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Voters approve Rochester Community Schools sinking fund

On Tuesday, voters residing within the boundaries of Rochester Community Schools elected to approve a building and site sinking fund. This investment in the school district will generate approximately \$7.8 million per year for 10 years to repair, replace, or buy new facility and infrastructure items, enhance security, and upgrade technology.

“It is an honor to work among community members who place such a high value on education and are willing to invest in our students’ future,” said Superintendent Robert Shaner, Ph.D. “We are truly grateful for the support of our Rochester-area residents, members of the Advanced Planning Committee, the Citizens Committee, our parents, PTAs (Parent-Teacher Associations), PAC (Parent Advisory Committee), local leaders and business owners, and our outstanding board of education, school administrators and staff.”

In May, an Advanced Planning Committee, consisting of school, business, and city government leaders, met to discuss sustainability mechanisms for the district’s facility and infrastructure needs. The group concluded that it would be in the best interest of the district to pursue a sinking fund.

The committee brought their recommendation to the Board of Education at the June 10 meeting. The Board approved the sinking fund proposal on June 24 for

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ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS administrators celebrated the results on election day Tuesday, November 5 as the RCS building and site sinking fund was approved by voters with 67% approval. Photo courtesy of Rochester Community Schools

New “barbershop bar” coming to downtown Rochester

by LAUREN NICHOLSON

There is a new business coming to Downtown Rochester called Baus Barber. At the most recent Rochester City Council meeting, the council approved the transfer of a liquor license to the business, which will include a barbershop and bar.

The new business, owned by Mike and Daniella Gjekaj, will be located at 114 E. Fourth Street in the former toy store space.

According to the application for the license, the tentative hours for the new establishment would

be until midnight Monday through Wednesday, and until 2 a.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The business also sought to be able to stay open on Sundays when there are special events going on in Downtown Rochester.

There was some debate among the Council about the hours for the business.

“I’m not a big fan of 2 in the morning on Thursday,” Mayor Pro Tem Kim Russell said, “but I can live with it depending on what the rest of council says. As I told my children, nothing good happens

after midnight.”

Ultimately the council allowed the business to keep the 2 a.m. closing time on Thursdays to match most of the other bars downtown.

According to the application, the business will not have a food menu, but there will be bar snacks.

“Chips, popcorn, bar nuts, things of that nature,” owner Mike Gjekaj said.

There is no commercial

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Local election results in Rochester & Rochester Hills

Voters took to the polls Tuesday, November 5 in Rochester and Rochester Hills to decide on new city council members, charter amendments, and a school sinking fund.

In Rochester, three new city council members were elected in addition to incumbent Ann Peterson. Mark Albrecht, Amanda Harrison Keighley, and Steve Sage were elected to serve on city council for their first terms.

Five out of six charter amendments in Rochester were approved by voters. The only proposal that failed was Proposal F, which would have changed the minimum age for city council candidates to 21. The current minimum age of 25 will remain.

In Rochester Hills, mayor Bryan Barnett won reelection as a write-in candidate uncontested. Dale Hetrick won his candidacy for council member at large, as did David Walker. Councilmember Susan Bowyer won reelection uncontested for the 3rd District, and newcomer David Blair won the 2nd District seat.

For the election of Rochester Hills Library Board members, Anne Kucher and Suba Subbarao won their contests.

Rochester Hills voters also approved the local roads millage renewal with 81% voting yes.

See the unofficial election results at Oakgov.com/.

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Rochester Schools sinking fund approved with 67% of the vote

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placement on the November 5 election ballot.

“We achieve great outcomes for our children when we all work together with a common goal,” said Board President Kristin Bull. “We are grateful for the support of the community.”

A building and site sinking fund is audited annually by the Michigan Department of Treasury to ensure the revenue is spent only as the law allows.

“As we move forward, every action will continue to be deliberate, strategic, and focused

on safety and efficiencies throughout the entire RCS organization,” said Dr. Shaner. “Being good stewards of sinking fund dollars is both an expectation and obligation to our community.”

“**Rochester Community Schools** represents what’s great about public education when the community is behind it and the stakeholders are involved. Together, we can continue the tradition of Rochester Community Schools’ Pride in Excellence.”

Anness announces bid for state representative

Local community school district trustee Barb Anness, of Rochester Hills, has announced her bid for State Representative to serve the communities of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township in the Michigan state house on Wednesday via social media, and will have a formal campaign kick-off at local downtown Rochester retail establishment, South Street Skate Shop, on Thursday, November 14 from 7-9 p.m.

“I’m running to provide accessible, responsive, and transparent leadership for our community, to champion what



works for the greater Rochester area, and to move the needle on policies for an even brighter future for our area and Michigan,” said Anness.

Anness says she is focused on sustainable and equitable public education funding for children, addressing the failing infrastructure needs of Michigan, and improving ethical and responsible government. A 23-year resident of Rochester Hills, Barb and her husband, Tim, have two children, both of whom are graduates of Rochester High School. She was unanimously appointed to serve on the Rochester Community Schools Board of Education in July 2017 and retained her seat in an uncontested November 2018 election.

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Two 9-year-old students, Jazmine Barnett and Merit Curry created a Stand Up For Homeless Club at Baldwin Elementary school in Rochester Hills. The goal of the club is to host four donation drives per year and provide essential clothing, blankets, toiletries, and non-perishable foods to the homeless by partnering with shelters. The girls have received an invitation to teach other local elementary schools how to implement a Stand Up For Homeless Club. The has partnered with Beaumont Hospitals to host a donation drive for Hope Warming Center in Pontiac. The donation drive takes place from November 1 through November 18 (drop off at Baldwin front lobby) with a scheduled delivery to Hope Warming Center on November 22.

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Baus Barber liquor license approved

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kitchen in the space, so patrons can expect light snacks with their drinks and hair cuts.

“I love your concept, I think it’s great. Businesses that are bringing innovative and cool things to our city, we support,” Councilmember Nancy Salvia said.

There was no discussion of when the business could potentially be opening at the meeting, but the liquor license and operations application were both approved.



They say nothing good happens after midnight, and they may be correct

POLICE PATROL



■ ERRATIC DRIVING MAY BE THE REASON FOR NO INSURANCE –

Just before midnight, while on uniformed patrol in the city of Rochester, an officer was driving southbound on Walnut St approaching W Fourth St. The officer observed a vehicle driving northbound on Walnut St and preparing to turn eastbound onto W Fourth St. When the vehicle made the right turn to go eastbound onto W Fourth St, it struck the southeast curb. As the vehicle continued eastbound onto W Fourth St it drove in the parking spots on the south side on W Fourth St before making a left turn to go northbound onto S Main St. The vehicle's license plate was checked through the lein system that revealed there was no current insurance. The officer initiated a traffic stop on Main St near Maywood and the vehicle stopped on Maywood. The officer made contact with the driver and lone occupant, a 61-year-old man from Rochester Hills. Further investigation ensued that resulted in field sobriety tasks. The driver failed the tasks. He was given a PBT and the result was .12% BAC. He was arrested for OWI and taken to the Rochester Police Department for further testing. He was given a breathalyzer test and the result was .13% twice. He was then booked and processed, held until sober, and released with a ticket for OWI.

■ **FORGETTING TO CLOSE YOUR TRUNK IS NOT A GOOD SIGN** – Last Friday after 10 p.m., a Rochester officer was dispatched to the area of Walnut and University (West parking structure) for a possible OWI driver. A caller stated an intoxicated, older man was leaving the parking structure driving a red Honda. The caller specifically stated the trunk of the vehicle was open. The officer located the vehicle stopped for the red light in the left turn lane of eastbound W. University at Main St. The Honda Accord was being driven by an elderly man and the trunk to the vehicle was half open. Upon the traffic light turning green, the vehicle remained stopped for approximately six seconds before finally turning northbound onto N. Main from W. University. As the vehicle completed the turn it

began traveling in between the left and right lane. The officer initiated a traffic stop on N. Main south of Romeo Rd. The officer then informed the driver, a 71-year-old man from Washington, as to the reason for the stop. The officer could immediately smell a strong odor of intoxicants emitting from inside the vehicle. The driver was asked to take field sobriety tasks and he agreed. In doing so, the driver failed them. A PBT was given and the result was .17% BAC. He was arrested and taken to the Rochester Police Department for further testing. He was asked for a blood test and complied. A search warrant for blood was also filed and approved. The driver was booked and processed and later released pending charges of High BAC warrant.

■ **LATE NIGHT TACO BELL RUN WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA** – Last Saturday night, a Rochester officer was stationary on the southeast corner of Main and University. The officer's patrol vehicle was parked facing northbound, specifically observing the flow of traffic at the intersection of Main and University. The officer observed a vehicle traveling northbound on S. Main in the left turn lane. The vehicle was approaching the red light at University. The vehicle abruptly stopped, causing it to somewhat skid prior to stopping. Additionally, while on W. University the vehicle swerved to the left six separate times. The driver side tires were either driving on the double solid yellow line or crossing over it each time. The officer initiated a traffic stop on Walton east of Livernois, in the Buffalo Wild Wings parking lot. The officer spoke with the driver, a 50-year-old Rochester Hills resident, and informed him as to the reason for the stop. The driver said he was currently on his way to Taco Bell, coming from his home. While speaking with the driver, the officer noticed his eyes were bloodshot. The officer could also smell an odor of intoxicants emitting from inside the vehicle. The driver was given field sobriety tasks and failed them. He was offered a PBT and refused. The driver was arrested and taken to the Rochester Police Department and requested to take a breathalyzer test. He agreed and the result was .13% BAC. He was issued a citation for OWI.

Note: If you have any information on the aforementioned crimes, call the Rochester Police Department at 248-651-9621 or the OCSO Rochester Hills Substation at 248-537-3530.

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Scorpio, as you meet your goals your ambition will be appreciated

YOUR NOVEMBER HOROSCOPE

by
PAULA LYNDE

♏ SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21): Financial success may be on your mind, this month, Scorpio, but love is in the air. While you are chasing the bottom line, Cupid has you in his sights. Single Scorpions are likely to stumble across a very special someone while pursuing monetary opportunities. On the other hand, those in committed relationships will likely find that their partners appreciate their ambition – that sparkle in your eye, that extra spring in your step. Then, as a bonus, there is an excellent chance that you will meet your financial goals as well.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21): Ambition at work may yield positive results this month, Sagittarius. And, if you are currently in the market for a job, an excellent opportunity will likely turn up around the 24th. Unfortunately, your love life may turn a little sour around the same time. But this will likely be the result as a minor misunderstanding – Things will look brighter before the December holidays hit. In addition, there is a great possibility that you will have

a wonderful opportunity to help a family member in need.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): Single Capricorns will have plenty of opportunities for casual romantic connections this month, while married Caps and those in long-term relationships are likely focused on social obligations. Your friends are even more important than usual right now. It is likely that health and fitness goals are on your mind, and you can expect positive progress well before it is time to make New Year's resolutions.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): It is likely that your own family is currently faring well, and you may feel the urge to share your good fortune by helping another family. And even though you will expect nothing in return, your good deed will come back to you before the end of the month. Your finances are looking up, and, if you are single, romantic opportunities are available. Aquarians in established relationships will likely bask in the glow of the upcoming holidays with their partners by their sides.

♓ PISCES (Feb 19-March 20): Even if you work for someone else, Pisces, you are currently feeling like your own boss. You have a lot of ambitions and goals, and you have the motivation to make your dreams come true. Just make sure that you follow through with your ambitions and avoid

backing out at the last minute – You can do it. This also applies to single Pisces who have their eyes on that special someone. Now is the time to make your move, tell that person how you feel, and make the holidays even brighter.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19): November is an excellent month for your career, Aries. In fact, you may even expect a raise or even a promotion. In general, financial prospects are looking up, especially toward mid-month. Yet, even though you may be busy with your current success, don't forget to take time out for your family members and romantic partner. Otherwise, you may experience some friction with personal relationships around the 22nd.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It is all about the people in your life this month, Taurus. For example, financial success may be right around the corner, but only if you are willing to collaborate with colleagues. It is likely that you will make several new social connections by the end of November. And, if you are single, one of these connections may take a romantic turn. Married bulls and those in committed relationships can keep the flames of passion alive by performing little gestures that show how much you care.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are incredibly popular this month, Gemini, so expect a full social calendar. And, if you are

single, you may find that you have several romantic prospects – which may lead to confusion. After all, who do you choose? Your best bet is to not overthink the situation. Go with your gut and with the person with whom you share a natural connection. Going over to the other side of the fence, Gemini in established relationships may experience uncharacteristic jealousy from their parents on or around the 16th.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for big changes at work this month, Cancer – and they will likely be positive. You may get a raise, a promotion, or at least an office with a better window. You can also expect harmony on the home front, and you might be inspired to do something creative with your partner and your children (if you have them). Try a painting class at your local community center, a language class, or attend an upcoming cultural festival. These types of activities will make you feel more connected to your loved ones.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug 22): This is the month to tackle that home improvement project that you have been putting off because you are likely feeling inspired right now, and you have the energy to spare. This is also the case with your social life, and your natural wit and charm will attract new friends around mid-month. If you

are single, at least one of these new friends may want to be more than friends, but you should proceed with caution. Avoid getting into a relationship that you will regret later just to have a date for holiday parties.

♍ VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22): You may feel a little more aggressive than usual this month, Virgo, and it is certainly okay to assert yourself in most situations. However, you may benefit from backing down during an exchange that will likely occur mid-month. Single Virgos might find love matches while participating in their favorite hobbies. For example, that attractive person at the gym might finally get up the nerve to talk to you. If you are in a committed relationship, get ready to rekindle the flame on or around the 24th.

♎ LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22): This month, Libra, you will have the strong urge to be a “helper” (the kind of helper that Mr. Rogers told everyone to look for). And you should act on this impulse. Friends and family members will find inspiration in your good deeds and doing a favor for a coworker may result in a very positive outcome before the month is over. If you are in a committed relationship, your partner will appreciate your humanitarianism. And, if you are single, you may attract a fellow do-gooder.

Lagniappe in downtown Rochester November 25

Join the merchants of Downtown Rochester on Monday, November 25 from 6-9 p.m. when they offer their customers Lagniappe (Creole for “a little something extra”) in appreciation for their support throughout the year.

The Rochester Downtown Development Authority (DDA) also will offer some Lagniappe with the debut of The Big, Bright Light Show, presented by Fox Automotive. The program will begin at 6:20 p.m. on E. Fourth Street with help from the Mayor, Channel 7 and a special appearance by the man in red, Santa Claus himself. The lights will officially light-up downtown Rochester at 7 p.m. Make sure to bring your cameras because kids will then have the opportunity to share their Christmas lists with Santa from 7:15-9 p.m.

“Lagniappe is an opportunity for us to show our appreciation to the community in which we work

and live,” said Brad Saarela, Owner of Somerset Lending Corp, Andrews Realty Group and University Title.



“We know that we owe a good deal of our growth and success over the years to our local borrowers and every year we look forward to sponsoring Santa Claus so that we are able to contribute to this celebration, not only of lights and the Christmas spirit, but a celebration of Rochester and our rich history.”

In addition, free horse-drawn

carriage rides, sponsored by TDR Orthodontics will be available at E. Third and Walnut Street. The rides will run from 6-9 p.m. There will be a number of free holiday music performances to help visitors get into the holiday spirit; the Meadow Brook Carolers, Jennifer Kincer & Friends and more.

Following Lagniappe, The Big, Bright Light Show will run nightly from 5 p.m. to midnight through January 5, 2020. After January 5, The Big, Bright Light Show will be aglow every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in January through the Fire & Ice Festival. Also, don't forget Small Business Saturday on November 30 and the Kris Kringle Market, an open-air holiday market, December 6 and 7.

For more information on all Rochester DDA events, call 248-656-0060 or visit DowntownRochesterMI.com/.

Tickets now on sale for “A Bronx Tale”

Broadway In Detroit has announced that the North American Tour of A Bronx Tale, the new musical featuring a book by Academy Award nominee Chazz Palminteri, music by Oscar, Grammy, and Tony Award winner Alan Menken, and lyrics by

Fisher Theatre box office.

A Bronx Tale premiered at the Tony Award-winning Paper Mill Playhouse to critical and popular acclaim in Spring 2016. A Bronx Tale opened on Broadway at the Longacre Theatre on December 1, 2016. The show ended its

father he loves and the mob boss he'd love to be. Featuring an original doo-wop score, this is a tale about respect, loyalty, love, and above all else: family.

The creative team includes Beowulf Boritt, Scenic Design; William Ivey Long, Costume



Grammy Award winner and Oscar and Tony Award nominee Glenn Slater will play Detroit's Fisher Theatre, January 21 – February 2, 2020.

Tickets start at \$39 and can be purchased online at Broadwayindetroit.com or Ticketmaster.com/. Tickets may also be purchased by phone by calling 800-982-2787, and at the

Broadway run on August 5, 2018, having played 700 performances and as the second longest running show in the history of the Longacre Theatre.

Based on the one-man show that inspired the now-classic film, this streetwise musical takes audiences to the stoops of the Bronx in the 1960s – where a young man is caught between the

Design; Howell Binkley, Lighting Design; Gareth Owen, Sound Design; Paul Huntley, Hair & Wig Design; Anne Ford-Coates, Makeup Design; Stewart/Whitley, Casting; and Robert Westley, Fight Coordinator. Music Supervision and Arrangements are by Ron Melrose and Orchestrations are by Doug Besterman.

A Bronx Tale evolved from the one-man Off-Broadway play, A Bronx Tale, written and performed by Chazz Palminteri in 1989. During the original Off Broadway and subsequent Los Angeles engagements, Robert De Niro came to see the show, and brought the story and star Palminteri to the screen in 1993, making his film directorial debut in the process. Following the success of the film, Palminteri performed the one-man show A Bronx Tale on Broadway in the 2007-2008 Season.

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Ask Jamie: Questions about senior living answered



by JAMIE SMITH, CDP,
Director of Marketing &
Sales for Anthology of
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Senior Living

Dear Jamie, I recently had lunch with a friend and she was telling me that she and her husband have begun paying for their funeral arrangements. To me, the idea is too creepy and morbid to even think about. They are still in their early 60s and active, so why so soon?

Death is not always an easy topic of conversation, but I have an announcement - there is a 100% chance we will die. Our death may be completely unexpected, or because of an illness or age, completely expected. Three weeks ago, I was hit with the unexpected. My father passed away without warning. To say my world was turned upside down would be an understatement. But because my mother and father were planners, I was protected from most of the burden of planning his funeral, in fact the most difficult decision I

had to make was the floral arrangements. Yes, it can be creepy, but do you really want your spouse or children to have to make difficult decisions when they are grieving your loss? By pre-planning, you can ensure that your wishes are carried out as you want and, in the manner you choose.

I am so thankful my parents planned, because I was in no position mentally to make the arrangements. In fact, my husband and I went and designed our headstone a few days ago and, to our surprise, we enjoyed making it look just how we wanted (even adding a surprise message to our kids on it). The best part of it is knowing that our children will not have to worry about it when we are gone. I recommend scheduling a meeting with your local funeral home to get some information.

If you have a question you would like answered, email JeSmith@AnthologySeniorLiving.com or call 248-266-7680.

Anthology of Rochester Hills is located at 1775 S. Rochester Road. Learn more at AnthologySeniorLiving.com/.

Upcoming events at Rochester Hills Public Library

Iconic author Mark Twain comes to life

Patrons of the Rochester Hills Public Library have the chance to go back in time to meet one of history's most famous authors, Mark Twain. Ray Doré of Doré Productions will bring the



character of Mark Twain to life in an interactive event that will share the story of Twain's life.

"This is such an exciting and unique way to educate people about Mark Twain," said Doré.

Mark Twain, author of titles such as *Huckleberry Finn* and

Tom Sawyer, will enthrall guests with tales of travel, politics, family, and fame. He will share personal anecdotes and historical information about his life in the early 1900s.

"This is a one of a kind program that can get the whole family excited," said Community Relations Specialist Amanda Harrison Keighley, "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase such a unique educational event."

The event will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Rochester Hills Public Library and is open to everyone with an RHPL library card. This program is geared toward adults but all ages are welcome. Register in advance at calendar.rhpl.org/.

Celebrate Oakland County's bicentennial

The year 2020 marks Oakland County's bicentennial, and the celebration begins at the Rochester Hills Public Library with Historian Jim Craft. Craft will share the history of Oakland County and present a reprint of 1877 History of Oakland County as

a gift to the library.

"It is an honor to be able to speak about the rich and vast history of our county," Craft said, "I can't think of a better way of honoring our past than by sharing it."

1877 History of Oakland County was originally printed by LH Everts of Philadelphia. Craft will discuss the content of the book, as well as how it applies to general interest readers, researchers, and teachers. In addition to making the gift, Craft will also cover a brief history of Oakland County in the 1870s.

"We love every opportunity we have to bring our community together to celebrate its shared history," said Community Relations Specialist Amanda Harrison Keighley, "This is a monumental milestone for our county."

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Michigan among the worst states for sleep

Getting a good night's sleep is important for every aspect of your life, but some people have an easier time resting than others. A recent study with the CDC and Census data shows Michigan residents struggle to get 7 hours of sleep per night.

For those residing in the Rust Belt and the Upper Midwest region of Michigan, grabbing a good night's sleep might be difficult since around half of Detroit residents slept less than seven hours.

Nearly 40% of Michigan residents get less than seven hours of sleep per night, making it one of the worst rested states (35th).

A key factor is income, and 38% of Detroit residents live in poverty - the only city with a higher percentage is Flint at 41%.

Other key factors for sleep include population density, health insurance and peace of mind, as well as physical and mental health.

To produce these findings, analysts used data from the CDC's 500 Cities Project and the U.S. Census Bureau.

See the full study at Amerisleep.com/blog/why-arent-you-sleeping/

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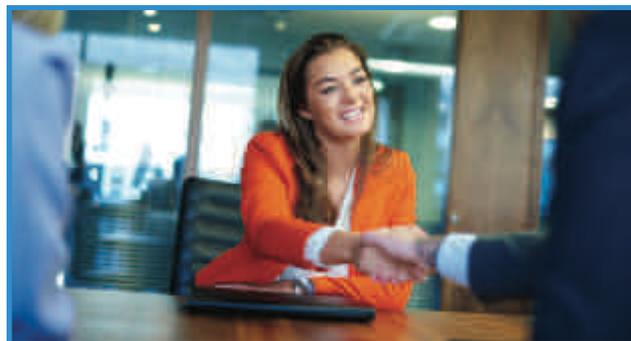
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Oakland University professor and research team awarded \$252,000 in retina research grant funding

Kenneth Mitton, Ph.D., professor in the Oakland University Eye Research Institute (ERI) and principal investigator, along with co-investigators on the grant, ophthalmologists Michael Trese, M.D., and Kimberley Drenser, M.D., Ph.D. at Retinal Solutions, LLC, has been awarded two significant grant funding awards to investigate a drug for potential retinal regeneration.

The first grant is a National Institutes of Health Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) R41 grant for \$227,000. In addition, the team has been awarded a Michigan Emerging Technologies Fund grant for \$25,000 that will be used to support research on production of the drug.

The team will use the grant funding for one year to investigate Noregen, a protein-based ocular therapeutic drug, which may promote regeneration and repair of damaged retinal blood vessels in the human eye. The hope is that the drug will be able to stimulate vascular endothelial stem-cells that naturally reside in the surviving retinal blood vessels and have the ability to produce lost endothelial cells.

“In many retinal diseases, parts of the retina fail to function due to loss of circulation or neuronal damage,” said Dr. Trese. “This drug may be able to reverse these effects and is part of an evolving and exciting new area of medicine broadly referred to as regenerative medicine.”

Dr. Mitton believes this initial project could be the first phase of a longer cooperative project that will eventually lead to a human clinical trial.

“The long-term goal is to develop the agent for use in patients with retinal vascular problems which often lead to loss of vision, particularly for patients

diabetic retinopathy or several pediatric retinal diseases,” Dr. Mitton explained.

Frank Giblin, Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Sciences & Director of the Eye Research Institute added, “This is the first STTR funding ever received by an ERI faculty member and we are very proud of Dr. Mitton and his team for bringing this important research to Oakland University.”

ERI DNA sequencing technologist Wendy Dailey and OU undergraduate student researcher Jennifer Felisky also contributed to the preliminary research to design biotechnology production of Noregen in bacteria.



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY student Jennifer Felisky and Dr. Mitton. Photo courtesy of Oakland University

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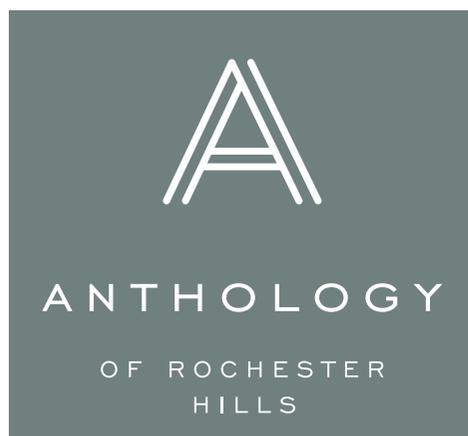
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