaways, food and drinks and with kids-safety activities. "This will be our first Com-

munity Gathering this summer. The second one will be an outdoor movie at the Farmers Market," Westland Mayor William Wild said. Everyone is invited, and no reservations are required.

Third man to stand trial in Redford man's death

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The last of three men charged in connection with the fatal shooting of a Redford man in Westland has been ordered bound over for trial.

Arlandus Nolen Jr. (II), 19, of Inkster, waived his preliminary examination in Westland 18th District Court on Thursday. He is charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery and felony firearm in the March 28 death of Joseph McClendon, 21.

Earlier testimony was that Nolen and Davieon Dix, also a 19-year-old Inkster resident, arranged to meet McClendon to sell a gun. Instead, McClendon was found shot a dozen times in his vehicle parked off Henry Ruff and reportedly robbed of \$150 and a cell phone.

Evidence from cell phone records allegedly detail Nolen's intention to murder someone. There were also reportedly texts following the fatal shooting as Nolen asked Dix if

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Nolen Jr.

Wayne Main Street relocating its office to Wayne Historical Museum

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

In what is expected to be a mutually beneficial move, Wayne Main Street will be relocating to the Wayne Historical Museum.

The program currently has an office in the Wayne Activ-

ities and Banquet Center. The Wayne City Council voted to approve the concept so a contract can be developed.

"We envision a similar agreement to the one that allows them in this building," Wayne Community Development Director Peter McInerney said. "We would like to

see them move sooner than later."

The museum had been open six hours a week recently — 1-4 p.m. Thursday and Fridays. Museum manager Richard Story resigned last month.

"The museum is not closed. It's open by appointment. People who need to be there, we'll

get them in there," McInerney said. "We hope to have more hours for the public."

Part of the agreement with Wayne Main Street would include the program providing the basic public service formerly provided by the museum manager, he said. Asked about when the move

would take place and the new hours, Main Street Executive Director Lindsey Wooten said that wasn't known yet.

"Right now, I have way too much on my plate. We would probably not change the hours until we can work with the

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testify was Eric Good, who testified that he stopped to make a turn and saw a black Chevrolet Equinox on Darwin leave the roadway and strike a little boy in a yard.

The vehicle had to cross the oncoming traffic lane before leaving the road, Good said. When the driver didn't stop, Good said he gave chase in his vehicle.

"The Equinox literally hit 130 miles per hour on surface streets and didn't stop for red lights," said Good, adding he clocked the other vehicle based on his own speed. "She was pulling away from me. Sometimes she slowed down. I would stop for a few seconds at red lights and look (for traffic)."

When Garrett pulled into the driveway of a home in Romulus, Good

said she got out of the vehicle and began yelling, asking why he was following her. Good and a female passenger called police who arrived shortly and arrested Garrett.

Blunt trauma

An autopsy report from the Wayne County Medical Examiner found that Kayale had died of blunt trauma.

Defense attorney David Lankford said he would only argue about binding over Garrett on the second-degree murder charge. He said other charges, such as operating while impaired causing death and reckless driving causing death, already addressed the offenses without the murder charge.

But court rulings have found that two or three aggravating circumstances support an upgrade to second-degree murder, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Michael Woodyard said. "There are seven spe-

cific aggravating factors — all of the pre-crash activities, before or during the time she struck Kayale Fruge," Woodyard said. "She knew she was intoxicated, she left the roadway and she was driving in violation of her license restrictions. She was under the influence of more than three drugs. These are aggravating factors to consider."

Citing the aggravating factors, 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicerelli ordered Garrett bound over for trial as charged. She noted the element of wanton or willful disregard for what could result by the actions taken, part of a second-degree murder charge. Garrett was scheduled for circuit court arraignment July 16 and continued to be remanded without bond.

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Rainy weather delays roof repairs at Wayne City Hall

By LeAnne Rogers
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Recent rainy weather is being blamed for delays in repairs to the roof at Wayne City Hall.

That means city offices are expected to continue operating from temporary quarters at the former Vandenberg Elementary School, 32101 Stellwagen, until at least Oct. 1. City hall staff moved to the building in March.

"The (Wayne-Westland) schools have been wonderful working with us," Wayne Interim City Manager Lisa Nocerini said.

Contractors were expected to remove plastic covering from the city hall roof last

week to move ahead with the roof repairs. Nocerini said the rainy weather raised concerns that vinyl walls in the building would be damaged.

Vandenberg has been closed since 2010 and is slated for demolition later this year. The repairs were expected to be completed in less than 90 days. As part of the rental agreement with the schools, the city is paying the \$7,678-per-month utilities costs for the building.

While the day-to-day city hall operations continue at Vandenberg, the city council meetings will continue to be held at the Wayne Activities and Banquet Cen-

ter. Steel trusses were found to be heaved and broken, creating unsafe conditions in the council chambers. Council meetings will return to city hall once the repairs are completed.

City hall was constructed in the 1940s as a recreation building. The council chamber was part of a gymnasium/roller rink. The building was remodeled in 1988.

The cost for replacing the roof is about \$350,000 and will largely be paid by the city's insurer, the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

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Historical Commission for a docent program," she said. "This keeps bodies there and gives us a permanent home."

Main Street is holding a fundraiser, Jazz at the Avenue, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. Drink, Dine and Gather on The Avenue's newly finished outdoor patio while supporting Wayne Main Street's efforts to revitalize Downtown Wayne.

Guests can sample craft beers and Michigan wines while enjoying local fare to the sounds

of an acclaimed jazz trio. The \$50 per person ticket price is all-inclusive and tickets are still available. The Avenue American Bistro is located at 3632 Elizabeth in Wayne.

Tickets are available at the Wayne Main Street office, 35000 Sims. Call 734-629-6822 to make arrangements for getting tickets. If there are still tickets available, they will also be sold at the door.

For more on the event, visit downtownwayne.org/jazz.

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The Wayne Historical Museum.

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TRIAL

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he was watching television coverage after McClendon's body was found. In one message in the exchange, Nolen reportedly texted

"LMAO" regarding the news coverage.

Dix is also charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery and felony firearm, along with a count of being a habitual offender.

Nolen's father, Arlandus Nolen Sr., 39, of Roseville is charged with

felony accessory after the fact, being a felon in possession of a firearm, felony firearm and being a habitual offender.

Dix and Nolen Sr. had already gone through a preliminary examination in 18th District Court and were ordered bound over for trial. Nolen Jr.'s hear-

ing was delayed after the defense sought a competency evaluation. He was found competent to stand trial.

All three defendants are jailed in lieu of bond.

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Repairs to DTE Energy substations, siren initiated after recent storms

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Various pieces of infrastructure across Livonia are seeing repairs in recent days after the rash of storms the past month.

Two DTE Energy substations — one off Farmington between Joy and West Chicago and another on Amrhein between Levan and Newburgh — sustained damage during storms last month and are in the process of being repaired, DTE Energy spokeswoman Erica Donerson said.

"We had storms that moved through in early June that caused issues," she said.

The substation off Amrhein saw some water damage inside it during a storm in late June, while the substation off Farmington had some equipment malfunctions that required repairs.

Donerson said while crews complete work in Livonia, she does not believe any planned outages will be necessary to the surrounding neighbors in the area because of the repairs, planned for the next few weeks.

She said this work is separate from the other maintenance work designed to minimize power outages in the city, something explained during a public meeting in April in Livonia. It is also not

related to the incident involving the gas tank at Plymouth and Wayne earlier this month.

"I believe that the repairs being made will have long-term benefits," she said. "Definitely these repairs will stand the test of time so to speak."

Siren repair

Another repair after a nearly one-in-a-million event has taken place in Livonia on an emergency siren.

Sgt. Brian Kahn of the Livonia Police Department said repairs were made Wednesday to an emergency siren near Plymouth and Merriman after a lightning bolt struck it during a storm last month.

He said the structure handled the lightning strike well, as they are designed to handle the sudden hit of electricity.

"They're designed to take a lightning strike," he said. "It shut the siren down, so we have to have them come out and fix the siren."

He said a crew was out Wednesday doing repairs and had to blast the siren sporadically during the repairs, which is why some residents in that area may have heard the siren that day and why the police department sent out a Nixle alert message letting people know they may hear the



Two substations and an emergency siren were damaged during storms within the last month in Livonia.

FILE PHOTO

sirens.

He said the system is up and running again after the repairs.

"It's an interesting phenomenon. It goes to show that it can happen," Kahn said. "Lighting should be taken seriously."

Two other sirens that were recently installed in the city, one at Rotary Park and another off Farmington south of Six

Mile, are still not active, Kahn said. The city is waiting for some electricity issues to be resolved through DTE Energy before activating them.

He said he hopes they will be operational within a few weeks.

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Wallet from 1963 found in ceiling of Livonia school

A crew renovating Emerson Middle School in Livonia found a wallet Monday containing a student ID card from 1963-64 in the ceiling of the building.

The wallet belonged to Greg J. Houston, who was a seventh-grader at the time at the school at 29100 W. Chicago.

The wallet made its way to the district's Communications office, where Communications Specialist Katie Pat-

erson began the search to locate Houston. Patterson took a photo of the wallet and its contents and posted it to her personal Facebook page. The photo was shared more than 1,000 times in less than two hours.

"Almost as soon as I shared the photo, I began receiving messages and emails with possible leads," Patterson said.

Thanks entirely to social media, Patterson was able to locate Hous-

ton's daughter, Hannah Houston. Hannah Houston confirmed that the wallet belonged to her father, who now resides in an assisted living facility. When asked if she had any idea how the wallet ended up in the ceiling, Hannah said she believes it was taken as a prank and thrown into the ceiling.

The wallet will be mailed to Hannah Houston, who now resides in Capac.

The renovations at Emerson are part of the ongoing \$195 million bond issue, which was approved by voters in May 2013. Emerson was built in 1958.

Festival of Chariots event highlights India's culture

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The 30th annual Festival of Chariots/Rathayatra parade will take place Sunday, July 19. Novi Mayor Bob Gatt and other dignitaries will help celebrate the event showcasing India's spirituality and culture.

"This year, we are expecting close to 10,000 people," said committee member and Novi resident Ganesh Kathiresan. "They want to enjoy the culture."

"It's Indian culture. I think it's more than that," Kathiresan said. "Everybody is a child of God. It doesn't matter which religion or background you are from."

The focus is on helping the needy and working together, he said. "It explores Indian culture," including arts, music and yoga, "that oneness of being together and loving one another."

Festival of Chariots, one of India's most ancient and popular festivals, is celebrated in hundreds of cities throughout the world. The 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. event begins with a three-mile parade through major streets of Novi featuring a 40-foot tall, hand-pulled chariot and live music.

The parade will begin at the Novi Civic Center on 10 Mile east of Beck Road and culminate at Fuerst Park, where over 20 tents are set up with entertainment, a free lunch, yoga, live music, cooking demos, shopping, and more. The Kirtan



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The Festival of Chariots rolls along 10 Mile in Novi in a previous year. This year's event is Sunday, July 19.

Yoga Fest from 2-6 p.m. will feature artists from New York, India and around the world. The festival wraps up around 6 p.m. It is open to the public and admission is free.

Festival of Chariots has been held the past six-seven years in Novi, said Kathiresan, who appreciates city of Novi support. It was earlier held on Detroit's Belle Isle.

"Novi is a great suburb," he said, central to Canton, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield. "There is a diverse group. It's a great place for people to enjoy the festival. They can all come to Novi and enjoy it. I think it's a great place."

"This festival is celebrated all over the world," said Kathiresan, who coordinates media efforts with volunteer committees totaling some 50 people. "People understand the significance."

A volunteer committee builds the 40-foot chariot, with other committees ranging from food to music. Work starts six months in advance, Kathiresan said, with details coming into focus closer to the date.

"It's really fun to see such a big chariot and everyone pulling it. You're inviting God into your heart," he said.

Two Hindu temples, including one in Farmington Hills, are key to the annual event, he added.

Over one million people participate in this thousands-year-old Indian celebration.

"There is activities for people of all backgrounds and ages. You can just enjoy it at your own pace in a nice park," Kathiresan said. Yoga's popularity, physical and mental, brings attendees, he added.

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School board hires superintendent search firm

By Karen Smith
Staff Writer

The Livonia school board has hired the Michigan Leadership Institute to help it find a new superintendent.

The board voted 7-0 Thursday night to contract with the Ossineke-based consultant over five other superintendent search firms. Their fee is \$15,000 plus expenses, such as travel expenses.

"They really impressed us," board president Colleen Burton said. "The bottom line is they have the most experience in Southeast Michigan, and a strong ability to recruit."

MLI has conducted more than 275 searches in Michigan, including 80 in Southeast Michigan. In the past five years, it assisted in the search for superintendents in Utica, Dear-

born, Highland (Huron Valley), Southfield and several intermediate school districts, including Livingston, Burton said.

Randy Liepa, Livonia's superintendent since 2003, is leaving Aug. 2 to become superintendent of Wayne RESA, the regional educational service agency that provides services and support to Wayne County's 33 school districts.

Although trustee Eileen McDonnell voted yes to hire MLI, she said the company was her third choice. "I had concerns through the interview process that they were going to rush the search process," she said. "Michael Wilmot from MLI stated during the inter-



Liepa

view that they had a lot of assistant superintendents inquiring on the LPS position. I believe that the board should hire a highly experienced superintendent."

The other firms were Michigan Association of School Boards; BWP & Associates; School Exec Connect; Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates; and Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies. Some are in Michigan; the others from out of state. Their fees ranged from \$9,000 to \$25,000, Burton said. All quoted fees did not include expenses, which would be additional, she said.

12- to 14-week time line

The expected time line to hire a new superintendent is 12-14 weeks "assuming we get the quality of candidates we

want in our first run through," Burton said. "If not, we'll go through the process again."

Burton said a benefit to MLI is that former owner MLI Tim Quinn will consult with the firm to find Livonia's new superintendent. Quinn was involved in the recent state superintendent search of which Liepa was a finalist. "Tim Quinn knows what high-quality applicants are looking right now," she said.

Wilmot, MLI's President/CEO, has 15 years experience in the superintendent search business and is former superintendent of Garden City Public Schools. Bill Weber, MLI's Associate Regional President for Southeast Michigan, has 43 years of experience working in Wayne County. "These are people with deep Livonia knowledge," Burton said.

MLI also trains and mentors superintendents, providing another source for finding candidates, Burton said. It also will ensure LPS' new superintendent's success by organizing a board-superintendent workshop and mentoring the new hire the first year.

Burton said any of the search firms would have done a good job for Livonia.

"The other applicants were really excellent," she said. Each one of them had a lot of different strengths, but MLI "seemed to have strengths in every area that were we looking."

The Livonia school district, with 15,000 students, is one of the 10 largest in the state.

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Livonia school opens 'Little Free Library'

Clifford the Big Red Dog, Sherlock Holmes, and Harry Potter are just a few of the new neighbors moving into Livonia this summer.

A Little Free Library, and all of its famous literary tenants, was recently installed in front of Niji-Iro Elementary, Livonia Public School's Japanese Immersion magnet school, housed in the former Zachary Taylor Elementary school.

A Little Free Library is a weatherproof box full of books, open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Requiring no card, membership or payment, neighbors and passers-by are invited to take a book (or two) and bring back another book to share.

"It works on the honor system, but if a book doesn't come back, that's okay, we've got boxes of books waiting to get on the shelves," said Niji-Iro parent Rebecca Lenk.

Lenk, along with other Niji-Iro parents, donated the initial titles. The box itself was built with scrap wood by a school



The Littlest Librarians stock the shelves (from back left) - Madeline Lenk, Nolan Lenk, Sherman Thompson, Henry Thompson and Charlotte Lenk.

parent and the PTA purchased the charter sign.

"Reading is so important. We put a lot of time and effort into building our school library and encouraging reading with events like reading month.

This was another way we could encourage reading and reach out to our students and community," Niji-Iro PTA Presi-

dent Shelli Ueno said.

The Little Free Library is not only stocked with English books but also Japanese books, seed packets and origami paper and instructions.

"It's exciting to see a Little Free Library going up. That location also serves as a bus stop, so it's a great way for kids and their parents to grab a book. We are opening the Levan Little Free Library later this summer, and it will be fun to have two within walking distance," neighbor Nikki Mehlich said.

Founded by Ted Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, Little Free Library is a global organization whose mission is to promote literacy and a sense of community by providing free book exchanges. As of January 2015, the nonprofit organization has nearly 25,000 libraries around the world.

The "Little Grand Opening" of the Little Free Library is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, July 16.

STUDENT ACHIEVERS

» » **Matthew Rae** of Westland was among the more than 4,500 students who received degrees during the 2015 spring commencement ceremony at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

» Students from Wayne, Westland and Garden City have been named to the Dean's List for the winter 2015 semester at Grand Valley State University. The students had to maintain a 3.5 grade-point average and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

Named to the list were **Cody J. Fields, Shelby L. Lazorka, Brittney M. Szabo** and **Brandon L. Williams** of Garden City, **Alexa R. Girouard** of Wayne and **Jamie V. Brda, Caitlin L. Carey, Daija M. Dickerson, Faris H. El-Kildani, Colleen M. Gleason, Eric M. Grudnick, Emily L. Neu, Nhu Q. Nguyen, Ashley**

A. Nowicki, Rachel L. Rochowiak, Randy R. Rochowiak, Dallas M. Rohruff, Rosalie M. Rowland, Matthew S. Sinclair and **Sabrina L. Sweeney** of Westland.

» **Lori Osborne** of Garden City has been named to spring 2015 Dean's List at The University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Osborne earned a 4.0 grade-point average for the semester.

» **Tania Oliver** of Westland received a master's degree in nursing during commencement ceremonies May 9 at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga.

» **Rebecca Ditto** and **Jacqueline Murriel**, both of Westland, and **Angela Dominczyk** of Wayne received degrees from Davenport University during commencement ceremonies April 26.

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Livonia Greenleaf commission talking recycling Thursday

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Want to talk recyclables in Livonia? Next Thursday is your chance.

The Greenleaf Sustainability Commission will host an open forum on recycling in Livonia beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium.

Greenleaf commissioner Jim Baringhaus said the discussion has been in the works for several months, especially with the city recently opening the bid process for trash and recycling.

"We've been working and gathering feedback from the citizens, not only on refuse collection but on the recycling process in Livonia," he

said. "What's working today and what's not working today."

He said the forum will explore several areas of recycling and get feedback from residents, including on what they'd like to see with curbside recycling. Currently, the city uses 18-gallon bins. Baringhaus said it seems more and more people are filling up those bins across the city as they throw away less and recycle more.

"Now it's a challenge to get all of their content into their bins," he said. "People in the community are very passionate about recycling."

The forum will run until 8:30 p.m. next Thursday, and the commission hopes to take some of the information

gathered and send it to the city for its consideration when debating the trash contracts.

"We'd like to have a community conversation," Baringhaus said. "We'll collect that information through a series of questions and share that."

"We're looking forward to having some pretty lively conversations."

The city council voted earlier this spring to send the trash contracts out for bid instead of just renewing the contract with Waste Management.

Coincidentally, the council's capital improvement, natural resources and waste management committee will meet Tuesday evening, two days before the recy-

cling open house, to discuss bids for the trash and recycling contracts in Livonia.

That lineup, Baringhaus said, came as a surprise to him, as the commission has been planning such a discussion for sometime.

"I'd say maybe about three months ago we floated around the idea of doing a community event," he said. "It was just amazingly good timing."

The committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the city council chambers, which are located on the second floor of city hall.

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LWV urges voters to learn about 27 Livonia candidates

Voters in Livonia will see 27 candidates on their ballot when they vote in the Aug. 4 primary election. Candidates for mayor, clerk, treasurer and city council will compete to win the top spots that will allow them to advance to the Nov. 3 general election.

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County urges voters in Livonia to prepare for the primary election by visiting its website at LWVnorthwestwayne.org to link to VOTE411.org, the League's online voter guide.

VOTE411.org provides voters with candidate biographies and their responses to rele-

vant questions. Voters can also confirm their polling place, voting hours and check tips about voting in Michigan.

Additionally, the League conducted five-minute interviews with the candidates running for city council, and those interviews can also be found on the League's website.

In mid-June, the League of Women Voters sponsored a candidates forum for those running for mayor, clerk and treasurer.

The forum can be accessed on Brighthouse Network via their "on demand" feature and also at various dates and times prior to the election.

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Ford to move Focus, C-Max from Wayne

By Alisa Priddle and Brent Snively
Michigan.com

Ford said Thursday it will move production of the Focus and C-Max small cars from its Michigan Assembly Plant in 2018, with UAW officials saying they were told the work will leave the U.S.

The company's decision sets a potentially combative tone just days before contract talks are scheduled to begin and runs counter to Ford's normal approach to negotiations, which is to emphasize its ability to cooperate with the union.

The UAW formally opens negotiations with General Motors on Monday, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles on Tuesday and Ford the following week.

"It's very, very unusual," UAW Vice President Jimmy Settles said, adding that workers were upset when they were briefed on the news Thursday. "You never feel good about that kind of information. But I am very, very confident that there will be a replacement product that will be secure for the plant."

Industry analyst Dave Sullivan of AutoPacific called it a "power move before negotiations start ... Before today, Ford didn't really have anything to negotiate on; the UAW had the upper hand. Now Ford has wiggle room to negotiate for jobs and products."

Ford spokeswoman Kristina Adamski declined to say where Ford plans to relocate the manufacturing and said the site choice will be based on where the cars can be competitively produced.

Mexico seems a likely choice, with lower wage costs than Canada or the



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Ford said Thursday it will move production of the Focus, shown above in Wayne, and C-Max small cars from the assembly plant in 2018.

U.S., and even southern states. Ford has also invested in new plants in the country, lately.

New plants in Mexico

Ford's move also comes as a host of automakers, including Ford, are building new plants in Mexico instead of in the U.S. and raises questions about which products could replace the Focus — a car that symbolized Ford's transformation in 2011 from a company dependent on truck sales to one aimed at building better passenger cars for a global market.

Ford insists the Wayne plant, which employs 4,000, will not close. But Adamski would not provide details of any new

products being planned for the plant. The company makes the Focus, Focus ST, Focus Electric, C-Max hybrid and C-Max Energi plug-in hybrid at the plant.

"We will move production of the next-generation Ford Focus and C-MAX, which currently are built at Michigan Assembly Plant, beginning in 2018," the company said in a news release. "We actively are pursuing future vehicle alternatives to produce at Michigan Assembly and will discuss this issue with UAW leadership as part of the upcoming negotiations."

The decision prompted an immediate response from Settles, who issued a statement on the UAW Ford Department's

Twitter account under the headline: "Message from UAW VP Jimmy Settles regarding Ford's announcement to move Focus and C-MAX from MAP TO Mexico by 2018."

Settles told the *Free Press* that Ford said it would move production of the vehicles "outside of the U.S." but did not directly say Mexico.

He said a new goal in contract talks is to win a future product for the Wayne plant that would preserve or add jobs.

"We are just going to get it done," Settles said. Art Schwartz, president at Labor and Economics Associates, said Ford's move underscores the importance of the investment decisions that automakers make.

In 2011, the UAW won product and investment commitments that guaranteed the creation of 20,000 jobs.

"In 2007 and 2011, product guarantees and

jobs were a big issue, and I am sure they will be again in 2015," Schwartz said. "I am sure the UAW is very worried about all of the investment that's going to Mexico."

Ford builds the smaller Fiesta subcompact car in Cuautitlan, Mexico. Its sales have not been strong and there are persistent rumors that Fiesta assembly will be consolidated outside North America and the cars exported back to the U.S. in the future.

As for possible vehicles to fill Michigan Assembly, Ford currently imports the popular Transit Connect from Europe and could be considering North American assembly. Other possibilities include a gasoline-engine version of the C-Max, which is sold in Europe while only a hybrid is sold here. And Lincoln is expected to add a compact luxury car to its lineup that could be sourced from the Michi-

gan plant. Ford also could use additional capacity to build more Escapes.

Site once celebrated

Back in 2011, Ford touted its \$550-million investment in the aging plant in Wayne as a symbol of its global plan to put a bigger emphasis on making better passenger cars.

The 2.8-million square foot plant originally opened in 1957. For most of its history, Ford built big trucks and SUVs such as the Ford Bronco, F-150, Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator at the plant before it was idled in 2008 as the automaker's sales were hurt by high gas prices and the worst recession in decades.

Ford celebrated the reopening of Michigan Assembly on March 17, 2011, during an event attended by Gov. Rick Snyder, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and many others.

But this year, with low gasoline prices falling, the Focus and C-Max hybrid and C-Max Energi plug-in hybrid have seen sales fall. That led to the decision in April to reduce production from three crews to only two shifts and lay off 700 workers although many of the excess workers are filling in for summer vacations at other plants, Adamski said.

Focus sales in the first half of 2015 are down 3.2 percent from a year earlier, while sales of C-Max fell 16.9 percent.

Ford also builds the Focus at plants in China, Argentina, Germany, Russia, Thailand, Taiwan and Vietnam. The C-Max also is built in Germany.

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Greg Gardner contributed to this report.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN USE OF CERTAIN BOND-FINANCED BUILDING AUTHORITY FACILITIES

The City Council of the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time on July 21, 2015 in the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center located at 35000 Sims Avenue, Wayne, Michigan 48184, in connection with the sublease of the Community Center owned by the City of Wayne Building Authority, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Building Authority") and leased to the City (the "Community Center"). The City and the Building Authority propose to sublease the Community Center to HYPE Athletics Community, Inc. ("HYPE"), an organization qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Building Authority will continue to own the Community Center and lease such facility to the City.

The costs of certain renovations and improvements to the Community Center were financed with the proceeds of the Building Authority's 2008 Building Authority Bonds dated September 23, 2008 (the "2008 Bonds") and refinanced with the proceeds of the Building Authority's Building Authority Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A and 2012B dated February 28, 2012 (the "2012 Bonds"). Upon entry into the sublease with HYPE, the City and the Building Authority will be required to treat up to \$1,375,000 of the outstanding principal amount of the 2008 Bonds and up to \$650,000 of the outstanding principal amount of the 2012 Bonds (collectively, the "Reissued Bonds") as reissued for federal income tax purposes because the proceeds of the Reissued Bonds were used to finance or refinance the costs of renovations and improvements to the Community Center proposed to be subleased by HYPE. Upon the deemed reissuance of the Reissued Bonds, the Reissued Bonds will be treated as "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" within the meaning of Section 145 of the Code. The debt service on the Reissued Bonds will not be increased or accelerated as a result of entering into the lease with respect to the Community Center or the deemed reissuance described herein.

The 2008 Bonds and the 2012 Bonds are payable from and secured solely by contractual payments made by the City to the Building Authority.

The public hearing with respect to which this notice is given shall provide an opportunity for expression of opinion, arguments on the merits and introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the lease of the Community Center to HYPE. Written comments will be accepted by the undersigned at City Clerk's Office, Temporary Wayne City Hall (Vandenberg Elementary School) 32101 Stellwagen Street, Wayne, Michigan 48184, but must be received on or before the date and time of the hearing.

Jennifer A. Wagner
Deputy City Clerk

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SOLITATION FOR BIDS

Livonia Public Schools will receive bids for:

Proposal for Livonia Public Schools School District State Aid Notes

Unconditional and firm bids for the purchase of not to exceed Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,500,000) of State Aid Notes (the "Note" or "Notes") will be received by Livonia Public Schools School District, Wayne County, Michigan (the "Issuer") at the administrative offices of the issuer, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48154, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of July, 2015, until 1:00 o'clock in the p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read. Award of Notes will be made on behalf of the Issuer by an authorized officer of the Issuer on July 30, 2015.

Bid forms and specifications can be obtained at the Livonia Public Schools Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section title DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, or at Buy4Michigan Website www.buy4michigan.com. Proposals received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

Bidders may submit signed bids via facsimile transmission to the Issuer at (734) 744-2572 provided that the faxed bids are received prior to the time and date fixed for receipt of bids. Bidders submitting faxed bids bear the full risk of failed or untimely transmission of their bids. Oral or electronic mail proposals are invalid and will not receive consideration.

Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals. Livonia Public Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid which best serves the District's interest.

The bids should be plainly marked "Proposal for Livonia Public Schools School District State Aid Notes."

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Livonia Public Schools (LPS) will receive sealed proposals for:

Athletic Training Services

until 1:30 p.m. local time, Wednesday, July 22, 2015. Sealed proposals will be received by Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154 at the Administration Building at which time and place all proposals will be opened and read aloud. Bid forms and specifications can be obtained at the Livonia Public Schools Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section title DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, or at Buy4Michigan Website www.buy4michigan.com. Proposals received after the above stipulated date and time will not be opened, considered or accepted. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail proposals are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All proposals must be accompanied by the sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Board of Education or District Administration. All proposals must be accompanied by the signed and notarized statement to comply with the Iran Economic Sanctions Act of 2012. All proposals must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement.

Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals. LPS reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid which best serves the District's interest.

Interested parties should complete the following steps:

- Review the Attachment A - Proposal for Athletic Training Services and Agreement.
- Review Attachment B - Proposal Costs for Athletic Training Services.
- Submit a proposal that meets the requirements outlined in the Proposal for Athletic Training Services and Agreement.
- Submit Attachment B - Proposal Cost for Athletic Training Services with the Proposal.
- Submit:
 - o Familial Disclosure Statement
 - o Affidavit - Iran Economic Sanctions Act
 - o Equal Opportunity Statements.

All proposals without these attached forms will not receive consideration.

Nick Armelagos
Administrator of Finance
Livonia Public Schools

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Abundant Life church opens weekly food pantry

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

It hasn't been unusual for people in need to approach the Abundant Life Church of God in Canton. But members wanted to create something that offered consistent aid. And on Thursday, dreams and hard work came to fruition with the grand opening of a weekly food pantry.

"No one has to pray, pay or work for food assistance," said Bobby Curry, administrative pastor. "We have been planning for a long time."

The Abundant Life Food Pantry will be open from 2-4 p.m. every Thursday at the church, 2100 Hannan Road. "We will also offer emergency food service," Curry said.

Part of getting it right for the food pantry was figuring the ins and outs but also creating a partnership with Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan. Organizers have been able to work with Gleaners food vendors who sell in bulk with reduced prices. Gleaners representatives were unavailable for comment.

"We will spend \$200-\$300 per week," Curry

said. "We will have everything."

That means non-perishable foods, frozen foods, produce and dietary specific foods, such as for diabetics and gluten-free diets. The food pantry will provide enough food for meals to last until the next Thursday distribution.

Though Canton and the Plymouth area may appear somewhat affluent, Curry said, there is plenty of hunger. In fact, Wayne County outstrips the state in number of people in need of food, according to the Gleaners website. While 16.4 percent of Michigan's 9.8 million estimated population is considered "food insecure," Wayne County's rate is at 20.9 percent or 377,630 of the 1.8 million estimated population.

"This is one of the regions in need of food," Curry said.

The food pantry is open to the Canton and Plymouth area and beyond.

Helping the church is a soldier stationed in the Middle East who is a member of the church. "Every week he sends us a check for \$300," said Curry, who is new to the congregation and didn't



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know the man's name.

Volunteers for the food pantry include students from Canton High School, Curry added.

While the church will have an on-site registration at the food pantry, Curry said everyone in need is welcome.

For more information or to donate to the food pantry, contact the church at 734-722-7688.

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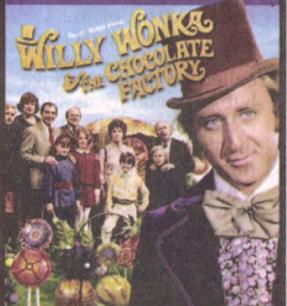
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Child care tax credit available for this single mom

Q: I am a single mother of a 6-year-old son, and earlier this year I finally found a full-time job. This summer I have been taking my son to day camp so I can work. The other day, one of the other mothers told me that you can deduct the cost of the day camp. Is there a deduction for my child's day camp? I do not itemize my deductions because I have very few. If I can deduct it, how do I do it? Since my tax return is very simple, my dad has been doing it for me and he doesn't think I am eligible.

Help!
A: Congratulations on your job, and one piece of advice: If you have a 401(k) option available, take advantage of it. If



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

there is a Roth 401(k) option, that may be even better. Either way, it is important for you to save for your retirement.

As to your situation. There are ways that you can use the cost of your son's day camp to save on taxes, and that applies whether you itemize your deductions or not. In the tax code, there is the Child and Dependent Care Credit (IRS form 2441). This is a credit, not a deduction. Therefore, it doesn't matter whether you itemize your deductions.

In fact, a credit is generally worth much

more to a taxpayer than a deduction. A credit is a direct dollar-for-dollar reduction in your tax while a deduction just reduces your taxable income. For example, if you had a \$1,000 deduction and you were in a 15 percent tax bracket, that deduction would save you \$150 in taxes (\$1,000 x .15). On the other hand, if you had a \$1,000 credit it would save you \$1,000 in taxes.

Under the tax code, if you incur qualifying costs in order to work you are eligible for this credit. In order to qualify, the child must be your dependent, the child must be under the age of 13, and you must pay at least half of the cost associated with owning and running the house that the child lives in.

Nothing in our tax law is easy, and the way this credit works is based upon eligible expenses (daycare or day camp would qualify). The total amount of the expenses that the credit is based on is \$3,000 for one person or \$6,000 if there are two or more children.

You meet these requirements and qualify for the credit.

Nothing in our tax law is easy, and the way this credit works is based upon eligible expenses (daycare or day camp would qualify). The total amount of the expenses that the credit is based on is \$3,000 for one person or \$6,000 if there are two or more children. The credit starts at 35

percent of the qualifying expenses for low-income taxpayers who are making \$15,000 or less. The credit is reduced based upon income. If you make over \$43,000, the credit is 20 percent.

The childcare credit is available whether single or married. However, if you are married both husband and wife have to be employed or seeking a job. The only exception

to this rule is if one spouse is either a full-time student or is physically or mentally incapable of taking care of them self.

One further note, when you complete Form 2441 you have to give the name, address and the taxpayer ID number of the caregiver. If it is an individual, you'll need their Social Security Number, and if it is a business, you will need their employer ID number, unless they are a tax-exempt organization. Good luck.

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

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Lutheran Social Services turns to community to boost family center

When a family falls on hard times, it's often the mother and children who seek refuge in a shelter.

Michigan's largest shelter for homeless families, Wayne County Family Center, emphasizes the importance of fathers and encourages them to stay with their families as staff guide them toward viable solutions to get back on their feet.

This summer, the Wayne County Family Center Servant Project invites people, organizations and communities to take part in bolstering this unique refuge by contributing to the renovation of the facility and its program coffers.

In the metro Detroit area alone, there are some 34,642 homeless people, including 5,536 children. Detroit has the highest population of homeless families in the state, and Michigan has the fifth highest rate of homelessness in the country.

WCFC can house up to 100 people in 25 rooms at any given time. The site includes a child care facility as well as medical and social service offices.

The immediate goal for the Wayne facility is \$20,000, but the center's necessary renovations will run closer to \$90,000 in total. Volunteers are invited to help on-site during the week of July 13-18.

"The Wayne County Family Center aligns perfectly with our mission at LSSM, which is serving people as an expression of the love of Christ," said Sam Beals, CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, which facilitates WCFC.

"It's our vision to provide communities of service that meet the needs of people, uphold human dignity and advocate equality and justice. That is exactly what we do at the WCFC."

Last fall, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development revealed that after a seven-year steady decline, Michigan had one of the highest one-year increases in homeless cases in the nation, up 700 from 11,527 in 2013 to 12,227 in 2014.

Opened in 1994, WCFC is a short-term residential program for families who are experiencing homelessness. A case manager partners with each family to work toward the goal of obtaining and maintaining permanent housing, and assist with employment, financial literacy and budgeting. The center provides transportation to appointments, and once the family leaves the center, staff provide up to six months of after-care outreach services within their home.

Each family has their own private room with a lock and a key. The center offers three meals a day, recreation spaces, laundry facilities and communal bathrooms.

Needed at the center are:

- » Adopt-a-Room — furnishings, paint, fixtures (\$3,000-\$6,000).
- » Remodel TV Room — floor (\$750), paint (\$250), mount TV (\$200), activity table (\$350).
- » Remodel Library — paint (\$150), shelves (\$150), tables/chairs (\$350), two computers (\$1,000).
- » Remodel Dining Room — floor (\$975), art



The Wayne County Family Center offers clients a child care facility for families experiencing homelessness.

(\$300), paint (\$700), repair shelving (\$175), paint chairs (\$300), window treatment (\$275).

- » Kid Zone — bathroom (\$4,000), carpet (\$700), shelving (\$150).
- » Laundry — new industrial washer and dryer (\$2,200).
- » Building Update — paint (\$1,300), floor stripping (\$125), equipment rental (\$400).
- » Outside — two picnic tables (\$400), new shed (\$1,500), BBQ grill (\$500), replace asphalt for play area (\$5,000).
- » Furnishings — 100 new beds (\$55,000), 20 blinds (\$200).

To volunteer or contribute to the Wayne

County Family Center Servant Project, contact Pastor Phil Hemke at phekml@lssm.org or call 248-219-9707.

Started as the Lutheran Inner Mission League in 1934, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is the social ministry arm of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Lutheran Social Services serves children and families, senior adults, refugees, persons with disabilities, and others in need without regard to their religion, race, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. For more information, visit www.lssm.org.



The wish list for remodeling the dining room includes flooring, art, paint, repairing the shelving, painting chairs and new window treatments.

Westland leases cell tower property

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

It was an item that was approved by the Westland City Council without comment — a perpetual easement of city-owned land for a cell tower.

But in exchange for the easement, Westland will receive a payment of \$700,000. City Attorney James Fausone noted the lack of comments after the agreement had been approved.

"As the city gets grants and repurposes buildings, it helps the city move forward," Fausone said. "Monetizing an asset for \$700,000 is a big step."

City attorneys, specifically Keith Madden, spent months negotiating the easement agreement for 2.4 acres on Newburgh south of Cherry Hill.

The parcel originally was leased to Nextel in 1994 and provided the city annual revenue of approximately \$42,000.

American Tower Asset Sub LLC will now have a perpetual lease on the property, allowing for the installation of a cell tower on the parcel. American Tower will then lease the tower to third parties and collect the revenues.

"Congratulations to the city for that big step," Fausone said.

The council accepted the donation of a 3.82-acre parcel on the north side of Palmer west of

Wayne Road.

The parcel is being donated by the Church of Christ, 35900 Palmer.

"The church requested that they donate the rear of their property to the city," Planning and Building Director Bruce Thompson said. "They have an inability to maintain the property."

A land division will be needed to separate the donated parcel from the remaining church property, Thompson said, along with an easement.

"The city has potential park use for the property," Thompson said.

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Concours to reunite rare sports cars

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Two out of three ain't bad. But sports-car lovers can see all three Bizzarrini 5300 Spydere together again later this month.

Mark and Allison Sassak of Plymouth own two of the three Bizzarrini Spydere ever built. The low-slung, high-style cars were the brainchild of Giotto Bizzarrini, an engineer and designer who found fame in the 1950s with his work for Ferrari.

"It's a piece of art," Mark Sassak said of his Bizzarrinis. Longtime collectors, the Sassaks showed off one of their Spydere, a 1966 prototype in silver, on Wednesday during a preview event for the Concours d'Elegance of America.

"I think I've got the best of the crop," Mark Sassak added.

Don Meluzio of York, Pa., might disagree. He owns the third Bizzarrini Spyder, the last one made.

In addition to the only Spyder prototype, the Sassaks own the first production model, from 1968, in red. Meluzio owns the second and final production model, also from 1968, painted blue. The bodies are all hand-built and vary slightly from each other.

All three cars, among

the rarest in the world, will be reunited later this month when the 37th annual Concours rolls into the Inn at St. John's. It will be only the third time all three have been exhibited together.

"It's going to be exciting to have all three cars here," said Mark Sassak, who has shown previously in the Concours and in many other shows around the country.

The Sassaks bought their silver Spyder in Italy in 1999 from Bizzarrini's lawyer. Mark got the red one years before through his father, who was its second owner.

He was enchanted from the moment he saw his dad driving it down the street.

"I knew one day I'd own the car," he said.

Auto-centered weekend

The local Concours, set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26, will feature more than 300 vintage and collectible cars, motorcycles and trucks. A series of related events, from a motoring tour to an RM Sotheby's car auction to parties and a fundraising dinner, make for a full Concours weekend.

The vehicles on display during Wednesday's preview at St. John's hinted at the variety that will be on view: There was the Sasseks' Bizzarrini, a 1934 Ford coupe, a Duesenberg J Dual-Cowl Phaeton and a 2015 Lamborghini Aventador SV, among others.

"Who doesn't like a Lamborghini?" said Mark Sassak.

Event chairman Larry Moss said this year's Concours promises to be one of the best.

"We've expanded our program over three days in order to attract a wider audience of automotive enthusiasts and first-time visitors," Moss said.

Public events during



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Plymouth residents Mark and Allison Sassak stand by their 1966 Bizzarrini 5300 Spyder. They own two of the three Bizzarrini Spydere ever built. All three Spydere will be at the Concours d'Elegance of America on Sunday, July 26.



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This is not a sight you see very often. People at the Concours d'Elegance of America preview event at the Inn at St. John's stand with their backs to a 2015 Lamborghini Aventador.

Concours weekend include an auction preview at St. John's and a concert at Plymouth's Kellogg Park accompanied by a small car exhibit, both on Friday, July 24;

and a "Concours d'Le-mons" and a "Taste of the Motor City," both at St. John's on Saturday, July 25.

That evening's \$250-a-ticket Motor City Mingle

at St. John's Grande Ballroom is a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, Forgotten Harvest and the College for Creative Studies will also benefit from

money raised during the Concours.

The Concours of America is a community effort: civic groups provide volunteers; the Automotive Components Holdings plant on Sheldon Road provides free parking (shuttle service is also provided from several locations) and local officials get involved to make sure the Plymouth-Northville area looks its best.

This year's will be the fifth Concours at St. John's; for its first 32 years, the event was at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills.

General-admission tickets for the July 26 Concours exhibition are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the gate. For more information, visit the Concours d'Elegance of America website.

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APPEAL CASE 2015-04-12 (Tabled on June 30, 2015): Derek Robbins, south side of Puritan, (30451) between Merriman and Henry Ruff, seeking to construct an addition to include attached garage, resulting in deficient front yard setback.

APPEAL CASE 2015-06-31 (Rescheduled from June 30, 2015): TSFR Del Retail Center, LLC, 17800 N. Laurel Park Dr., Ste. 200C, Livonia, MI 48152, on behalf of Lessee TSFR Pizza, LLC, (MOD Pizza), west side of Middlebelt, (13229) between Industrial and CSX Railroad, seeking to erect three (3) wall signs, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.
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CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTING EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS

Notice is given that the City of Westland shall conduct Civil Service testing to create a list of qualified applicants for filling future emergency dispatcher positions. Qualified individuals must complete a job application, submit a resume and meet minimum qualifications. Minimum qualifications: successful completion of the 40-hour Basic Telecommunications course (Module 1) and/or Emergency Fire Dispatch training as approved by the State of Michigan preferred, or prior experience as an Emergency Services Dispatcher or similar position; high school diploma or GED, type 35 wpm, speak and write English. Applicants must be able to multi-task, work in a high stress environment, work varying shifts, extended hours, overtime, weekends, nights and holidays. Convicted felons are prohibited from operation of LEIN system or systems that interface with the LEIN system. The City will limit Civil Service testing to the first fifty (50) applicants, based on date of submission of application and resume, who meet the minimum requirements. Competitive pay and comprehensive benefits package. Testing shall assess written and skills abilities. Applications and resume along with 5 references accepted beginning 10:00 a.m. (EST), Monday, July 6, 2015 at the Office of Personnel, City Hall City of Westland, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. The application process shall run from 10:00 a.m., July 6, 2015 through 4:00 p.m. (EST), Friday, July 24, 2015 after which time no applications shall be accepted. Application on City website, www.cityofwestland.com. EOE

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INVITATION TO BID
BID NUMBER T6 LCD DISPLAYS FOR LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education ("Owner") will receive firm, sealed Bid Proposals for all equipment and all other services to complete the LCD Displays bid package. Bid Documents can be obtained on or after July 06, 2015 by sending a request to Kevin.Colbert@BartonMalow.com with the subject "Livonia LCD Display RFP Request", and will only be available through electronic downloads. If hard copies of documents are needed, they will be printed at the bidder's expense.

Sealed bids labeled, "BID NO. T6 - LCD Displays" are due by 11:00 a.m. on the 28th day of July, 2015, at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of Nick Armelagos, Administrator of Finance, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified. Oral, telephone, fax, or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. All vendors are invited to attend opening. Bid Proposals received after the due date will not be considered or accepted. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

There will be no Pre-Bid Meeting. Questions pertaining to this RFP should be submitted by 12:00 noon July 20, 2015 to Kevin.Colbert@BartonMalow.com

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All bidders must complete the following disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid. The bid proposal will be accompanied by a sworn statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Public Schools Board, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or the Livonia Public Schools Director of Business Services, Wayne RESA Board or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

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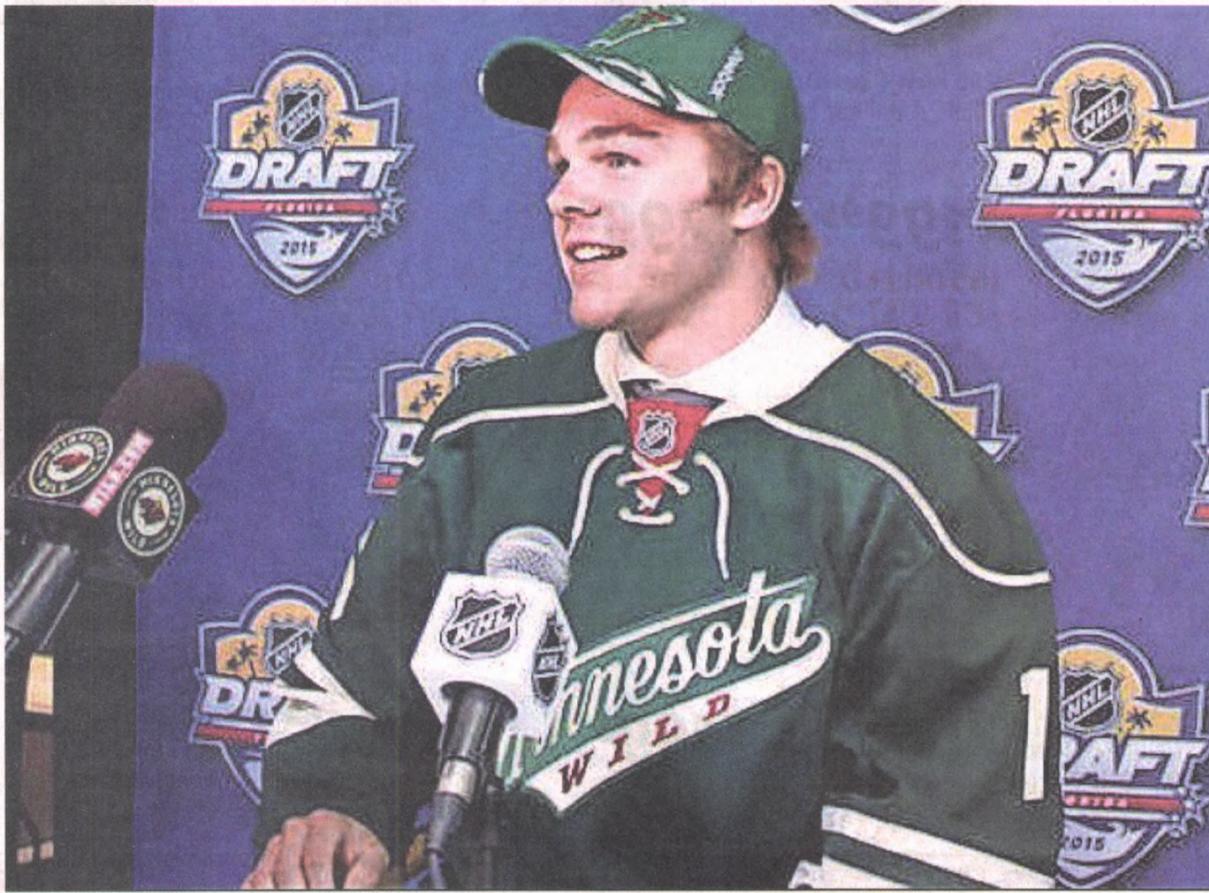
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After donning a Minnesota Wild cap and jersey, Nick Boka proudly stands at the podium after being drafted by the NHL team.

REC-KING IT

Bottom of the cup

Canton man scores first-ever hole-in-one

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Now *that's* how you start a golf game. Rich Sander stepped up to the first tee at Northville's Bushwood Golf Club on Thursday, July 2, extracted a gap wedge from his golf bag and launched his shot.

"It didn't feel right when I hit it," said the 69-year-old Canton man, who began golfing recreationally about 60 years ago. "So I looked to my right and I looked to my left and didn't see it. ... I guess it bounced a couple times and disappeared."

His wife, Adrienne, and some friends were there to witness a bit of Sander family history — he sank his first-ever hole-in-one, acing the 105-yard No. 1 hole at the par 3 course.

Unfortunately, he joked last

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CALL OF THE WILD

USA Hockey NTDP success pays off for Plymouth's Nick Boka, drafted by Minnesota

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer



MAURICETTE SCHNIDER

Two seasons playing for USA Hockey yielded patriotic moments and medals for Plymouth's Nick Boka. He won a gold medal with the NTDP 17-U team in 2013-14.

Nick Boka figured he'd have to wait until the later rounds of the National Hockey League Entry Draft to hear his name called, but that was perfectly fine with him.

As it turned out, the 17-year-old Plymouth native who played the last two seasons in USA Hockey's National Team Development Program was spot on with that prediction.

The 6-1, 197-pound defenseman waited until the second-to-last round June 27 at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, Fla., finally getting called up to the podium when

the Minnesota Wild selected him 171st overall. Once on the stage, he pulled a forest green team jersey over his head and slapped a baseball cap on top of it.

"It's an unbelievable feeling," said Boka during a telephone interview Wednesday from St. Paul, Minn., where he is participating through Sunday at a camp for Minnesota prospects. "Just getting your name called at the draft is pretty special to me and my family."

The hard-hitting, 6-1, 197-pound defenseman — who attended Plymouth High School as a freshman and

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ADRIANNE SANDER

Rich Sander displays the ball he used to ace the first hole at Bushwood GC in Northville.

AAU TRACK & FIELD

HIGH INTENSITY

AAU Junior Olympics on tap for hard-driving local athletes

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Summer vacation for a lot of young people means taking trips to the lake, devouring ice cream cones and hanging out with friends.

That's not how it works for the athletes in the Intensity Track Club.

For them, summer's all about working hard, competing for medals and — if everything goes well — traveling to the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics.

Thanks to an outstanding collective effort in the AAU regional championship July 4-5 at Ypsilanti High School, there will be 11 young men and women making a road trip to Norfolk, Va., in early August for

GEARING UP

What: The Intensity Track Club, based at Wayne Memorial High School, qualified 11 athletes for the upcoming AAU Junior Olympics in Norfolk, Va. **When:** Norfolk State University will host the national tourney between Aug. 2-8.

Fundraisers: In order for the group, coached by Jamal Johnson and Jana Hughes, to make the trip to Virginia, it will cost about \$6,000 for expenses. To help cut into that bill, a bowling fundraiser will take place 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia (on Five Mile near Merriman). Tickets to bowl will be \$20. There will be a 50/50 raffle and basket raffle and tickets to a Detroit Lions preseason game will be auctioned off. Other efforts to help raise the money include accepting donations through the Go Fund Me website (gofundme.com/intensitytrack) and an ongoing bottle/can drive.

Contact: Email the coaches at intensitytrack@gmail.com or visit the Intensity Track Club Detroit page on Facebook. Johnson also can be reached at 313-421-3008.

the AAU Junior Olympics.

"It's outstanding," said Intensity head coach Jamal Johnson, whose club sent only six

members to the 2014 nationals in Iowa. "It's almost double this year. These kids have worked very, very hard from



JOSEPH GATON

Among club members qualifying for the AAU Junior Olympics are, from left, Shiann Proffitt, Caroline Mahalak, Erica Robinson, Reanna Brown-Deacon, Anavia Battle, Montel Hood, Andrew Chant and Malik Jordan.

cross country to indoor season to the regular high school season. They deserved it. They earned it."

The club, however, needs to generate about \$6,000 to fund the Aug. 2-8 trip to Virginia. To that end, a bowling fundraiser is scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday,

July 26, at Merri-Bowl Lanes on Five Mile near Merriman in Livonia.

"Tickets are going to be \$20," Johnson said. "We're going to have a 50/50 raffle, basket raffle and also auction

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sophomore before finishing up at Ann Arbor Pioneer — admitted to getting a little anxious as the draft's later rounds unfolded.

"Yeah, I was getting pretty nervous," Boka said. "I went down there with some expectations to maybe be a third, fourth-round guy. When those rounds passed I'd get a little bit nervous."

"But I think it was kind of worth the wait. I'm in a pretty nice place ... with Minnesota. So I'm real happy with the way it turned out."

Feeling wanted

Boka was one of 15 players who skated for the NTDP (which is relocating this summer from the Ann Arbor Ice Cube to the former Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township) to get drafted.

At the top of that list, of course, were forward Jack Eichel (second overall, Buffalo) and defenseman Noah Hanifin (fifth overall, Carolina).

Nearly two weeks later, Boka described the whole scene as "pretty surreal, still."

Minnesota brass, led by general manager Chuck Fletcher, also were surprised that Boka — who will play Division I hockey for Michigan in the fall — remained available that late.

"They told me right after they drafted me, they said 'I don't know how we got you in the sixth round, we had you much higher in the (draft) list,'" Boka recalled. "They were pretty stoked about that, they like how I'm a physical, shut-down player who can get add in to the offense as well."

"What I like most about the draft is that they wanted me and I felt wanted and I think that's the best feeling you can have."

Different routes

Waiting it out during rounds 2-5 and well into the sixth round were his parents, Don and Lora Boka of

THE BOKA FILE

Who: Nick Boka, 17, a 6-1, 197-pound defenseman from Plymouth.

What: He was selected 171st overall (sixth round) by the Minnesota Wild in the recent NHL Entry Draft.

Gold: Boka played the last two hockey seasons in the USA Hockey National Team Development Program. He was part of a gold-medal winning team with the U17 squad in 2013-14.

Blue: The Ann Arbor Pioneer graduate (who attended school at Plymouth his freshman and sophomore years) will play Division I men's hockey beginning this fall at the University of Michigan.

Family ties: Boka's parents are Don and Lora Boka of Plymouth. He has a younger brother, 16-year-old Luke, a forward who will skate for the Ontario Hockey League's Windsor Spitfires in 2015-16. His sister, Allison, 12, is a student at West Middle School in Plymouth.

Plymouth, along with siblings Luke and Allison (age 16 and 12, respectively). Also there were an aunt, Lisa Allen, and an uncle, Jim Kotoula.

Luke Boka could someday find himself waiting his turn at an NHL draft, too. He is a forward who will play for the Ontario Hockey League's Windsor Spitfires in 2015-16.

Yet instead of going down the same path Nick did, going through the NTDP and then on to a D-I college, Luke opted for the pro-like grind of the OHL.

"I think we're both pretty supportive of each other," Nick Boka said. "I think in his situation that (OHL) was the best route for him and I think he's going to do really well there."

"I'm excited to see how he does and make a name for himself in Windsor."

Still, the college-or-OHL scenario is something that likely was a regular topic of discussion in the Boka household.

"It was always our plan to have both boys go the college route with the dream they would play at Michigan



Celebrating with Nick Boka, third from left, on NHL draft day June 27 are younger brother Luke, far left, parents Lora and Don and younger sister Allison.

"It's an unbelievable feeling. Just getting your name called at the draft is pretty special to me and my family."

NICK BOKA, Plymouth

together," Lora Boka said. "Luke made it clear to us this past year that he needed to jump out of his brother's lane and try something different."

"We took a leap of faith agreeing to let Luke go the OHL route and we have been thrilled with the Windsor Spitfires organization so far. Time will tell how that is going to play out."

Just golden

As far as Nick Boka is concerned, playing two seasons for USA Hockey's NTDP helped him immensely to get him ready for the Big Ten let alone a prospective professional career.

In 2013-14, he was part of the gold medal-winning U-17 team and he followed that up playing last season for the U-18 squad.

"It helped me a ton, playing against older competition," Boka emphasized.

"The 17 year we played in the United States Hockey League, against anywhere between 17 and 20-year-olds."

"And then playing my 18 year against college teams. So the range can go anywhere (up) to 23-24. So just playing against bigger, stronger guys really helped me a lot."

Once the Wild prospects camp concludes, he will return to Ann Arbor to train for the U-M hockey season and take summer classes. "We'll really pick it up in August, September, and we'll be ready to go by October."

If Boka keeps progressing as he did through the NTDP, it might not be long before Minnesota tempts him to leave college early, a la Dylan Larkin — another USA Hockey stalwart who played his freshman season for the Wolverines before recently turning pro with the Detroit Red Wings organization.

"Other teams' top players I like to make it hard on them," said Boka, describing his style of play. "That's the role I kind of take and I have fun doing it."

With a laugh, he added that there's still room to crank up the physicality even more as he approaches his 20s.

"I definitely can get stronger," Boka said. "I'll hopefully grow a couple more inches. My dad's 6-3, I'm hoping to get up there with him."

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Sturdy, reliable running back Chuck Turfe (No. 28) carries the football for the Canton Chiefs during a 2014 game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Turfe pumped to join Zips

Canton grad to be red-shirt freshman at D-I Akron

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Hard-nosed running back Chuck Turfe can't wait to tear up some turf for the Akron Zips football team.

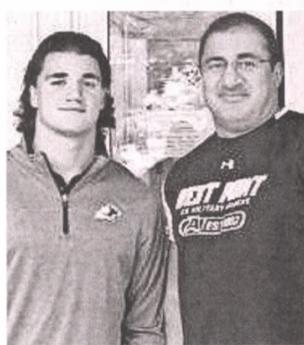
Turfe will soon begin doing just that on the practice field, but he'll have to wait another year to get into an official game.

The recent Canton High School graduate is optimistic about joining the Division I program, although he said he will be red-shirted for the 2015 season.

"I start next week," Turfe wrote in an email to the *Observer*. "They're getting me down there early to work out with the team."

"They expect me to be their featured back in my later years. I sat in the head coach's office with coach (Terry) Bowden for 45 minutes. He told me how much I remind him of Connor Hundley."

Hundley is a slashing half-



Visiting the University of Akron campus are Chuck Turfe and his dad, Norm Turfe.

back with reliable hands who is 6-foot-1, 213 pounds entering his senior season. Turfe is 5-11, 197 and looking to get bigger and stronger.

In addition to duties as a running back, which would include busting out of the backfield to catch passes (at

which he excelled with the Chiefs), Turfe said he hopes to help the Zips as a return specialist.

At Canton, he also played in the defensive secondary.

Turfe, as a red-shirt, is permitted to practice with the Zips, but is not be allowed to play in games. His four years of eligibility would begin with the 2016 season.

He probably could have gotten into the lineup this fall had he signed with a Division II program.

"I had many Division II offers," Turfe said. "But playing D-I was my dream. And it's been reached."

Recently, he visited the Ohio campus with his father Norm Turfe (a safety at West Point in the late 1980s) and grandfather Lee Turfe.

Turfe intends to major in business, with a minor in psychology.

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REACHING HIGHER

High school hoop showcases on tap

Milford to host MHSAA, BCAM tourneys

Milford High School will be the site of the seventh annual Reaching Higher showcases for Michigan's top high school boys and girls basketball players.

The boys event will be Wednesday, July 15, followed by the state's top girls prospects taking the floor Thursday, July 23, both at Milford.

More than 200 athletes with aspirations to play at the college level will train and scrimmage under the tutelage of high school coaches from across the state and in front of college coaches expected to represent all three NCAA divisions, the NAIA and junior college levels.

Coaches from 33 college basketball programs, including nine from NCAA Division I schools, attended the 2014 Reaching Higher events.

An educational effort by the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, the Reaching Higher experience includes classroom sessions for student-athletes and their parents as well as on-court drills and scrimmaging.

The events aim to give athletes a vision of what it takes to become a college basketball player and also succeed in college life.

Participants in the program were selected by a committee of BCAM members.

The process began in De-

cember when local high school coaches submitted nominations to the selection committee. Participants were chosen in February.

The boys event begins at 3 p.m. July 15 with scrimmages running from 5:45-8 p.m. The featured speaker for the boys session is Willie Green, a graduate of Detroit Cooley High and former University of Detroit Mercy standout who recently finished his first season with the Orlando Magic and 12th season in the NBA.

Locals to play

Among area boys invitees: Cass Phillips, White Lake Lakeland; Jordan Graham, Farmington; Logan Ryan, Canton; Triston Jackson and Kevin McAdoo, West Bloomfield; Miquel Priest and Michael Flowers, Southfield; and Brock Washington, Southfield Christian.

The girls event begins at noon with scrimmages from 2-4:25 p.m. July 23. The roster includes Peyton Jones (South Lyon East), Jessica Moorman (Northville) and Amanda Sape (Bloomfield Hills).

Former Grosse Pointe North and University of Notre Dame standout Ariel Braker will be among speakers for the girls session. She led Grosse Pointe North to the Class A title in 2008 and started her final two seasons at Notre Dame while serving as captain as a senior during 2013-14.

MICHIGAN YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL

Teamwork at 'Core' of success

Canton first-grade team victorious at Midwest Regional Championships

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Canton Core flag football team is comprised of seven first-graders, but those young players already are experienced winners.

At the recent Michigan Youth Flag Football Regional Championship, those youngsters crushed it — defeating the Indiana-based Scrambler by a 12-6 score to win the first-grade division championship.

That June 13 triumph at Ford Field in Detroit capped quite a tournament run, as the Core went 6-0 and outscoring their opponents by a

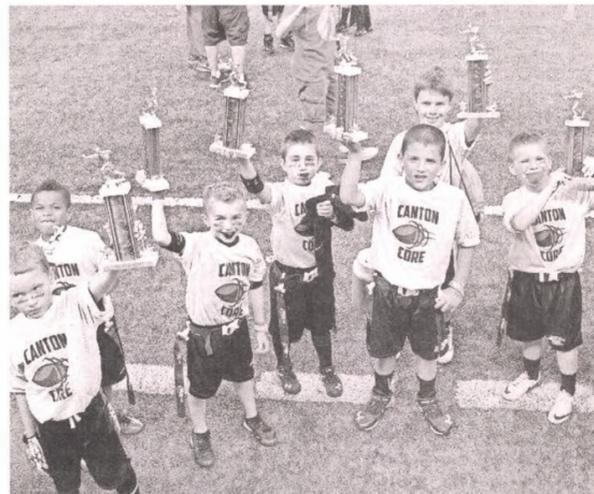
96-12 margin. Victories were secured against teams from far (surrounding Midwest states) and near (communities such as Northville and Clarkston).

"It was a great experience for the players, coaches and families," said one of four parents who coach the team, Bryan Regner, in an email to the *Observer*.

In addition to Regner, Core coaches include Brian Jansen, Tony Swearigen and Ken Young, who "all had a part in shaping and preparing this team."

Players (listed in alphabetical order) included Dominic Allen, Lorenzo Barber, Drew Eisenbeis, Drew Jansen, Ty Regner, Cam Swearigen and Drew Young.

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Celebrating their victory are Canton Core players (from left) Drew Jansen, Lorenzo Barber, Ty Regner, Drew Young, Drew Eisenbeis, Dominic Allam and Cam Swearigen. BRYAN REGNER

INTENSITY

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off some (Detroit) Lions tickets."

The nonprofit organization also is looking to raise money through the Go Fund Me website (gofundme.com/intensitytrack) along with an ongoing bottle and can drive.

Heating up

Johnson also coaches the varsity boys track and field team at Wayne Memorial, where Intensity holds practices Monday through Thursday during — yes — the hot summer.

"And on weekend we normally have track meets," said Johnson, adding that the busy schedule helps youngsters who range from high school sophomores to recent graduates such as Caroline Mahalak (Westland John Glenn), Malik Jordan (Wayne), Ledell O'Bryant (Wayne), Corey Goodloe (Monroe) and Will Jackson (Hartland).

Most members of that quintet will attend college, a source of much pride for Johnson.

With a smile, Johnson added that he and Intensity assistant coach Jana Hughes did give the 15 athletes in the club a week off to rest and relax following the conclusion of the spring high school season.

When the second week of June rolled around, however, it was back to work.

Johnson and Hughes, who are juggling fundraising and coaching efforts ahead of the anticipated trek to Norfolk, agreed that it's worth the extra summer sweat for their athletes.

"For one, it helps you get recruited for colleges," Johnson noted. "Two, it teaches you responsibility, knowing you have to be at practice every single day, you can't just throw your summer away doing whatever."

"You have to do everything right and that's how they got to this level, how they got to this point. And there's discipline, it's extremely tough (in the summer). We hold every one accountable."

The coaches will accompany the group to Norfolk State University, where the AAU Junior Olympics will take place.

"I'm excited, I'm very hap-



Malik Jordan rounds the corner during a recent Intensity Track Club practice. JOSEPH GATON

py," Hughes said. "They just work so hard and it's good to see. They know they worked hard and they get rewarded for it."

"The trip to Virginia, it will be fun. Hopefully we'll be able to have practice on the beach."

Making the cut

Most of the Intensity contingent qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics in the age 17-18 division at regionals, although several made the cut in the age 15-16 bracket.

To qualify, athletes needed to finish: in the top 6 in running events; in the top 4 for relays; in the top 5 for field events.

The big winners at Ypsilanti High School were Jordan and Montel Hood (who will be a senior at Wayne in 2015-16).

Jordan won the 3,000-meter run in the men's age 17-18 division, finished second in the 1,500-meter run and third in the 2,000-meter steeplechase.

"That's not an event contested in Michigan high schools," Johnson said. "Steeplechase is a mix between track and cross country, there are five barriers on the track. They are hurdles, but they're a lot thicker and sturdier."

"One of the hurdles you jump onto and jump into a pit of water. And you keep going. I convinced him of doing it and he turned out to be pretty decent at it."

Hood finished first in the 400 and 800 runs (the former with a personal best of 48.02, which Johnson said was the third-best time in that event all year in the state) and was part of the victo-

rious 3,200-meter relay with Jordan, Goodloe and Jackson.

In the women's age 17-18 division, Mahalak grabbed the championship in the 3,000-meter race walk.

Placing third in the 800 and 1,500 runs was another Rocket, Shiann Proffitt (who will be a senior next year).

On their radar

Also on the women's side, Wayne had two national qualifiers in the age 15-16 division.

Anavia Battle, entering her junior season with the Zebras, placed third both in the 100 and 200 dashes, with respective times of 12.53 and 25.67.

And soon-to-be-sophomore Alyssa Johnson qualified in the discus (87 feet, 7 inches, exceeding her personal record by 11 feet) and shot put (31-02).

Others qualifying include Wayne's O'Bryant and Andrew Chant and St. John's Steven Linton.

They all will have the chance for even more medals to come, perhaps at the AAU Junior Olympics. And Johnson emphasized that doing so will only open doors for them.

"Whenever you have athletes who compete at a national level, that's all college coaches go to," he said. "They want to see if you can compete at that level, how you handle it, and if you have what it takes."

"Because in college, you're going to get the best of the best, all at the same school every day at practice."

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week, the rest of his 9-hole round didn't go quite as well. He registered an eight on the second hole and with a 49 score.

"All the luck I had in my hole-in-one was reversed on the next hole," Sander noted. "... I wish I could have had a better round after that."

Sander added that while he is proud of finally registering a hole-in-one, "you don't want to look at the rest of the scorecard, because the rest of the round was

downhill."

Hole-in-one club

Sander had company as far as enjoying any golfer's biggest thrill.

Scoring a hole-in-one Tuesday at Carrington Golf Club in Monroe was Canton's Jim Montgomery.

He aced the 110-yard No. 12 hole, using a 5 club for the shot.

Montgomery's hole-in-one was his first in 48 years of golfing. He finished his 18-hole round with a score of 99.

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BOOK INSPIRES WOMEN TO WEAR THEIR 'BRAVE GIRL BOOTS'

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Tami Walker knows a thing or two about bravery.

At 31, she traded a "great job" in corporate America to lead a women's ministry at Connection Church in Canton.

When she felt a "nudge" from God to run a 60-day prayer challenge last year, she didn't worry about logistics. She embraced the project, dubbed it Brave Girl Boots, and recruited local women to write about their own struggles with faith, courage and action. Two hundred fifty women signed up to receive the daily emailed inspirational messages.

When she felt that nudge again a few days into the challenge, Walker knew she had to turn the inspirational stories into a book.

"I run a ministry but I've never written a book before. God was saying to me, you've got to put on your own brave girl boots," Walker said. "OK, Lord, you want us to do a book. I don't have any money to do a book. It's \$3,000. If that's your vision, you'll have the provision. I'm a firm believer that if something is of God, it can't be stopped."

She and other women involved in the church, in the church's quarterly cross-denominational girl's night out called Commonground, and in a Facebook prayer page, bought and sold T-shirts with the message, "keep calm and put your brave girl boots on," to raise money for publishing costs. They also held a fundraiser breakfast.

After nearly a year of writing, revising, editing and "a lot of late nights," *Brave Girl Boots*, a women's devotional with 40 inspirational stories, is set to launch locally at the next Commonground gathering, 7-10 p.m. July 24, at Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon. The event, which typically draws women from 30 metro area churches, will include worship, inspirational teaching, an outreach project and party with appetizers, giveaways, and coffee bar, in addition to the book launch.

"It was exciting to see God move in that it was supposed to launch in July and it's already on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. It took off on Amazon. We couldn't believe it," Walker said. "For a while, we were in the top 10 new devotionals for several weeks on Amazon."

40 prayer days

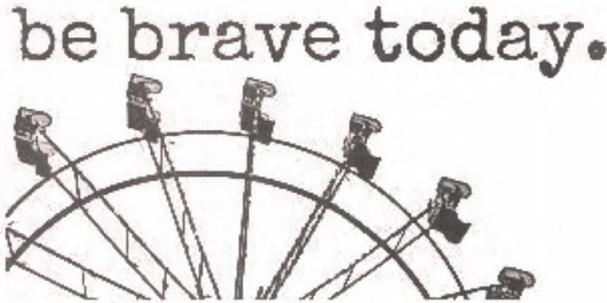
The book asks readers to pray daily for "God to plant a seed of vision" in their lives, for the sensitivity to see a need they can fill that day, and for bravery to act upon the need. They also read one inspirational story and answer a related question each day. There's room in the book to write a few notes after reflecting on the essays.

Walker introduces each writer in the book as though they were joining her for coffee at the breakfast table.

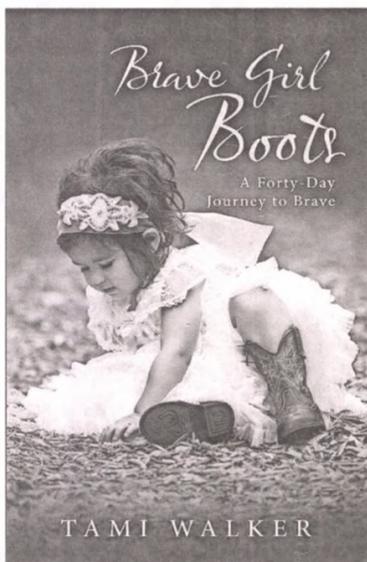
"Carrie Stanley is in the kitchen this morning," Walker prefaced the book's "Day 14" entry. "She is as bold for Jesus as her hair color. You'll be friends with her in no time."

Stanley, who attends Connection Church, wrote about her faith being tested in 2009 when her youngest child, then 18 months, was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. Doctors predicted her toddler's life would end in 2010. She's alive, although still terminal with a two- to three-month life expectancy, Stanley said.

"I wrote an analogy of sitting in front of Hoover Dam and watching



Local women sold T-shirts to raise money for the "Brave Girl Boots" project.



Tami Walker compiled inspirational stories from women for this new devotional.

the water as though it's there without the dam," said Stanley, adding that she doesn't know when the water will "come crashing down."



A member of Commonground, a quarterly women's event at Connection Church, in Canton, works on an outreach project. "Brave Girl Boots."

"It's about being in a state of limbo and how that requires consistent faith. I've had to surrender the whole experience several times."

Melissa Mulvaney, a Canton mom and blogger who attends Westland Bible Church, wrote about hope and faith.

"I used the metaphor of being in the hallway and being outside the door. God is always there with you, no matter what you're facing in that doorway or hallway," Mulvaney said. "It is mostly about weak women who are only brave because of God."

Mulvaney hopes the stories encourage other women as they face their own struggles.

Brave action

"We can be brave in our prayer closet all day, but when God asks us to go on a field trip, through divorce, cancer, a wayward child that you can't believe how he's living, that is when you ... dust them off, slip them on and take God at his word," Walker said, using a tag line to the Brave Girl Boots blog.

She's pleased that some husbands have borrowed the book from their wives and have read the entries and challenge questions.

"It's such a blessing to me that men would meet God in those places." The book costs \$11.95 and is available at bravegirlboots.org, amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED

If a patient has knee swelling because of fluid in the joint, the aims of his doctor are to remove the fluid, prevent its return and uncover why the swelling occurred.

In patients over age 50, gout is a cause physicians invariably consider. But what if the physician removes fluid from the knee, sends the fluid to a laboratory for analysis, and the analysis comes back with the report: "no crystals seen." That finding does not end the hunt for gout.

When a laboratory analyzes a specimen of joint fluid, the laboratory looks for crystals, infection, and does a count of the white blood cells in the fluid sample. If a physician receives a laboratory report that states no crystals and only a few white blood cells in the sample, then the physician is on solid ground to conclude that gout is not playing a role in the patient's swollen joint.

However, if the laboratory report shows a high white count in the fluid sample, then the physician cannot say the hunt for crystals is over. In gout, not finding the crystals in synovial fluid only means that gout crystals were not seen; the crystals could still be there. Studies back up that point, as the most sophisticated analysis can reveal gout only 85% of the time.

The doctor is likely to tell the patient that the next time the gout-like pain comes on, the need will again arise to take fluid from the knee. It may take three or four joint aspirations before the doctor can conclusively rule out or finally confirm the presence of gout.

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Livonia Artists Club exhibits works for the last time

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The Livonia Artists Club will call it quits in September, but will wrap up its final and 55th annual exhibit July 31.

"We have 65 pieces from 12 people," said Al Weber, a Canton resident and club board member, describing the group's final show. "We're all painters or collage people. We have oil paintings and some modified prints, pastel and acrylic. It's a good cross section."

The art is on display at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Ann Loveland, former instructor for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia and Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, judged the show.



Livonia Artist Club member Al Weber of Canton will show this and other works at the Club's final exhibit.

"All art clubs have had problems, but ours is one of the small ones now," Weber said. "We're all getting older and it's getting to be a problem from the standpoint that attendance is nine or 10 people at a meeting."

Weber said the club

has approximately 20 members but a little more than half that number participate in exhibits or annual critiques of their works. He said the organization also has struggled financially in recent years as membership declined.

"We have to rent a

room for meetings and pay jurors," he said. "We liked the Livonia Club because it's old and has a history behind it. It's very informal, an easy club to belong to."

The organization, founded by Olive Harrington in 1960, met in members' homes before moving to the Livonia Carl Sandburg library. It held meetings and exhibits there until 1990 when it found a new home at the Civic Center Library. Its fall exhibit, The Affordable Art Show, ran from 1999 to 2013, and a spring exhibit shared space in the library atrium with the Chrysanthemum Society show for several years.

Weber said most Livonia Artists Club members are active in other associations, such as VAAL, and will continue to exhibit their works through those clubs.

Celebrate art, charitable causes at Eastern Market

Eastern Market is about to get more colorful — and not just from its flower sales. On Tuesday, it was announced that an inaugural nine-day street-art festival called Murals in the Market will be held Sept. 17-24 throughout Eastern Market. More than 45 international artists, including half who will be local, will paint large-scale murals to enhance the area. The festival's first official mural by Australian artist Meggs (aka David Hooke) also was unveiled Tuesday.



Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE

"Murals in the Market is a project that just brings a little more life, a little more interest and a little more attention to Detroit," said Hooke, who painted the image of a huge tiger with the words "Rise Up" in Detroit's east side last year. Eastern Market also will host panel discussions with artists and local farmers, block parties, art and bike tours, artist talks and more. The non-profit Eastern Market Corporation and art publisher 1xRUN, which owns Inner State Gallery, are the producers of Murals in the Market.

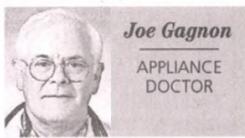
Eastern Market has been the go-to place to host social and charity parties. The Detroit Historical Society, the American Heart Association and College for Creative Studies, in collaboration with ORT America Michigan, are just some of the few who have taken over and transformed Eastern Market's Sheds 2 and 3. Dan Armand, CCS Illustration alumnus, is co-owner of 1xRUN, so everything comes full circle, especially when ORT in the City was held at Eastern Market. The fundraiser supported ORT's and CCS's educational and special student programs. CCS's students, in conjunction with the Somerset Collection-sponsored program, designed shopping bags with Detroit-related themes which were then auctioned at Eastern Market.



West Bloomfield residents Sherrie Singer, left, and Jayme Kirschner, along Suzanne Fellows of Farmington Hills, enjoy ORT and the City at Eastern Market's Shed 3.

Appliance maker aims to end DIY product repairs

Many years ago I was driving on I-94 near Jackson and I came upon this beautiful vehicle sitting on the side of the road. Two young ladies were standing beside this Rolls Royce with question marks on their faces, so I pulled over to lend assistance. They informed me that it just stopped running and they were barely able to pull over. I had my tool bag in the car but before I could open the hood they told me that the hood was locked and that no one can work on a Rolls Royce unless it is the dealership. I figured it was a long way back to jolly old England so I gave the ladies a ride home. The ladies happened to be members of The Supremes singing group. Last week, I found out that an appliance manufacturer wants to do this same thing with the products it sells. It wants to lock out anyone who is not authorized from getting into an appliance to do repairs. I'm told that the keypad on a product will have a code that a service technician must



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enter before he or she can gain access into a product. These technicians will be drug-tested and trained on the products they are approved to work on. I suspect the reason for this sort of thinking comes from the fact that the manufacturer is tired of independent service technicians not doing an adequate job of repairing products and poor customer relations.

Parts suppliers

I don't have to explain that if the service guy can't fix it, you are not going to purchase the same brand again. The big question is what to do with the companies that are in the parts businesses. There are many large parts distributors across this country that make money selling parts and much of it has to do with retail sales. What about the guy down the street who loves fixing

things and the neighborhood counts on him to fix a washer and dryer? What's he to do if he is locked out of doing repairs? The biggest question will be whether there is a method to this madness.

On the subject of monopolies set forth by a company, what will the future hold for us, the homeowners? We all know what plumbers and electricians charge for a service call and labor in the home and how high the price will be for an appliance repair technician. Will a major home appliance become a throw-away item like so many have predicted? Time will tell as to how much of this comes true.

Do it yourself

Oh, how I long for the days gone by when appliances were just plain simple and any average homeowner could fix a washer with a simple instruction over the counter or on paper. I remember those days when consumers would phone me and ask for a service call to their home and I would suggest they

stop by my store and I would show them how to do it themselves. I felt so good when they called me back and told me they repaired it themselves and felt such pride in doing so. I sure felt good when they stopped by again with cookies, candy and all sorts of baked goods. Even today I still get the occasional comment about a rebuilt washer I sold them over 20 years ago which is still doing the job.

In 1959, I would charge a free meal for a repair job and in 1979, I purchased my own business and charged \$19 for a service visit. The labor rate at that time was \$6 for every 15 minutes in the home. Now, I never did make a lot of money in the appliance business but I can tell you for a fact that I made a ton of friends. In all honesty, if I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

REUNIONS

DETROIT COOLEY CLASS OF 1965

Looking for classmates from January and June for 50th reunion on Oct. 3 at Livonia Marriott Hotel. For information, email reunioncooley65@aol.com or call 734-397-3308.

FORDSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1954

61st reunion lunch, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Stitt American Legion Post Hall in Dearborn Heights. For information, call Nancy Barlow Gaspar at 313-581-6623 or 313-399-7718 or email Pat Gaston Chiesa at patc629@aol.com

GARDEN CITY WEST CLASS OF 1973

A 60th birthday party is set for July 25 at Garden City Park Pavilion, east of Merriman, north of Cherry Hill Road in Garden City. Tickets are \$10 at the location. Participants should bring their own food and beverages. Grill will be provided. Bring a gag birthday gift. For info, call 734-776-0024

or email blybe7@aol.com.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995

Seeking classmates for a 20-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Embassy Suites in Livonia. For more information, email mellissacohn8@gmail.com or visit [facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof1995/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Noviclassof1995/).

OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975

Save the date, Saturday, July 25, at Embassy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia. Classmates may send their contact information to oakpark1975reunion@gmail.com, and to join the Reunion Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/810805715636204/>.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE ALL CLASSES

6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy; \$45 per person. Rose Ann Filar at 248-770-1271.

BIRTH

NOLA ROSS ALEXANIAN

Nola Ross Alexanian was born June 23 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. She joins her parents, Alex and Jessica Alexanian, and siblings, Maven, 4, and Zoe, 2, at home in Farmington Hills. Proud grandparents are Larry and Debbie McDonald of West Bloomfield and Jack



and Diana Alexanian of Bloomfield Hills.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JULY BAKE SALE/PET ADOPTION

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Sunday, July 12
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Bake sale with proceeds going to Providing for Paws, a local animal rescue that will be on hand with animals for adoption
Contact: Tina at 734-716-8986

COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. July 24
Location: Connection Church, 3855 Sheldon, Canton
Details: This girl's night out "with focus" draws women from throughout the metro area and includes worship, inspirational teaching, appetizers, giveaways, coffee bar, and book launch for a women's devotional. The group will collect \$5 coffee gift cards from Tim Hortons Starbucks, McDonald's and other restaurants, to give to parents of elementary school students on the first day of school
Contact: 734-397-1777

HOSANNA PALOOZA

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: Free Christian music festival and arts and crafts fair includes 10 musical acts in 10 hours, crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 3 p.m. gift drawings
Contact: 313-937-2424

LECTURE SERIES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, through July 28
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Howard N. Lupovitch, director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies at Wayne State University, will explore through video clips and readings what the Jewish presence on television reflects about the complex relationship between American Jews and American culture. Topics are Criminalizing Anti-Semitism, July 14; Laughing at Jews, Laughing with Jews, July 21 and Beyond the Yiddish Mama, July 28. Free for Beth Ahm members. Cost is \$15 per lecture for nonmembers. Advance registration requested,

but walk-ins accepted
Contact: Alison Blau at 248-851-6880 or email ablau@cbahm.org

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, July 12-Aug. 23
Location: Grounds of the Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, at Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads, Canton
Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds worship services in a casual, outdoor setting. In case of inclement weather, service will be held at the church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton
Contact: 734-459-3333

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. July 27-30
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: For boys and girls, 5-12, of any skill level. Cost is \$25 per student and includes water bottle, instruction, snacks and a soccer ball to take home. Register at christoursavior.org
Contact: 734-522-6830

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. to noon, July 13-16
Location: Faith Baptist Church, 26305 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights
Details: During "Son Spark Labs," kids listen to music, play games, hear about God, and more. Transportation available
Contact: 313-274-3777

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 20-24
Location: Hosanna-Tabor Church, 9600 Leverage, Redford
Details: Camp Discovery theme, with Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games and fun
Contact: 313-937-2424

AUGUST DEMENTIA SERIES

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26
Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Fourth session on dementia in a series of educational meetings sponsored by the Northwest Wayne Vicariate, focuses on ending the negative social stigma and isolation of someone with dementia and empowering the person who still is there

Contact: Sue Massey at 734-455-5910; smassey@sjncanton.org

FREE STUFF

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15
Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Clothes, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and more. Take what you need. No charge
Contact: 734-421-1760

SOCCER CAMP

Time/Date: 1-2:30 p.m., Aug. 3-7
Location: Crossroads Church, at Sacred Heart Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Soccer Camp for boys and girls, 5 and up, any skill level. Nonrefundable fee is \$25 per student. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks, and a T-shirt. Register at www.crossroadssnow.org
Contact: info@crossroadssnow.org or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 3-7
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Theme is Market Place — Jerusalem AD; for kids age 4-grade five. Register at vbs.connectingwithGod.org
Contact: 734-459-3333

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday
Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one
Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: No documentation needed
Contact: info@cantoncf.org

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com
Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m., first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.
Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
Contact: Ethan Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084

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Oropharyngeal cancer focus of quality of life study

Steven Chang, M.D., a Henry Ford Hospital otolaryngologist, recently received a \$15,000 national award to focus on quality of life for patients with with squamous cell carcinoma of the oropharynx.

Oropharyngeal cancer affects part of the throat, base of tongue, tonsils, soft palate and the pharynx. It has been on the rise during the past 35 years and has increasingly affected nonsmoking patients who are younger than 45. Their expectations for quality of life following cancer treatment are different from older, longtime survivors.

"The current first-line treat-

ment is either chemo-radiation or surgery, offering different quality-of-life outcomes. Current clinical trials don't accommodate for the patient's wishes, perspective and choice of treatment, which is very important in the real-world practice of medicine," said Chang, a surgeon in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at Henry Ford Hospital.

Chang will use the funds provided through Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute's Pipeline to Proposal program to build a partnership of individuals and groups who want to advance patient-



Chang

tered outcomes research that focuses on quality of life.

The Henry Ford project led by Chang is among 47 Pipeline to Proposal Awards winners.

The Pipeline to Proposal Awards enable those not typically involved in clinical research to develop the means to create community-led funding proposals focused on patient-centered comparative effectiveness research.

The program funds three

tiers of awards that help individuals or groups build community partnerships, develop research capacity, and hone a comparative effectiveness research question that could become the basis of a research funding proposal.

"Our Tier I goal creates a patient advisory council of head and neck cancer survivors and caregivers in Michigan, then expands virtually through the Cancer Research Network to provide input about the patient experience after these treatments," Chang said.

Tier I award recipients have up to nine months to complete

their proposed work after which they can apply for Tier II funding.

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute is an independent, nonprofit organization authorized by Congress in 2010. Its mission is to fund research that will provide patients, their caregivers and clinicians with the evidence-based information needed to make better-informed health care decisions.

To learn more about the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at Henry Ford, visit www.Henry-Ford.com/ENT.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Bereavement Camp

Henry Ford SandCastles is accepting registration for its annual Camp Erin - Detroit grief support weekend for children and teens who have experienced the death of someone close to them. The free camp for youth in grades one-12 will be held Aug. 14-16 at Camp Tamarack in Ortonville. The camp will include fun activities combined with grief education and emotional support. A weekend highlight is an evening memorial service on the beach. Grief professionals and trained volunteers from the SandCastles Grief Support Program, part of Hospices of Henry Ford, lead the program. To register for camp or get information on volunteering, call 313-874-6881.

Birth classes

A four-part class designed to help prepare parents for childbirth runs 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26, at Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Participants will learn the stages of labor, relaxation and breathing methods, strategies for managing discomfort, the partner's role in labor in deliv-

ery, C-section deliveries, medications, anesthesia and more. Cost is \$75. Register at botsford.org or call 248-888-2500.

Diabetes management

Learn about meal-planning, blood sugar control and medication management at a free seminar on diabetes, 5-7 p.m. July 29 in the Oakwood Physical Therapy & Wellness Center, 17101 Rotunda, Dearborn. Register at Oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355.

Exercise for arthritis

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer exercise classes beginning this month for adults with arthritis and other related diseases. A general exercise program will run 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14 through Sept. 3. Tai Chi classes are set for 11 a.m. to noon and advanced exercises, for those who have taken the general exercise program, will run 1-2 p.m. Classes will be held at the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. The general exercise and Tai Chi classes are free but registration is required. The advanced exercise program costs

\$5 per session. Register by calling 734-655-1310.

Nonverbal kids

Parents of nonverbal children, ages 2-5, can find out more about an early intervention program, It Takes Two to Talk, at a free introductory meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, in the Demonstration Kitchen at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. It Takes Two to Talk is an eight-week program that will teach parents how to help their child's skills in language development, socialization and play. The program includes four individual sessions with the speech-language pathologist. Cost is \$105 for the individual pre-program consultation, \$300 for the eight week group sessions, and \$74 per individual sessions. To reserve a spot at the introductory meeting call 800-436-7936.

Pink Out tickets

Tickets are available for the fourth annual Pink Out at the Park, the Detroit Tigers vs. Kansas City Royals game, 7:08 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, at Comerica Park in Detroit. The event raises awareness of breast health and helps raise funds

for breast cancer research at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Ticket packages range from \$28-\$51 and include a free Pink Out at the Park T-shirt. Buy tickets at tigers.com/pinkout. The event will include a pre-game ceremony honoring breast cancer survivors. Survivors who plan to attend the game can visit karmanos.org/pinkoutsurvivors to find out more about being included in the ceremony.

Stop smoking

St. Mary Mercy Livonia offers a free, four-session smoking cessation program, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5-26, at Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Participants will learn techniques for quitting and get help with challenges such as irritability, anxiety, increased appetite and cravings for cigarettes. Registration and attendance at all sessions is required. Call Michelle Eggenberger at 734-655-2973 or visit stmarymercy.org for additional information.

Walk with a Doc

Jennifer Beal, a geriatric medicine specialist, will talk about maintaining a healthy

lifestyle as you age, noon, July 16, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The session also includes a walk. Register by calling Botsford Hospital at 877-477-3621, option 1.

Weight loss

Find out if weight loss surgery is right for you at a free seminar, 5-7 p.m. July 15, at Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis Street, Wayne. Register at Oakwood.org or call 800-543-9355 for additional information.

Ongoing

Ab-Anon

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An Ab-Anon meeting group is available for families and loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

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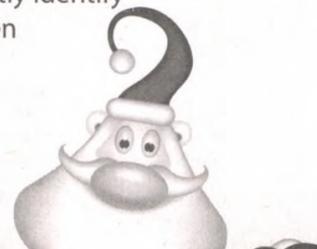
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