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## Presbyterian Village eyes expansion plan

And asks township for tax break to make it happen

By Michael Stavola  
Staff Writer

Presbyterian Village of Michigan has big expansion plans and township officials are considering making them a bit easier.

"It's our law, we amended it 10 years ago," Clerk Garth Christie said. "We can do it again."

Christie was referring to a

payment in lieu of taxes, a tax credit also called PILOT, that will allow the company to pay a set amount for using township services.

A for-profit company that provides senior housing would be taxed to off-set the cost of services, but Presbyterian Village would avoid those taxes with the PILOT agreement.

"It is a \$10 million investment that is good for business and good for the community," Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz said, explaining why she supports the agreement.

The state of Michigan recognizes the need for subdivi-

sions to provide low-income homes to the elderly. In 2003, the township board approved Presbyterian Village for a similar PILOT agreement. On Tuesday, representatives of the company said they planned to build 80 more homes and asked the township board to consider a second PILOT agreement.

The board met in a study session to go over the agreement; it was an agenda item on the regular meeting later that evening. The agreement is scheduled for a second reading and possible adoption at the July 9 township board meeting.

PILOT tax credits were authorized by the state Housing Development Authority Act of 1966.

The act allows a payment from the village in lieu of taxes, but the payment cannot exceed the amount that would have been collected without using the act. In this case, the agreement calls for a \$27,000 annual payment, with a 3-percent yearly increase.

Brian Carnaghi, senior vice president of finance and business development for Presbyterian Village, said residents will need the services of the township's fire/EMS and police departments.

The new project at the Village of Redford's Independent Living Cottages involves the renovation of 56 cottages and construction of 24 more. Some current cottages will be torn down to make room for new construction.

This project will employ 164 construction workers. Once it is done, four permanent positions at the village will be needed. The estimated cost of the improvements is \$10 million.

Of the \$10 million, \$2 million will be from investors and the rest will be a loan from the Federal Housing Administration.

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Six-year-old Madeline Gazzarari paints a self-portrait.



Eleven-year-old Samantha Dossin creates a cat with sidewalk chalk. Children flocked to the Redford District Library Wednesday for a day of fun. For a story and more photos of the event, turn to page A2. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Here comes mini business boom to the township

By Michael Stavola  
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Three businesses will be opening in the township after the site committee approved the companies with a few contingencies.

None of the companies is open for business yet, but all were approved provided they make some modifications to their space and/or pass inspection.

More businesses equals more jobs and a better township, said Marti Swek, executive director of the Redford Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm happy to see new businesses coming to Redford," she said. "It makes us stronger."

The owner of a new Jimmy John's on Telegraph, Fawzi Tomey, expects to employ 20-25 people and bring in annual revenue of \$600,000 to \$700,000.

After the committee was

assured it wouldn't be a pawn shop, members agreed to D&M Jewelers on Plymouth.

And although doors won't open until September, Public Service Credit Union has already started to have an impact on the community. The Redford Little League team it sponsors, the Cubs, just won a divisional championship, branch Manager Laura Sachas said.

"We want to start our involvement with the community early," she said. "So when PSCU opens we are part of Redford already."

PSCU joined the chamber and has played a part in other township programs.

The credit union is looking to hire roughly 10 employees. Sachas said all employees are required to fulfill a certain amount of community service hours.

"Redford has good oppor-

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## McCauley court hearing delayed until July 23

By Larry Ruehlen  
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Dennis McCauley's competency hearing and pre-exam conference has been pushed back to July 23 by officials at the 17<sup>th</sup> District Court in Redford.

McCauley, 64, was set to have his hearing Tuesday morning before Judge Charlotte Wirth, but it has now been rescheduled to July 23. Court officers said a doctor's report hadn't been presented to the court, forcing the change of date.

Court officers who were serving an eviction notice made a macabre discovery April 22 — the body of a woman who had been dead for several months was found in a home at Long's Trailer Park in Redford.

The woman was later identified to be Ann Marquis, 72 and law enforcement officials believe she died of natural causes in November.

McCauley, who was living at the trailer, was arrested and charged with nine felonies including uttering and publishing, identity theft, disinterment and mutilation of a dead body, illegal use of a financial transaction device, concealing the death of an individual, larceny and possession of a financial transaction device.

The right arm of the corpse had been removed at the shoulder.

Police said the pair had been living together for three years. A neighbor reported that McCauley frequently acted strange.

McCauley was arraigned April 26 and ordered to undergo a competency exam.

Wayne County prosecutors don't comment on cases before they go to court.



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