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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.

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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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.

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
Staff Writer

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 downtown-wayne.org/jazz.

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The Wayne Historical Museum.

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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



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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 Mehelich 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. Girard** 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. Rohraff, 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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


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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 we will 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



Abundant Life Church of God in Canton has started a food pantry.

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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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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

- » (\$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 striping (\$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



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

County Family Center Servant Project, contact Pastor Phil Hemke at phek@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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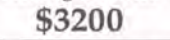
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Concours to reunite rare sports cars

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



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.

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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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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;

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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

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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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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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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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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.

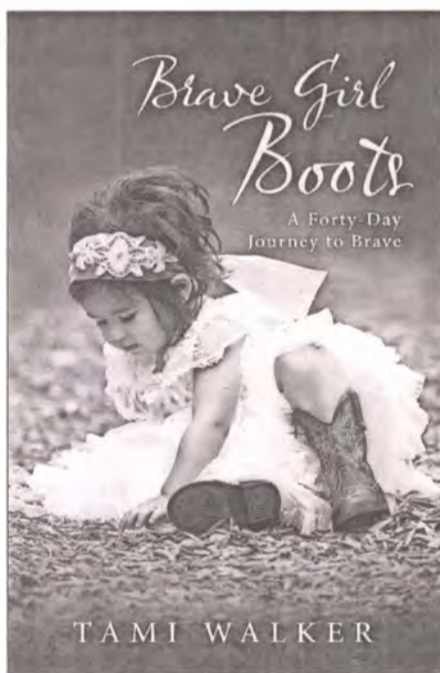
"Carrie Stanley is in the kitchen this morning," Walker prefaced the book's "Day 14" entry. "She is as bold for Jesus as her hair color. You'll be friends with her in no time."

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.

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 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-cen-



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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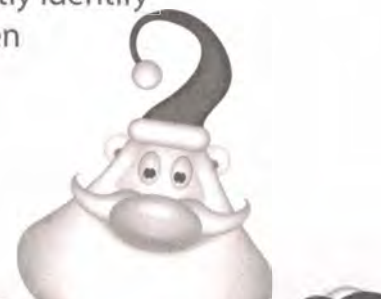
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