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Meeting set on haunted attraction

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Residents living near a proposed outdoor haunted house are finding the idea scary but not in a good way.

Cody Bailey, owner of Skateland West on Cherry Hill west of Newburgh, is seeking a special-use permit to allow an outdoor seasonal haunted attraction/Christmas event. He is looking to move his Hush

haunted attraction from its current Ford Road location to Skateland West for an expanded operation.

After opposition from neighbors, along with a Planning Commission recommendation that the special-use permit be denied, the council voted last week to table the request to allow a study session to be scheduled to discuss the matter. The study session has been set for 6 p.m. Thursday, June

30. The Westland Police Department is also to do a traffic study.

Along with a temporary structure in the north parking lot, the haunted attraction would also utilize wooded land to the north and west that is part of the 16.7-acre Skateland West property. The woods currently serves as a buffer between the business and adjoining residential properties. Neighbors living to the north

have expressed concerns about noise, people wandering off the wooded trail, insufficient parking and traffic.

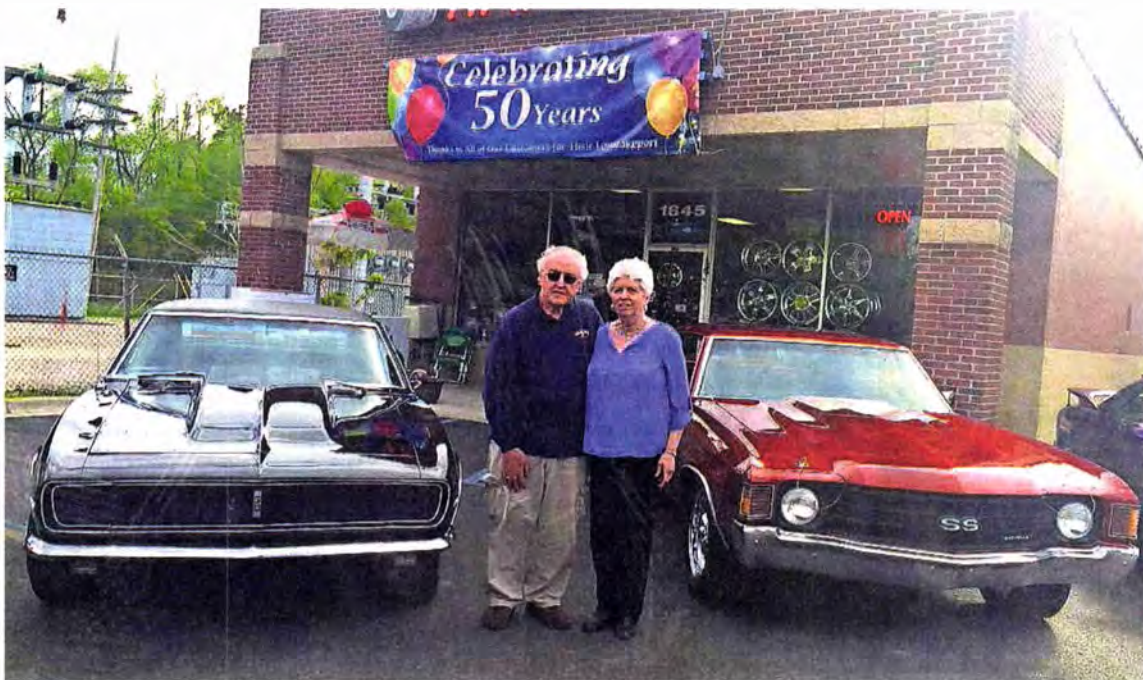
Citing an unacceptable increase in noise, inadequate parking and public safety concerns, the Planning Commission recommended that council deny the request.

"I have a lot of questions. When they conducted sound tests, I heard screams," said resident Barbara Allen, whose

home on Florence abuts the Skateland West property. "The property is not heavily wooded in the fall — I can see Cherry Hill."

The proposal is to construct a 11,600-square-foot temporary building in the north end of the parking as part of the attraction. Bailey had said that his 60 employees would park at the current Hush Haunted attrac-

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Jim and Margaret Harlow pictured last year as Harlow Tire celebrated 50 years in business.

FILE PHOTO

Wayne cuts retiree benefits

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A fight over retiree healthcare between Wayne and retired city workers is likely to end up in court.

The city council voted last week to require retirees to pay 30 percent of healthcare premiums plus a hard cap paying 100 percent of future premium increases.

The resolution, citing the city's dire financial situation, also ends any city payments for Medicare Part B reimbursements. The financially strapped city argues there is no money to pay for the benefits. This move is expected to save the city \$600,000 annually.

Retirees, who called on council to delay action in particular on the hard cap requirement, argued that their 100-percent paid medical insurance after 25 years service is required under labor contracts in place when they retired, as well as spelled out in the city charter.

Following the vote, many of the retirees who attended the meeting gathered in the hallway to discuss their options. Retired Wayne firefighter Tim Reynolds said the retirees would be organizing and suing the city over the changes. "We all retired under a con-

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HARLOW TIRE ENDS 51 YEARS IN WESTLAND

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A mainstay on Wayne Road for 51 years, Harlow Tire will close at the end of business Saturday as owners Margaret and Jim Harlow have decided to retire.

Margaret Harlow announced the couple's retire-

ment last week at the Westland Council meeting. The business will open Monday as Monro Muffler and Brake.

"We're riding off into the sunset. I wanted to thank all of you for your support over the years. We have an opportunity, so we going to seize it," Harlow said. "The new company is keeping the employees, so you

will get the same great service."

Jim Harlow semi-retired a couple of years ago but with no one in the family to take over the business, he returned to work. Along with the business, Margaret Harlow has been active in the community — she was honored as both Business Person of the Year

and First Citizen in 1991.

"I want to say thanks to Margaret. You've meant so much to the community. It's great you got to ride out on your own terms," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "I think it's great that Harlow Tire beat Westland (incorpora-

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Rotary honors boxing champion

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Erskine "Duck" Wade won his first 70 amateur fights as a boxer, and he holds multiple Golden Gloves titles.

But it's his work outside the ring that drew raves Tuesday when the Westland Rotary Club honored Wade with its 2016 Community Champions Award.

Wade, brought in to help run the Norwaye Boxing Club, has been a champion for the kids who work out there since his arrival at the Jefferson-Barns

facility some 18 months ago.

Rotary President Paul Motz, in honoring Wade at the Westland Chamber of Commerce awards celebration at Joy Manor, said Wade has the kids helping people in the neighborhood have a better life.

"Erskine teaches the values of giving back," Motz said. "Instead of being lost souls, these kids find value in their lives. These young people he's teaching become leaders themselves."

Born in Chicago and a boxer since he was 16, Wade is a firm

believer that everyone who walks into the boxing club should walk out a well-rounded individual.

Wade's resume includes being involved in the first boxing match ever televised by the USA cable network.

"Boxing can teach you so much about life," Wade said. "I am so excited to help make a difference in the lives of the young men and women who walk through those doors."

Kids who work with Wade

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Erskine "Duck" Wade (left) had a lot of support at Tuesday's Westland Chamber of Commerce awards night.



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tion) by one year." Married 53 years, the Harlows met while attending Plymouth High School — the downtown high school, Margaret Harlow notes. They got married after Margaret, now 72, graduated in 1962 — Jim, 73, had graduated the previous year. Jim Harlow worked changing tires right out of high school. He started at a store called Tire

Discount at Beech Daly and Warren Road. Later, he was managing a tire store on Woodward at half a mile north of Eight Mile. "He wanted to go into business for himself. I said do it now while there was only the two of us," Margaret Harlow said. "We had already moved to Westland." Located on the west side of Wayne Road just south of Ford, Harlow Tire was originally located in a building immediately north of the present site. The building was

demolished but today it would be the south half of the Lady Jane hair salon. Harlow Tire moved into the building next door and in 2006 built a new service center at the rear. Once word was out about the business changing hands, Margaret Harlow said customers have been coming in to get a last set of tires — there are sales since the new owner didn't buy the stock — or to say hello. Some former employees, too. "One fella came in. He

used to work for us when he was 20 — that was 42 years ago," she said. "(Former Westland Mayor) Bob Thomas worked for us right out of high school before he worked for the city. We've had a lot of employees. Some of the best tire changers came as co-op students from Glenn (high school)." Having lived in Westland for 38 years, the couple moved about an eighth of a mile away into Wayne. "We had a tri-level when we raised our kids.

Then our (three) kids started having kids and we needed a different living area, a gathering area," said Margaret Harlow. With retirement, the couple won't be making a big changes, Margaret Harlow said. "I'll continue on the Salvation Army board and Rotary. I can't be on the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) board anymore," she said. "I chaired my last meeting today (Thursday). You have to either have a business in the

district or live there. I've probably chaired the DDA board for 20 years." It'll be strange not getting up, taking a shower and heading to the store Monday morning, Margaret Harlow said. "I'll miss the customers and the interaction. I won't miss the economic down turns and what that does to the business," she said. "Or January and February — those were always slow times."

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go out into the neighborhood, mowing lawns, doing yard work and helping in many other ways. His faith is a big part of it — "God is letting me know I'm special to him ... He put me in this

area for a reason," Wade said Tuesday. And the Rotary award is special to him. "It means so much to me," Wade said. "Now I'm going to work even harder." Staff writer Ed Wright contributed to this story. *bkadrich@hometownlife.com*
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tion location on Ford and be shuttled to the site, along with possibly leasing parking on the south side of Cherry Hill. "There is a lack of parking and building a structure on the asphalt will take away from the parking," Allen said. "How are they going to shuttle 60 employees when there are only 10 parking spaces at Ford Road?" Another nearby resident Jerry Minch said that there are about 25 homes north of the Skateland West property. "These are working families. On the weekend you like to come home for time with the family, not

to hear screams and who knows what until 1 a.m.," he said. The proposal, which would have a haunted attraction open weekends leading up to Halloween, is that tickets would stop being sold at midnight. However, customers would have until 1 a.m. to make their way through the attraction. The temporary structure would be altered to serve as a town area for Christmas. Representing Skateland West, attorney Kenneth Silver wanted to speak on the proposal but a motion to table had already been made and support precluding discussion. "Considering the amount of time needed to put the attraction together, a time delay could be fatal," he said. "I think I

can address this with regards to the noise, traffic and other concerns of the public. We can demonstrate it's a substantial benefit to the community." Noting that a few residential property owners were expressing concern about the development, Silver said he thought he would be able to sway the council by addressing those concerns. Council President James Godbout commented that the council was tabling the special-use permit request for more information rather than just denying it. Several days prior to the council meeting, Bailey hosted a meeting with residents to show an altered trail route and answer questions. A question that came

up at that meeting, as well as the council meeting, was a lengthy Facebook posting which several residents viewed as an attempt at intimidation. In the statement, Bailey writes that if the project isn't approved that Skateland West would be shut down, the land would be clear cut for industrial development. "This is not a residential area, this is the city's Industrial District. We will not stand for being told that our over million dollar investment in this community the last three years is irrelevant. We will not stand for being told that our planned \$1.25 million dollars in investment by 2020 is irrelevant." Bailey wrote in his statement.

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tract, let alone the city charter. The contracts were all signed by the city as to what we walked out the door with," retired fire chief Mel Moore said. "How can you violate the contracts? You said cuts would violate the existing contracts (with current employees). We're still under contract." Due to losses of revenue through the steep drops of property values, the end of personal prop-

erty taxes and reductions in state shared revenue, Wayne is projected to run out of money by the end of 2017. On Aug. 2, voters are being asked to approve Wayne's membership in the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Agency and up to 14 mills for police and fire services. That additional revenue would fund police and fire services, including a council commitment to hire additional police officers and firefighters if the measure is approved. "We're willing to work with you. If you shove something down our throats, it leaves a bad

taste," said Moore, who asked the council to wait on implementing the hard cap provision. Retired parks and recreation deputy director Juan Bradford cited a letter of understanding with the supervisor's association detailing retiree healthcare, including 100-percent paid coverage for retirees with 20 or more years service. "There was a window and you could buy time for service credit. Some people took the buyout with this letter of understanding," he said. Council approved the resolution with opposing votes from councilmen

Ryan Gabriel, Christopher Sanders and Richard Sutton. Reviewing the financial conditions that brought the city to this point, Sanders said, "However with all that said, the faces of the retirees haunt me. I could support looking at options." Councilman Anthony Miller noted that citizens have been forced to deal with increased insurance expenses for years. "We're at the end of the road. This has gone on long enough," he said. "I have to be the voice of the people as well."

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OUT OF THE ROAD

Hayes crossing guard retires after 39 years

For more than three decades, Betty Kraska donned a bright safety vest and wielded a red stop sign in her hand — always making sure Hayes Elementary students crossed the street safely on their way to and from school.

On June 16, Kraska crossed her last students and lowered her stop sign for the final time, after serving 39 years as a crossing guard at Ann Arbor Trail and Flamingo. No matter the weather — rain, sleet, snow and heat — Mrs. Kraska stood vigilantly on guard for three decades.

She started working as a crossing guard when her own children, Dan and Denise, were in first grade and kindergarten. And, she's been there for hundreds of children over the years. When she started, there were many more students who crossed with her daily; she even used to cross kids at lunch time when they would go home to eat lunch, then return to school.

Kraska says her best memories are the kids. She loves seeing them each morning and afternoon. She said parents who were students she crossed years ago are now walking their children to Hayes.

Kraska's loving but firm voice kept children safe as they waited for the light to turn red. The stop light has been in place for all of the years she's worked, but she notes that many more drivers ignore it these days. That's why Hayes students knew they couldn't start crossing until Mrs. Kraska said it was safe.

"The Hayes community loves her for her time and dedication and wishes her the best on her retirement," Principal Theresa O'Brien said.

Students and their families decorated her corner on the last day of the school year, and even chalked some friendly messages on the sidewalk, to show her how much she will be missed.

"The fence line says it all!" O'Brien said.



Students and family members decorated the corner for Betty Kraska on her last day. SUBMITTED



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Clean up effort encourages caring volunteers

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Cleaning up Detroit's Denby community matters a great deal to Hakeem Weatherspoon, 19, a junior studying journalism at Michigan State University.

Weatherspoon's interning with Life Remodeled and active with the Remodeling Lives One Neighborhood at a Time, set for Aug. 1-6 in the Denby community, around Six Mile and Kelly on Detroit's east side.

"I'm presenting this project to everyone I can. Every hand is a helping hand," he told Westland Rotarians and guests June 23 at Joy Manor. The goal is to sign up 10,000 volunteers and beautify 300 blocks.

Weatherspoon, who now lives in Warren, noted the Denby area will have a "Green Light" park with 24/7 surveillance. The high school salutatorian, who was a National Honor

Society member, recalled a Denby capstone project presented to legislators, judges and other leaders.

"We had to create something to benefit the community," he recalled of their park plan adjacent to their school. A couple years later, he heard of Life Remodeled and Chris Lambert's work. "Once I see problems, I see solutions," Weatherspoon said.

Volunteers also aim to remodel 50 homes in that time. Volunteers will mow overgrown weeds, cut brush, remove illegal dumping, paint and plant. Sponsorship opportunities remain.

Volunteer shifts will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those age 14 and up Aug. 1-6. Westland officials are focused on Aug. 2 specifically for Westland volunteers, although sign-ups at all times are encouraged. Visit LifeRemodeled.com/Westland for more information.



Visiting at the Westland Rotary June 23 lunch are (from left) club President Paul Motz, Life Remodeled intern Hakeem Weatherspoon, a 2014 Detroit Denby High School graduate enrolled at Michigan State University, past club President Lou Toarmina, and the Rev. Tyson Nofzinger of Westland Free Methodist Church.

Weatherspoon and others are also talking at local schools. He noted the split between downtown Detroit and

its neighborhoods "and getting people to live in the neighborhoods and know those people."

Some have moved away from Detroit, he noted, which limits its "alumni base." Also, some young adults just out of college are moving in, drawn by lower housing prices.

"A lot of blight causes violence sometimes," Weatherspoon noted. "If you look good, you do good. This is a great way of the community coming together."

He noted the blue-collar, hardworking people of the city "and the people who run the streets."

A flier from Life Remodeled noted one year after investing with partners in Cody Rouge, crime had decreased in 10 of 11 categories, including:

- » 47 percent less homicides
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- » 19 percent less burglaries.

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Westland Goodfellows award four \$500 scholarships

Four local high school graduates have been awarded \$500 scholarship thanks to the Westland Goodfellows.

Working with the guidance counselors/scholarship committee at both Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, the recipients were chosen with the following requirements: a Westland resident with a minimum 2.5 GPA and plan on attending secondary education at a university, community college, technical training school or similar accredited school; and having actively participated in some form of community service, volunteerism or activism within the two years prior to graduation.

The Goodfellows scholarship recipients for 2016 are:

- » Stephen Hegenauer from

John Glenn High School. In addition to doing well academically with a 3.5 GPA, he has participated in a variety of charitable activities throughout the community. With his church youth group he made food baskets for homeless people in Detroit and later helped at a soup kitchen.

Hegenauer coached and refereed elementary age children in hockey and basketball. During the holidays, he has worked as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army. As a member of the National Honor Society, Hegenauer helped collect toys for the Goodfellows 2015 No Child Without a Christmas program. He will be attending Albion College with a goal of eventually becoming a pediatrician.

- » Also a Glenn graduate,

Autumn Klips has been a volunteer with the Westland Goodfellows for many years. She has been willing to help in whatever is needed at the Goodfellows annual No Child Without a Christmas event. She has sorted toys, made sandwiches for volunteers and signed in parents when they arrived to pick up their children's gifts.

As a member of for Health Occupations Students of America at the William D. Ford Vocational Training Center, Klips has participated in many charitable activities including a bowling fundraiser to help the group purchase gifts for 12 children the group adopted from the Goodfellows 2015 applicants.

Klips will be attending the University of Michigan to

study to become a nurse practitioner.

» Jacob Melcher is a 2016 scholarship winner from Wayne Memorial. He is described by his teachers as a hardworking and outgoing young man who will go out of his way to help others or just to make them smile.

Melcher enrolled last year in the firefighter and EMT programs at the William D. Ford Vocational Training Center. He was selected by his EMT instructor to do clinicals, to gain hands-on experience in this field and to represent the center.

Melcher has also been very active in his church, the JROTC program and is a food bank volunteer. He will continue his firefighter/paramedic career at Schoolcraft Com-

munity College.

» The second Wayne Memorial scholarship recipient, Marisa Sdao, included a quote from Audrey Hepburn in her application essay: "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself and, the other for helping others."

Sdao has demonstrated her desire to help others in many ways, from packing dry meals for her church's "2 Million Meals" campaign, to participating in an Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas, and as a regular volunteer with the Westland Goodfellows.

Sdao plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to pursue a degree in education.

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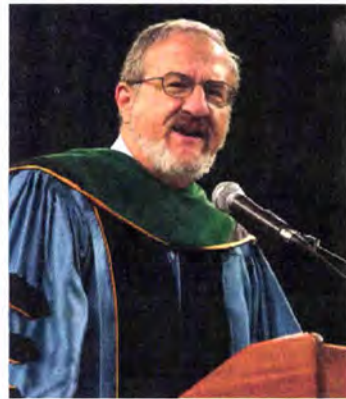
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Wayne County Community College District's Forty-Seventh Annual Commencement Ceremony



Dr. Mark S. Schlissel, the 14th President of the University of Michigan, delivered the keynote address for the Wayne County Community College District's (WCCCD) 47th commencement ceremony at Ford Field in Detroit on Saturday, June 4th. More than 1,800 students received degrees and certificates in various disciplines.

"I want to give a very special shout out to Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery for his amazing 21 years of leadership of the District and opening the doors to higher education for the people of Wayne County," Dr. Schlissel went on to say.

"The key to thriving through change is education, and the benefits extend beyond enhancing careers. It enhances life – for you as graduates and everyone you interact with," Dr. Schlissel told the graduates.

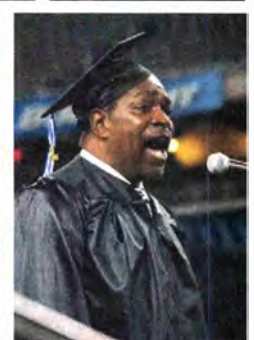
"Education is the gift that keeps on giving. It informs how we interact as citizens, how we vote, and how we approach our greatest challenges."

Among this year's graduates was Ms. Ruby Watson Parker, a great-grandmother, received her nursing degree at age 87. Ms. Parker

enrolled at WCCCD in 1969, and remembers her journey here at WCCCD. Also making news was Meranda Sawabini, the mother of quadruplets, who graduated with her nursing degree.

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery who conferred the various degrees and certificates reminded the students that "As we approach our 50th anniversary, education continues to be the key to achieving success. Our students leave with the assurance that they step forward into this changing society with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed."

These sentiments were echoed by Dr. Schlissel when he said, "We need college graduates. Twenty-five percent of Michiganders over the age of 25 have some college but no degree. Yet, the Business Leaders for Michigan estimates that by the year 2020, 70 percent of the jobs in Michigan will require education beyond high school level. Think about the problems we face as a society in our state, in our schools and neighborhoods. These problems can best be solved by educated citizens who understand what communities need. Congratulations! You made it!"







Westland Police are trying to identify this couple wanted in connection to an identify fraud case.

Pair sought in debit card charges case

Westland Police are attempting to identify a couple wanted for fraud after a Westland resident's debit card was charged over \$200 without permission.

Suspects were allegedly caught on surveillance footage at a Walmart in Ypsilanti making multiple purchases using multiple credit/debit cards.

Both suspects then left the location in a silver 2004-2008 Pontiac Grand Prix with tinted rear windows, and black rims, possibly just missing hubcaps, police said.

One suspect is described as black male approximately 25-35 years old, medium to heavy build with facial hair on his chin.

The other suspect is described as a black male with approximately 25-35 years old, heavy build, long hair pulled back into a bun.

Anyone who can help identify either of the suspects is asked to call the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Brian Humphrey at 734-467-3179.

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Wallet stolen

Police were dispatched Thursday afternoon to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on the report of a stolen wallet.

The victim said she was shopping in the store and had her wallet in her hand. She said she either dropped it or put it down and could not find it later. She was contacted by her bank, who said her card had been used for several online transactions.

Phone taken from car at gym

Livonia police were called Thursday night to

LA Fitness, 30273 Plymouth, on the report of a cellphone that had been taken from a vehicle parked outside the gym.

The victim told police he parked his car in the lot, locked it and went inside. He locked his items in a locker using a combination lock and later returned to find his keys missing. He went out and found his cellphone missing from his car.

Items missing from vehicle

A woman came into the police station Wednesday afternoon to report several items had

been taken from her vehicle while it was parked in 29200 block of Morlock.

She said she was staying at her grandmother's home and came out to her vehicle to find items from her center console scattered on the passenger seat. The faceplate for her stereo was also missing. She drove the car to work, and later found her vehicle registration missing from the glove box. She observed scratch marks on the exterior of one of the doors, which appeared to be where the entry was made.

Dalai Lama to speak to mayors; Wild to attend

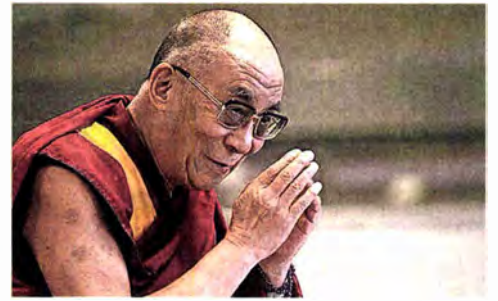
World-renowned spiritual leader the Dalai Lama is scheduled to speak to U.S. mayors about how to instill compassion in their cities, a speech that comes in the wake of the recent violence in Orlando and elsewhere in the country.

Westland Mayor William Wild will be joining mayors from across the country in Indianapolis this week for the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting.

"This is a unique opportunity to not only share ideas and discuss major issues affecting cities across the country," Wild said. "But it is important time in our history to focus on the role that compassion can play in building social innovation."

The Dalai Lama's keynote remarks will focus on the global significance of building kind and compassionate cities through mayors' actions at the local level.

In addition to the keynote address, His Holiness



The Dalai Lama will address the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which is meeting in Indianapolis this week.

will answer questions from mayors during a Q&A session following his remarks.

This is Wild's second meeting with the Dalai Lama. After their first meeting in 2012 in Louisville at the Festival of Faith, Wild was inspired to create Westland's own Compassionate City Program. Westland was the first city in Michigan to sign the Charter for Compassion.

The United States

Conference of Mayors 84th Annual Meeting takes place Friday, June 24 - Monday, June 27.

In addition, each of the presidential candidates has been invited to address the meeting and to discuss the 2016 Mayors Compact for a Better America: A Call to Action, which prioritizes urban issues, as well as their vision to strengthen the federal-local partnership and build strong cities and metro economies.

Street light upgrade coming

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

The third and final phase of Westland's LED street light conversion project is expected to get underway within the next couple of weeks.

Approved earlier this month by city council, the project will convert 2,466 street lights from mercury vapor to LED.

"We're in the planning stages now. The lights (being converted) are scattered all over the city," Westland Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib said.

"Phase one was on Wayne Road. These lights are along subdivision roads."

The project is expected to kick off in the next few weeks and will take 10-12 weeks to complete. The total cost for this phase to the city is \$435,173 with an annual savings of \$260,364.

"As a city dedicated to responsible environmental practices and sustainability, Westland is thrilled to be able to improve upon the safety of motorists and pedestrians who use these thoroughfares with LED

streetlights that use less energy yet provide for enhanced visibility," Mayor William Wild said.

With the reduced energy costs from the more energy-efficient LED lights, Westland expects the project costs to be recouped in less than two years.

The initial phase, which began in March 2015 has already converted 166 street light fixtures to LED on Wayne Road between Glenwood and Parkgrove. That project resulted in an annual savings of \$23,136. The city's investment in this phase of the project was \$29,688.

The second phase of the project began in August 2015 and converted 230 street light fixtures to LED on major roads throughout the city. The total cost to the city was \$68,996 with an annual savings of \$38,516.

Mercury vapor lights are being converted to LED but other existing high pressure sodium lights will remain.

"The mercury vapor lights are inefficient and obsolete — we can't get parts," El-Gharib said. "The high pressure sodium lights are alright — they aren't as inefficient as the mercury vapor."

The project is being funded with Metro Act funds which are earmarked for work done in road right-of-ways. Additionally, property owners are also assessed for street lights through a special assessment which will be up for renewal later this year. The assessments aren't levied on properties which have no street lights.

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Stephen Baker
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Check out 2016 Maxima at Nissan of Canton

The redesigned 2016 Nissan Maxima is a powerful, good-handling sedan that stays true to the nameplate's performance-oriented heritage and features an upscale interior that befits its price. You can view and test drive one at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

"Maxima" is Nissan's longest continually-in-use nameplate, and the eighth-generation car is a boldly styled sedan that draws heavily from the Nissan Sport Sedan Concept.

Ever since the Nissan Altima grew into a mid-size family sedan in the early 2000s, the Maxima hasn't fit neatly into a segment. Nissan says the 2016 Maxima is designed to compete with larger, traditional full-size sedans like the Chevrolet Impala and Toyota Avalon, as well as appeal to buyers looking to move up to a luxury car, like the Acura TLX.

The 2016 Maxima is offered in five trim levels — S, SV, SL, SR and Platinum — that determine the level of equipment; accessories are available, but there are no option packages. We drove an SL, which is priced at \$37,715, and the \$38,495 SR. That one is the most performance-focused model, with unique suspension bushings, springs, shocks, front stabilizer bar and chassis bracing, in addition to 19-inch alloy wheels with stickier Goodyear tires (prices include an \$825 destination charge).

Exterior and styling

The Maxima brings Nissan's Energetic Flow design language to its sedan lineup. Signature cues include a plunging grille bordered by LED daytime running lights and gloss-black pillar



Test drive the 2016 Nissan Maxima at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

finishes that give the roof a floating appearance — something Nissan says is inspired by a fighter jet's canopy. The front end is aggressive — the car looks menacing when you see it coming up on you in your rear-view mirror — and also memorable. It's a design that demands a reaction, good or bad.

How it drives

Large cars may be known for a forgiving, comfortable ride quality, but that's not the Maxima formula. Compared with a Chevrolet Impala or Chrysler 300, which both do a good job smoothing out bumps and cracks in the road, the Maxima is a much more connected, tighter-handling car. There's remarkably little body roll when driving quickly through a corner. You feel bumps, but they're dealt with in a refined way.

The SR trim level's unique suspension is considerably firmer and busier; you feel more road imperfections, even smaller ones, and the impact is harsher when you hit a big pavement crack. It's a little too rough-riding for me, especially considering the good ride-and-handling balance the regular suspension provides.

You'll want the SR trim if you really care about steering feel, as it offers the best of the bunch. Press the Sport button in an SR, however, and the steering wheel gains a nice, firm heft to it and some feedback through the wheel. It feels right in this performance-focused trim.

All trim levels benefit from the performance of the standard 3.5-liter V-6 engine, which provides smooth, effortless acceleration. Rated at 300 horsepower, the V-6 still has power to spare for a quick pass at highway speeds. It pairs with a continuously variable automatic transmission that's programmed to act like a conventional automatic at low speeds for a more traditional driving experience, according to Nissan.

The Maxima shows how far CVT technology has come recently, at least when paired with a powerful engine. It's mostly unobtrusive, with only a hint of the droning that's associated with this type of transmission when you accelerate hard. If you've been driving a car with a conventional automatic, this CVT won't seem strange or different.

One of the benefits of a CVT is that it's able to

quickly increase engine speed when you want more power because it doesn't need to shift to a lower gear. The Maxima's CVT is very responsive; nudge the gas pedal and engine rpm immediately increases, providing more power.

CVTs usually enhance gas mileage, and the Maxima's EPA-estimated 25 mpg combined rating tops most V-6 competitors by a few mpg or so.

Interior

Overall quality and attention to detail is very good. The standard leather-wrapped steering wheel feels great; it's even better in the SR, which has Alcantara simulated-suede inserts.

The upper sections of the doors are finished with soft-touch material that's a comfortable alternative to the door armrests.

The center console has a padded section to rest your knee against, and there's real stitching on the doors, console and dashboard. One element that doesn't look premium, however, is the simulated metal finish on the dashboard, doors and center console. It doesn't look real.

Fighter jets also informed the layout of the cabin controls, according

to Nissan. The center dashboard control panel is angled 7 degrees toward the driver, and center console controls are close at hand.

The new Maxima's roofline is 1.3 inches lower, which contributes to the sedan's hunkered-down look.

The Maxima has the latest version of Nissan's NASA-inspired Zero Gravity front seats. They're finished in cloth (S), leather (SV and SL), premium leather with quilted Alcantara inserts (SR) or premium leather with quilted leather inserts (Platinum).

Ergonomics and electronics

Digital screens are rapidly taking over the dashboards of modern cars, and there are two in the Maxima: a 7-inch screen between the gauges and an 8-inch touch-screen in the center of the dashboard. The gauge cluster screen lets you cycle through different modes to see information like speed and heading, trip data, tire pressure and active safety features.

The dashboard screen is the primary display for the standard navigation system and multimedia functions. The Display Commander control knob on the center console can also operate the dashboard touch-screen.

Cargo and storage

The Maxima's 14.3-cubic-foot trunk is nicely shaped, and the trunk lid's support arms move within an enclosed area, so there's no risk of them crushing your cargo. The release straps for the 60/40-split folding backseat are in the trunk. The rear seatbacks fold flat with the trunk floor.

The Maxima has a media bin just ahead of the center console cup-

holders. The bin is large enough for an iPhone 6 Plus, according to Nissan, and it's also where the car's two standard USB ports are located.

Safety

Most of the Maxima's active safety features come on SL and higher trims. These models have standard blind spot warning, rear cross-traffic alert, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with autonomous braking and predictive forward collision warning. Predictive forward collision warning uses low-mounted radar to "see" under the car directly ahead of you to the next one in line. The system can issue a warning if it senses that car slowing suddenly — even if you can't see it yourself.

The top-of-the-line Platinum trim adds a surround camera system with moving-object detection and a drowsy-driver warning system. Drowsy-driver warning compares steering inputs at the beginning of a drive with ones later in the trip to determine if the driver is getting tired and needs to take a break.

Value in its class

Years ago, Nissan dubbed the Maxima the 4-Door Sports Car. It's an ambitious tagline, but it reflects the fact that the car caters to a specific type of buyer: the driving enthusiast who still needs sedan practicality. The 2016 Maxima is no different from its predecessors in this regard, but its new level of luxury — both in terms of cabin materials and features — now makes it a credible alternative to entry-luxury sedans. If you're shopping sport sedans, it's worth a test drive.

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Forest Service, partners boost Rouge

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

A "Rouge Growing Green" project, aimed at improving Rouge River water quality, is partly funded by the U.S. Forest Service and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Some 20 trees were planted in the city of Plymouth recently on Burroughs between Harding and Fairground, across from Lions Park. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is the largest investment in the Great Lakes in two decades, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website notes.

"There were nearly 700 trees planted," said Jill Johnson, Midwest Urban Forestry coordinator for the U.S. Forest Service. Johnson, who works out of the St. Paul, Minnesota, field office, noted the grant to the Alliance of Rouge Communities covered a number of local communities as well as Wayne County.

Plymouth Township, the city of Plymouth, Bingham Farms, Bloomfield Township, Canton, Inkster, Novi, Oak Park, Rochester Hills, Southfield, Troy, Franklin Village and Wayne County are recipients of the grant for tributaries of the Rouge River. The grant was for \$100,000 with trees planted this spring.

"This is just one of the grants we have. There have been many grants over the years" associated with the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Johnson said. The U.S. Forest Service manages EPA funds and has given the grants since fiscal year 2010.

"We've had a lot of opportunities to award projects," she said. This aim includes "tree canopy cover" for the river's restoration.

Johnson noted the devastation of emerald ash borer. "The EPA recognizes that trees are important for reducing toxic substances," she



Some 20 trees were planted along the city of Plymouth's Burroughs between Harding and Fairground. The "Rouge Growing Green" project is partly funded by the U.S. Forest Service and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

JULIE BROWN

said. The trees also help control invasive plants, along with reducing stormwater runoff.

After grants are awarded, Johnson said, recipients find vendors/contractors. "Almost always, those trees are locally sourced," Johnson said. "We always try to make sure we're awarding to communities that have an arborist."

In planting, the arborist considers diversity of plants "to make sure that urban forest is as resilient as possible." The arborist needs to consider soil, hardness of the zone, as well as possible road salt.

"Some species can't handle that salt. There are so many site factors to take in. That's why we rely on the local experts to pick that palette of trees," Johnson said. Johnson gets to visit on-site from Minnesota.

"I've had a chance to see all the good work that's been done," she said. "It's very reward-



This sign along Burroughs in the city of Plymouth notes the "Rouge Growing Green" project.

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The Great Lakes region includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York. Some \$17.8 million has been granted in the Great Lakes region for the initiative, she said.

Federal agencies use GLRI resources to strategically target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and to accelerate progress toward long-term goals, the EPA website notes. Combining GLRI resources with agency base budgets, the GLRI works with nonfederal partners to implement protection and restoration projects.

GLRI funding is also used to support efforts to prevent Asian Carp from establishing populations in the Great Lakes. For more information about the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, visit www.glri.us.

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ing. It's been very rewarding to see all that happen through this initiative."

She noted benefits to the wildlife habitat as well as beautification and cooling of homes.

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Pet Palooza at market a popular pup meet-greet

The All-American Farmers & Artisans Market of the Westland Chamber of Commerce was going to the dogs Thursday.

"Special events at the market make it more fun," said Mary Vellardita, the chamber's marketing and membership staffer. "And we have so many pet lovers. This is a fun event they can bring their pets to."

It's been held each of the three years since the chamber took over managing the farmers market from the city of Westland. Brookellen Swope, chamber president, said noise levels aren't a big problem at Pet Palooza.

"A little bit, but generally all the dogs are well-behaved," Swope said. "So it's not too noisy."

Last Day Dog Rescue had a presence, arranging several pet adoptions, along with the Michigan Humane Society being on the scene. Beyond the Bark professional trainers and pet vendors also participated. Beyond the Bark offered a free training session.

Doggie contests included: best in show for both male and female, as well as cutest pup.

The contest winners were: best in show male — Maxwell, a Golden/Border collie mix, owned by Deborah Ordway; best

in show female — Maggie, a Lab/Border collie mix owned by Ed Stroble; cutest pup, Darla, a Lab/hound/Jack Russell mix, owned by Judy Pawlowski. Each received a \$25 Petco gift card courtesy of Westland Car Care Automotive Group and a certificate for free services from VIP Pet Care.

Market information is online at www.westlandfarmersmarket.com and on Facebook. The Westland chamber manages the market with it made possible by the Westland Downtown Development Authority and city of Westland.

By Julie Brown



Ed Stroble meets Nevada, owned by Michelle Damron.

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Maxwell, meet Darla. According to Deborah Ordway, Maxwell's human, he won Best Dog in previous competition. Darla, who rescued Judy Pawlowski, may grow up to be a contest winner, too.

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Taft Elementary 4035 Gloria Wayne, MI 48186	Wayne Memorial High School 3001 Fourth Street Wayne, MI 48184
Marshall Upper Elementary 35100 Bayview Westland, MI 48186	Adams Upper Elementary 33475 Palmer Westland, MI 48186

Meal Service will start on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at all locations*
*Days and hours vary by location

For hours, program end dates, and meals provided, please call the school
For more information, please call 734-419-2118

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NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All voters are hereby given notice that the City of Livonia will hold a **State Primary Election on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.**

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 5, 2016.**

Registrations will be taken at the office of the City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during regular hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE STATUTORY DEADLINE for registering to vote will be on Tuesday, **July 5, 2016**, on which day the City Clerk will be in her office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors to vote.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2016-04-01-03 submitted by Dave Phipps pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the properties at 14851 and 14931 Farmington Road, located on the west side of Farmington Road between Lyndon and Five Mile Roads in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, from OS (Office Services) and R-2 (One Family Residential) to R-9-I (Housing for the Elderly, 4-Stories Maximum Height of Buildings).

Petition 2016-06-01-04 submitted by Soave/Oro Construction, L.L.C. pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 28200 Lyndon, located on the north side of Lyndon between Harrison and Barkley in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, from R-U-F, Rural Urban Farm (minimum 1/2 acre lots) to R-2, One Family Residential (9,600 sq.ft., 80 ft. x 120 ft. lots).

Petition 2016-06-02-11 submitted by Livonia Office Center requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 9.03(m) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a massage establishment (Refuel Massage) within the Livonia Office Center at 28200 Seven Mile Road, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1.

Petition 2016-06-02-12 submitted by N.C. Designers & Contracting, Inc. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(c)(4) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a limited service restaurant with drive-up window facilities (Tim Hortons) within the gas station at 37921 Ann Arbor Trail, located on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

IAN WILSHAW, CHAIRMAN
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Shred day

On Saturday, July 9, DFCU Financial will offer residents the opportunity to have their paper records and data storage materials shredded and recycled during the Community Shred Day at the Livonia branch location at Newburgh and Seven Mile.

This free event aims to raise public awareness of the need to securely destroy confidential materials to prevent identity theft and fraud, as well as to encourage recycling.

Materials will be collected on July 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the credit union at the corner of Newburgh and Seven Mile (enter off Newburgh) in Livonia. The drop-off event is open to the public. There is a maximum of five boxes/bags limit per vehicle. For more in-

formation, email Peggy Richard at peggy.richard@dfcufinancial.com or call 313-322-8239.

Acceptable items for shredding include bank statements, forms, receipts, old checkbooks, unwanted/expired credit cards, junk mail, file folders and binders and all envelopes.

Mom 2 Mom Sale

SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer in Westland, hosts its Mom 2 Mom sale from 10 a.m. to noon (9-10 a.m. for early bird) on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Cost is \$15 per 8-foot table; racks and card tables are extra.

For more information, call Carolyn at 734-728-1559 or Sandy at 734-721-4867.

Scavenger hunt

Beginning Friday, July 8, and running through Friday, July 22,



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Montessori grads

Dearborn Heights Montessori Center honored graduates of the 2016 Middle School program. This year's graduates included Dearborn residents Michael Alzaroui, Grace Audi, Karim Berry, Lucas Doran, Reema Haimour, Mila Nolan and Ethan Peet; Jenna Dabaja of Dearborn Heights; Michelle Stubbs of Inkster; Livonia residents Sarah Davidson and Grant Gutowski; Suha Qashou of Northville; Molly Byrne of Plymouth; and Frank Ducu of West Bloomfield.

the Garden City Business Alliance and the Downtown Development Authority will be hosting a city-wide scavenger hunt.

Pick up your clue

packet at the DDA any time between June 27 and July 22. The DDA is at 29213 Ford Road and is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beginning June 27, the clue packet will also be available on the GCBA website www.gardencity-businessalliance.org/clues and on the DDA website www.gccda.com/clues.

Solve all the clues correctly and return your packet to the DDA by 3 p.m. July 22 and you'll be entered into a drawing for cash prizes. The first-place prize is \$500. Winners will be drawn at the Music in the Park event July 28 in Garden City Park.

For more information, call 734-261-0380 or email theresa@downtowngardencity.com.

Park performances

Parks, Performances, and Play! is a new summer concerts series with performances designed just for kids. The series, sponsored by The Livonia Arts Commission and Leo's Coney Island (Six

Mile and Haggerty), kicks off at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, with Randy Kaplan, followed by Guy Louis at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20. The series concludes with Mr. Seley at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17. All concerts take place at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard.

Park It! family fun nights return this summer. Enjoy live music, kids activities and a movie under the stars. The event starts at 6 p.m. with live music at 6:30 p.m. followed by a family friendly movie at 8:20 p.m. Park It! takes place on Tuesday, July 12 at Ford Field (Farmington and Lyndon) and Tuesday, Aug. 9 at the Kirksey Recreation Center (Five Mile and Hubbard).

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us

Meet up and eat up

Redford Union Schools announced the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency.

The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at:

» Hilbert Middle School: Monday through Friday from June 20-Aug. 11. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

» Redford Union High School: Monday through Friday from June 20-Aug. 12. Lunch will be 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. (No meals served July 4 or Aug. 2). Adult meals will be \$2.

Vacation Bible School

St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, Wayne, is hosting Vacation Bible School June 26-30 from 6-8:30 p.m. each day.

Children age 3 to those entering sixth grade are welcome. Pre-registration is recommended by calling the church at 734-728-1950, emailing r.barta@att.net or visiting St. Michael in person.

St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, Wayne, is at the corner of Hanan and Glenwood roads.

Car show

American Legion Post 32 hosts a car show at 9318 Newburgh Road in Livonia every Thursday from 5 p.m. to dusk through Sept. 29.

Join the Legion for fun, food, cars and bikes. The event also features door prizes, raffles and giveaways. Plaques for "best of show" are awarded each week. Dinner inside and grill food outside.

Westland market

The Westland Farmers & Artisans Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13 (closed June 16 and Aug. 4). It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted.

The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, Central City Park, in Westland. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

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Advertisement for Complete Funeral Home, offering services for \$3,695 and contact information for Kim.

Official notice from the City of Livonia regarding zoning board appeals, listing agenda items for July 12, 2016 and details for several appeal cases.

Notice of hearing for the Building Code Board of Appeals, detailing an appeal case from Michael La Forest regarding salt storage building permits.

Notice of hearing for the Building Code Board of Appeals, detailing an appeal case from Nazir Jawich regarding a work performed at 15230 Levan Road.

Official notice from the City of Garden City regarding the primary election for August 2, 2016, and a proposition for a parks millage continuation.

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Public visit police at open house



Westland Police officers Kevin Yudt (left) and Matt Allen show off the department's motorcycles to youngster attending the police department open house. WLND

As Westland celebrates 50 years as a city, it's also the 50th anniversary of the Westland Police Department.

To celebrate the anniversary, the department recently hosted an open house. Members of the public got to talk with officers, see demonstrations, including the department's canines, got a closer look at equipment and vehicles.

Officers also provided tours of the police station, which earlier this year completed a \$2 million renovation project — the first major upgrade since the station was opened in the 1970s.

Westland Mayor William Wild commended Chief Jeff Jedrusik with "a great job with the open house."

"There were a lot of demonstrations. People came away with a lot of information," Wild said. "The amount of (police) retirees who came was great. It was great hearing their stories."



Westland canine Officer Derek Trospier with police dog Narco. WLND



An evidence collection display at the Westland Police Department open house. WLND



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik is interviewed by Westland Mayor William Wild for cable television during the police department open house. WLND



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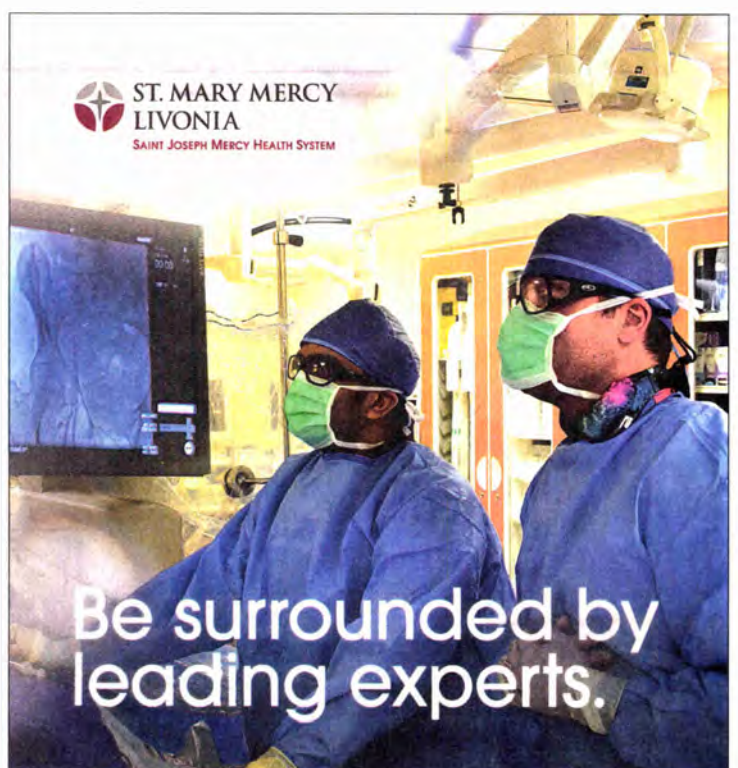
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Barn sale aids low-key animal rescue

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Good Juju Rescue Fund is the most low-key animal welfare organization you'll ever meet.

It doesn't beg for money, adoptions, fosters nor volunteers. It's not listed on Petfinder and it will never grow beyond its four members and three fosters.

"If we have an animal, people have to come looking for us. Most people who adopt from us either know us or know the foster. We are local," said Amy Thomas, founder and president. "We will never be big.

"Any time we have an animal, that animal gets all of our time. We only do one at a time. That way we know as much about the dog and as much about the place they are going as possible."

The Plymouth-based rescue currently doesn't have any animals looking for permanent homes, although it rescued a horse, Malibu, and pays for its "retirement" at a barn.

The group assists with vet bills, temporary boarding, food and shares its event proceeds with other animal welfare organizations. Small businesses support Thomas' rescue work, which started about seven years ago. She founded Good Juju 2½ years ago, basing it at her husband's law office in Plymouth.

"I have had animals my whole life. I always helped a bunch of rescues. Specialty Pet (Supplies) in Plymouth would always give me food to give to rescues that needed it," she said. "I ended up with a pit bull that was abandoned in Milan. I placed her and we had so much support from businesses. I just realized I could do it on my own.



Malibu the horse is in "retirement" at a barn in Brighton, thanks to Good Juju Rescue Fund, which pays for her food and boarding.

"My family was small business owners in Canton starting in 1979, so I know a lot of the small businesses. I just had good contacts."

Jenna Pedersen, Good Juju's vice president, owns a small candle-making business, Motor City Creations. She started it four years ago and was able to quit her full-time retail job this year to concentrate on candle making and sales, including an agreement with Faygo to make and sell soda pop-scented candles.

Pedersen also devotes a line of her candles to Good Juju and donates profits to the rescue. Good Juju candles each cost \$12 and are available in a variety of scents, including lemon verbena, vanilla lime, hippie chick

and monkey farts, a combination of banana, bubble gum and kiwi. They're sold through Motor City Creations' website and at Lilley Veterinary Medical Center in Canton.

Helping other rescues

Good Juju will share the proceeds from one of its biggest fundraisers of the year, a barn sale planned for June 17-19, with Pan Equus Animal Sanctuary in Oxford. The group also regularly works with Providing for Paws in Garden City and The Devoted Barn in Newport, south of Detroit.

"I have nothing but mad respect for the rescues we work with. They take the cases we aren't equipped to do. I'd sup-

port them if we had a rescue or if we didn't have a rescue," Thomas said.

The semi-annual barn sale of donated and trash-picked treasures gives Thomas a chance to put her skills as a "picker" to work.

"I used to be a dealer out of the Town Peddler in Livonia," she said. "Then gas became \$5 a gallon and I moved to Ann Arbor and couldn't do that any more. But then it hit me when we started Good Juju that I could start doing barn sales. I have the storage and I know how to pick, so I went back to picking."

As a kid, Thomas was embarrassed whenever her father combed curbside trash for treasures, but when she moved out



Puppies take a whiff of Good Juju Rescue Fund's candle, made in a variety of scents by Motor City Creations.

on her own and, eventually, into a house in Plymouth, she also took up the practice.

"I moved in there around spring cleanup and saw all these amazing things. I brought a loveseat home in my Nissan Pulsar, driving with the passenger door open. I had no furniture. I wanted nice stuff and I couldn't afford it, so I got it out of the garbage."

Finding the best

The upcoming sale will include antiques, decorative objects, some clothing, pictures, furniture and the contents of a condo that Good Juju was given last year. Some of the condo items, which were part of an estate,

sold at last year's sale.

"When it comes to trash picking day in Plymouth, she will come back with loads of furniture. She finds the best stuff," Pedersen said.

Thomas said she filled a U-Haul truck and made five trips with a borrowed truck to picking sites. She generally doesn't price every item, but asks for a reasonable donation at the barn sale.

"If I was still a dealer, I'd love to come to my sale," she said.

It runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 17-19 at 2509 E. Joy, Ann Arbor.

Visit Good Juju Rescue Fund on Facebook and check out Pedersen's business at www.motorcitycreations.com.

CITY OF WESTLAND INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on July 6th, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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Milton French of Wayne finds a white mulberry at Rotary Park in Livonia.



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Minjung Godfrey holds plantain leaves.

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Dinner's ready. It's in your lawn, at a nearby park and on the forest floor.

You just need to look, and know what you're looking for, before you bring out the salad tongs.

Lucky for you, Rachel Mifsud of Grass Lake, Minjung Godfrey of Detroit and other experienced members of Will Forage for Food are happy to share their knowledge of living off the land.

Mifsud maintains a website, Facebook page and Meetup.com presence, while offering opportunities to members of all experience levels and ages to share and practice skills in foraging for edible wild plants, making traditional crafts, fermenting foods and beverages, making cheese, cooking wild foods, cultivating mushrooms, and more. The Meetup.com group has Ann Arbor/Brighton, Lansing/Jackson and Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo chapters. Mifsud is considering a new chapter in Livonia and held a free nature walk, led by Godfrey, this week in Rotary Park.

"I started the Meetup because I was thinking, oh yeah, other people forage and we'll meet to forage together," said

Mifsud, who organized the group with the hopes of building a foraging community. "It turned out almost all of them were coming to see if they could learn something. Nobody else knew what to do."

"So, literally it turned from a hobby into this quasi-business on its own."

Free classes

Mifsud teaches biological sciences at the University of Michigan, and leads a mix of Will Forage for Food activities, some free and some with fees.

"On the Meetup group we have several partners. If you're going to post on our Meetup you have to post free events once and a while. We want to make sure we're including everyone in the community."

A seven-class series, "Foraging 101," introduces novice foragers to plants and mushrooms through lecture, readings and hands-on nature walks. Classes are \$25 each or \$150 for the series, which is currently held in Fenton, Fruitport and Chelsea. Godfrey will lead a free walk to identify edible and medicinal plants Tuesday, May 31 in Milford. Participants must join the Meetup group to learn the exact location.

The session at Rotary Park in Livonia drew a handful of newcomers and a few Will Forage for Food regulars.

"You learn a little something every time," said Kathy Morris-Stilwell, a Livonia resident and practicing veterinarian in Redford. She has attended several Will Forage for Food events the past few months.

"I forage in my own yard. I could spend hours. The garlic mustard, I could feed the world on the garlic mustard and plantain," she said, with a laugh. "I just made a macaroni salad with garlic mustard. I chopped it up. I added about a quarter of a cup. It adds a little bit of a crunch. You can eat the flower, too."

Your yard

Godfrey found garlic mustard and several other edible plants within a few yards of the entrance to the park's nature trail. Although garlic mus-

tard is high in nutrients, it's an invasive plant and the focus of spring cleanups in parks and nature preserves.

"My main goal was to cover what's in season, something you could find in your yard," Godfrey told the group.

She showed tiny leaves from the plantago (plantain) plant that taste similar to mushrooms and demonstrated the medicinal use of its larger leaves as a rub on bug bites and scratches.

"That's really abundant and you should see it in your yard," she said. "Another is dandelion. Dandelion is edible almost at any time, but after flowering it gets bitter." Yellow flower petals add color to salads and the plant's root can be used as a coffee substitute, Godfrey said. Make an oil infusion with its flowers and grapeseed oil or sunflower oil for a muscle rub.

She pointed out sorrel leaves, a seasonal delicacy, and

lambsquarter, which tastes similar to spinach.

Along the trail, the group tasted the intense lemon-flavored tendrils of a wild grape vine. They sniffed aromatic spice bush leaves and found a patch of mayapple. Godfrey described the mayapple fruit as fragrant with a tropical flavor. The green fruit "has a bit of toxicity," but can be picked when it ripens to a pale yellow.

Morris-Stilwell hopes the group will offer more programs in Livonia. She routinely drives to Chelsea, Ann Arbor and Fenton to attend Will Forage for Food events.

"This," she said, "is wonderful."

Check out the "Woodland Grocery Specials" on willforageforfood.com for ideas on using wild edible plants. The site also lists upcoming classes and events.

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Pond, fire pit anchor garden filled with art

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Anna Graham and Matt Noble-Richardson like to sit by the fire pit in their backyard and listen to the crackling flames. They enjoy hearing water splash into the pond, the croaking toads and tree frogs, the chirping birds that feast from their backyard feeders and horn blasts from nearby trains.

At night they're likely to see a raccoon or a passing skunk drink from the pool filled with orange and calico goldfish. During the day, cats from a feral colony that Graham feeds hang out on the lawn or visit the two-level deck that's furnished with trash-picked and re-purposed treasures, antique store finds and handmade tables.

Every planting bed along the garden perimeter tells a story or evokes a memory through handmade art and vacation mementos set amid perennials.

"I would describe this region of Plymouth as funky," said Noble-Richardson, who moved into the Old Village house 18 years ago. "And our yard is ..."

"I always say eclectic," Graham interjected. "And meandering because it moves around the yard. It's not just in one spot."

"We enjoy the space. If you saw it at night, it's actually quite charming," Noble-Richardson added.

"This yard has been us for five years, working on it together. He'll come up with something. I'll come up with something. And in the end we're working on something that is ours," Graham said. "We change it on the fly all the time. It's always evolving. We call it our secret garden."

The secret will be out Tuesday, June 28, when Trailwood Garden Club brings its annual garden walk. Flowers are Forever, to the couple's backyard and to several other home gardens in Plymouth. The walk runs from noon to 8 p.m. and will include complimentary treats and beverages. Master Gardeners also will be stationed at each garden to answer questions.



The "wall of license plates" reminds Matt Noble-Richardson and Anna Graham where they have traveled on vacation.

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swear questions. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the walk. They're available at Specialty Pet Supplies, 1449 Ann Arbor Road; Sideways, 505 Forest; and Saxton's Power Equipment, 37980 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia.

DIY

Graham and Noble-Richardson have never attended a garden walk nor been involved as hosts, but that didn't faze them when the Trailwood Garden Club extended an invitation. They've worked on seven rooms in Noble-Richardson's house since they began dating five years ago. They finished basement bathroom construction while starting outdoor prep for the Trailwood walk last month.

"It's something we enjoy doing together. We don't necessarily know how to do it every time," said Graham, who embraces do-it-yourself chal-

lenges. "Sometimes we'll YouTube it. Sometimes we'll talk to other people. We have friends who are very handy and we'll get information from them."

Graham is a hair stylist who works at Vanity Salon in downtown Plymouth. She and her two teenage daughters moved into Noble-Richardson's home last year. Paige, 19, often helps garden and has painted designs on a portion of the deck, a fence and tables. She also traps the feral cats for spay and neutering at the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Noble-Richardson grew up in Livonia and was a landscape architect before going into environmental education 18 years ago. He works for Wayne County Parks at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. He and his late wife Janet also worked on the garden together and installed the pond. A few art pieces in the yard pay homage to her.

Texture, light

Noble-Richardson said he and Graham have been working on the house, inside and out, to transform it into a home.

In the garden, they focus on textures and varying heights.

"We always talk about having different textures. We can see when there needs to be a change somewhere. It's looking at a spot and sensing what is missing," he said.

"You've got to know your lighting," Graham added. "You've got to know if you have short things, high things and texture. Then you think about color after you've got your texture, because texture can be just as interesting."

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NHL ENTRY DRAFT

USA Hockey alums dominate first round

NHL teams draft several ex-NTDP players on opening night

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There indeed was a red-white-and-blue glow Friday at Buffalo's First Niagara Center.

Led by Auston Matthews, Clayton Keller and Kieffer Bellows, USA Hockey alums paraded to the podium during the National Hockey League Entry Draft's opening round.

Matthews, a center from Arizona who played for the U.S. National Team Development Program in 2013-14 and 2014-15, was drafted first overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs.

But the draft's American

flavor continued when former NTDP players Matthew Tkachuk and Clayton Keller were selected 6-7 overall — by Calgary and Arizona, respectively.

"It's unbelievable, it's crazy to think I'm here today," Keller, who with 189 points is the all-time scorer in NTDP history, said on NBC Sports Network. "All the work I put in when I was younger is finally paying off, and I think the real work starts the day after the draft."

Keller (2014-16 in the NTDP) and Tkachuk (2013-15 in the NTDP) were teammates as youngsters in St. Louis, and exchanged a hug as they passed each other on the First Niagara Center floor.

"Matthew Tkachuk's been one of my best friends since we were little," said Keller,



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

After a standout 2015-16 season with the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team, forward Clayton Keller was the seventh pick in Friday's NHL draft.

whose second season with the NTDP was out of USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. "We

played on the same line together, we're so close and still are." As for Matthews, also in-

terviewed on NBCSN, it was "a dream come true" being drafted first overall and "especially (by) a storied franchise like the Toronto Maple Leafs."

Matthews, whose NTDP tenure (2013-15) was out of the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, can't wait to start his Toronto career. "Just be myself every day, be a good teammate, work hard and use my skills to the best of my abilities."

The NTDP had other alums who had the chance to don NHL uniforms and caps during the opening round (picks 1-30). Subsequent rounds were set for Saturday.

Taken 14th overall by Boston was defenseman Charlie McAvoy (2013-15 in the NTDP) while high-scoring forward Kieffer Bellows — who was a

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PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

HIGH-PERFORMANCE EXPORT

Naubert proving he can play with Europe's finest

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

When opponents of the German professional basketball team based in Ibbenbueren learned that 5-foot, 10-inch point guard Bobby Naubert secured the Swap Ballers' only roster spot allotted for an



Naubert

American, their reaction often bordered on disbelief.

"They were usually surprised because, hey, if you only get one American on your team, it figures

you'd sign some 6-foot-8 guy who can jump through the gym, not a 5-10 point guard," Naubert said during a recent phone interview.

But the shock factor would dissipate quickly with every three-point rainbow Naubert would deliver through the net, and every slick, pin-point assist he'd distribute to a teammate.

During the 2016 season for Ibbenbueren, a town of 51,000 people located in the district of Steinfurt, Naubert proved that average-sized Americans can ball, as he sanged the nets to the tune of 18.5 points per game and a league-leading 5.5



SUBMITTED

Former Livonia Stevenson and Madonna University star guard Bobby Naubert is pictured driving to the basket during a German professional basketball game last season.

assists.

Those who knew Naubert during his highly-productive careers at Livonia Stevenson and Madonna University are anything but surprised by the success the smooth-as-silk

lefty is enjoying overseas.

Among his collegiate accolades were a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" award while playing at Madonna, where he set a WHAC record for career

assists.

He is also the only player in the conference's distinguished history to score 1,800 points, dish out 700 dimes and grab 500 rebounds.

His skills are translating

well in German.

"A lot of times, the defense would sag on me, at least early in games," he said. "After I hit a couple threes, they'd get up

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Schoolcraft guard Dre Black, a Westland John Glenn alum, slices through Delta College defenders during a 2015-16 game. Black will play at University of Detroit Mercy next season.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MAKING THEIR MOVE

After successful Schoolcraft careers, players getting chance to advance to the next level

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College is turning into a fruitful proving ground in basketball, with several Ocelots earning tickets to four-year colleges to continue their careers and work toward academic degrees.

Off the heels of two hugely

successful seasons in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, along with long runs in the NJCAA tournament, a handful of players from Schoolcraft's men's basketball team are reaping life-changing benefits.


Guard Dre Black, who went to Westland John Glenn, received the green light to become a Detroit Titan in 2016-17. Canton alum Davon Taylor, a hard-working power forward who turned double-doubles into nightly occurrences, is headed to Corcord University in West Virginia.

"For us it means everything," Schoolcraft head coach

Abe Mashhour said. "When we recruit kids, we talk to them about, our number one goal is to move them on to four year schools. Give them the option.


"The other part for them, Dre and Davon both have just matured so well on and off the court. Totally improved their basketball skill level, their overall game, and academically as well. They both worked very hard in the classroom, they both represented the college and the program very, very well."

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JUNIOR GOLF

Piot treats Western Junior as a 'learning experience'

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

The Western Junior Championship did not exactly finish the way James Piot had envisioned Thursday at Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak.

The Canton resident entered the final 18 holes of play in a seven-way tie for fifth, seven shots behind leader Sean Maruyama. Piot's hopes of making up ground on the leader never materialized.

Maruyama, from Los Angeles, finished with 2-under 70 in his final round to win the tournament by two strokes over Texan Trevor Brown, 278-280. Ryggs Johnston from Libby, Mont., was third at 281 after finishing with 6-under 66 over his last 18 holes.

Piot, on the other hand, had a tough afternoon and carded a 4-over round of 76 and finished in a three-way tie for 26th.

"This isn't what I was hoping for at all," Piot said. "At the beginning of the day, I had it going. I was 2-under through eight to start my day and I was hoping to keep it going."

"But it started falling apart. It started going downhill and I was just grinding for pars near the end," he added. "I tried to keep it together the best I could."

A learning experience

Piot, a Michigan State commit, had dreams of a much higher finish this year after having done well in last year's Western Junior Championship at Chicago. Piot held a late lead in that tournament and ended up tied for seventh.



James Piot, a Canton resident who will be a senior at Catholic Central, lines up a putt on the ninth hole during Thursday's final round.

This year, Piot put himself in a strong position through the first 54 holes of the three-day tournament, especially after carding 3-under 69 in the second round, which put him in a tie for fifth. The final 18 holes Thursday afternoon proved the difference, as he had just one birdie to offset three bogeys and one double-bogey.

Piot finished his week of work with 46 pars, 12 birdies, 12 bogeys and a pair of double-bogeys. Both double-bogeys came Thursday on the same hole — the par-3,

194-yard fourth hole.

"I was thinking about winning this thing after the first two rounds and, through my first eight holes today, I was definitely thinking I was in it, for sure," said Piot, who helped lead Catholic Central to its second consecutive state championship earlier this month.

"Every tournament I play, I try to win," he added. "But it's always a learning experience whenever you don't play your best and you're hoping for better. Today, I definitely can take

some stuff out of there and use it to help me better myself in the future."

Even with the disappointing outcome, Piot still entertains positive vibes about historic Red Run.

"I've played (Red Run) three or four times," said Piot, whose father Glenn served as his caddy. "I love this place. It's pretty straightforward. You hit the fairway and keep it below the hole. It's just that today I didn't do a good job of it. But it's a simple course."



Catholic Central's James Piot makes a putt during the Western Junior Championship held at Red Run.

Missing the cut

Orchard Lake resident Devin Deogun and Bloomfield Hills native Imaad Qureshi also participated in the Western Junior, the country's oldest national junior golf championship. Neither were among the low 44 scorers after the first 36 holes and did not make the cut.

Deogun, who will be a senior at Cranbrook Kingswood, finished at 150 after rounds of 76 and 74. Deogun, the Division 2 individual state champion, highlighted his final round of play with an eagle on the par-5, 465-yard first hole.

Qureshi finished his tournament at 151, rallying with 73 Wednesday after opening with 78. Qureshi, out of Detroit Country Day, posted five birdies and 19 pars in his two days of work.

The Western Junior is considered a proving ground for future pros. Rickie Fowler, Hunter Mahan and Jim Furyk have been past champions, while Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and 2015 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year Daniel Berger have also competed.

The tournament was last played in Michigan in 2005, when Fowler won at Blytheheld Country Club in Belmont.

NHL DRAFT

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linemate of Keller's — was picked by the New York Islanders with the 19th pick.

"It's unbelievable," said McAvo, who played 2015-16 at Boston University. "I don't even have words right now. I don't have to go too far. It's just an honor."

Bellows 19th pick

Bellows reached the 50-goal plateau in 2015-16 with the NTDP U18s and also collected more than

100 minutes in penalties to illustrate his mix of power and skill in the offensive zone.

"I'm a power forward, I'm not afraid to throw around my body," said Bellows, on NBCSN. "I love to score goals, I always loved to shoot the puck."

"I'm not afraid to get into the dirty areas and hit some guys."

Although excited to be drafted by the Islanders, Bellows likely will play 2016-17 at Boston University along with NTDP linemate Keller.

Meanwhile, his dad, Brian Bellows, was the

second overall pick in the 1982 draft (taken by the Minnesota North Stars) and went on to score nearly 500 goals in over 1,000 NHL games.

The elder Bellows smiled when asked what NHL draft day was a bigger thrill, his own in 1982 or his son's.

"This one for sure, I'm just so excited," he said. "He ended up going to one of the couple teams I really wanted him to go to."

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Kieffer Bellows, who starred last season for the U.S. NTDP Under-18 team, was picked 19th overall Friday. The New York Islanders selected the high-scoring left wing.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Just 'Super'

The Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association announced its 2016 Super Team, and three area high school golfers were named to the prestigious group.

Making the squad were Novi Detroit Catholic Central's James Piot (of Canton), Ben Smith and Plymouth's Jack Boczar. All just completed their junior seasons.

Hole-in-one club

Richard Czopek, 71, of Woodhaven, recorded a hole-in-one June 20 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Czopek aced the 156-yard No. 5 hole at the Lakes course, using a 7 Wood and Top Flite ball. He recorded a 43 for nine holes.

Coaching vacancies

» Salem High School is looking for a new varsity girls swimming coach to succeed the retired Chuck Olson.

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» Livonia Clarenceville High School is searching for a boys basketball coach.

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Fast Break at SC

Schoolcraft College in Livonia is hosting its first Fast Break Basketball Camp, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22.

Boys and girls of all skill levels, who are entering grades 3-8, are welcome to sign up. Ocelots head coach Abe Mashhour, along with other coaches and players, will run the camp. Fast Break is designed to teach basic fundamentals on shooting, passing, ball-handling, defense, rebounding, conditioning and agility training. Enhanced instruction will be available to those more advanced in their basketball skills.

Each camper will receive a customized Fast Break basketball and reversible jersey. Cost is \$85 if registered by July 8 and \$95 for late registration. The camp will be held at the Schoolcraft gym, 18600 Haggerty Road.

For more information or details on how to register, contact Patrick Yelsik in the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at 734-462-7696 (office), 989-289-8933 (cell) or

pyelsik@schoolcraft.edu or go to www.Facebook.com/SchoolcraftAthletics.

Voltage camps on tap

Voltage Elite football and basketball summer programs, being launched by 2015 Plymouth High School grads Deji Adebisi, Harman Sidhu and Josh Gendron. The programs are open to anybody in metro Detroit.

There will be a six-week football training camp through July 28, with sessions Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at The PARC, 650 Church Street in Plymouth. The program is for athletes from elementary to high school age. Fee is \$20 per session or \$240 for flat rate. The program is described as "an up close and energetic opportunity for young athletes to learn about the basics of football and life lessons off the field."

Voltage also is putting together a 14U AAU team to practice and play games from July 11 until early August. Go to www.voltageelite.com for more about

the programs. Adebisi can be reached at 313-204-3106 or akadebiy@owu.edu. Sidhu can be reached at 734-660-7583 or harmandeep.sidhu@gmail.com. Gendron can be reached at (734) 756-7590 or jgendron@collegeforcreativestudies.edu.

Plymouth 'Y'

Stay active this summer with Plymouth YMCA sports, through various clinics, camps and leagues for ages 3-12. On tap are week-long sport-specific camps, to help players develop skills using various drills, games and scrimmages while teaching YMCA core values in a fun, safe environment.

Every sports camp is from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Cost for camp is \$75 for YMCA members and \$100 for non-members. Cost includes facility usage, T-shirt, water bottle, experienced YMCA staff, player awards, player's raffle and equipment. Extended after care for families for an additional \$75 YMCA members and \$100 for non-members is available.

Following are some other summer offerings:

» Baseball is for ages 6-12 for the weeks of June 27 through Aug. 8. Players will learn the basics of baseball through practices and games.

All equipment is provided by the YMCA. Practices start the week of July 11 and the first game is Saturday, July 23. Practices and games are held at Farrand Elementary. Ages divisions are 3-5 T-ball; 6-7 coach pitch; and 8-10 kid pitch. The league costs \$80 for YMCA members, \$105 for non-members and \$15 jersey for coach-pitch and kid-pitch league.

» Flag football will be taught by YMCA staff during a three-week clinic Aug. 4-25 for ages 6-10.

Participants will learn through drills, games and scrimmages. A jersey, football and medal are included.

» A new, preschool cheer clinic is on tap for youngsters ages 3-5. The clinic starts Aug. 3 and continues until Aug. 24. Families can register by going to ymcadeloit.org/plymouth or calling 734-453-2904.

SEND IN YOUR PHOTOS!

Snapshots of Little League joy

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For many youngsters, there is nothing better than being part of a little league team.

Whether the sport is baseball, soccer, football, basketball or hockey, rec leagues give them opportunity to be with friends, have fun and learn and grow while playing their favorite game.

Recently, I asked Jeff Holt, president of Plymouth-Canton Little League, if he could submit photos of baseball players from recent contests to show a glimpse of what they are experiencing and enjoying this spring and summer.

Some of those photos accompany this story.

I would be interested in receiving photos from other little league organi-



Ready to rip a homer off the tee for the P-CLL Pirates is Grace Hyland. RACHEL HYLAND



Pumping her arms after hitting a home run is Grace Hyland, of the Plymouth-Canton Little League T-ball team. RACHEL HYLAND



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zations — and not just baseball — that could be published in the Observer as space permits.

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MOVING UP

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Realizing a dream

Black was understandably ecstatic about the chance to play at University of Detroit Mercy and attain his goal of joining a Division I program.

"It's a dream come true to be able to have this opportunity given to me," said Black, who was recruited by new Titans' coach Bacari Alexander. "It feels like all my hard work is paying off. It feels great knowing that the coaching staff at UDM have a lot of confidence in my ability to be a part of something special."

According to Black, his two seasons playing for the Ocelots proved invaluable in his all-around development.

"Schoolcraft helped me become a better player as well as give me experience in a collegiate setting both on and off the court," Black continued. "Coach Abe and Corey (McKendry) and Mike (Allie) all helped put me in positions to be seen by multiple coaches. That helped out tremendously."

"Schoolcraft just gave me a second opportunity to get to where I wanted to be. Now I get to spend my next two years on the D-I level as a Titan playing for coach Alexander and I couldn't be happier."

Opportunities

Black and Taylor aren't the only Schoolcraft products who are moving up in the collegiate basketball world.

Center RJ Coil will play the 2016-17 season at Florida Institute of Technology, a NCAA Division

II school.

"He had multiple Division I schools that were interested in him and a couple that even offered," noted Mashhour, about Coil. "But he wanted to go to school on the beach, and he had that opportunity."

Howell native Tyler Johnson, a sharp-shooting guard for the Ocelots, also is primed for a chance to keep playing. Mashhour noted that Johnson was slated to visit the University of Minnesota-Moorhead and had several other options to consider.

Guard Ja'Christian Biles also is on the D-I radar after losing his spot with the Titans. Mashhour said Biles needs to complete his two-year degree at Schoolcraft before being eligible to advance.

"It's more because of academics, he's academically behind right now," Mashhour stressed. "I know several universities are interested in him, but has to finish his two-year degree at Schoolcraft. He'll go Division I but not this upcoming year."

Biles had been recruited to go to Detroit by former Titans coach Ray McCallum, let go following the 2015-16 season.

Particularly proud of Taylor's growth as a player and person during his Schoolcraft career was Canton Chiefs head coach Jimmy Reddy.

"When he came to us as a ninth grader he was not that polished as a player," Reddy said. "He's one of the kids we're most proud of in terms of growth from ninth grade to 12th grade, and then the two years he did at Schoolcraft, he got better from year one to year two, so much better from year one to year two."

"And now he's got an opportunity to play at a Division II, four-year school and get a college degree, which is most important. He's turned into just a really outstanding young man. I've told him how proud I am and I can't wait to see how it ends up down there in West Virginia."

Stepping stone

Meanwhile, Mashhour said the fact several of his players are getting the chance to join four-year colleges is evidence to show incoming freshmen — that what Schoolcraft has to offer is as on the money as a Johnson trey from the corner.

"Absolutely, and that's what these kids want," Mashhour added.

"They're coming to a junior college, and they're not looking at it as being the final destination, they're looking at it as being a stepping stone."

"For us, we welcome that opportunity for us to be a stepping stone."

Concurring was Patrick Yelsik of Schoolcraft's athletic department.

"It's a huge feather in our cap," Yelsik said. "We know that the majority of the kids we get are kids who out of high school would like to go to a four-year school. But for one reason or another, whether its academic or they were under-recruited, that was not an option for them."

"Now we can show incoming recruits, hey we've got all these kids who were in the same position as you two years ago and look where they're going?"

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Looking to make his move toward the basket during a 2015-16 Schoolcraft game is Davon Taylor (No. 21). The Canton alum will play next season at Concord University. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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on me a little closer.

"There are a lot of very good players over there. I've gone up against guys who played Division I basketball — one from Georgetown and another from South Florida. Not only are the players pretty athletic over there, they play smart. The guards can all dribble the ball really well and they have great vision."

Naubert's opportunity to play professionally overseas materialized when — to make a long story short — a friend of a friend informed him that the TuS Red Devils, who are based in Bramsche, Germany, were in the market for a point guard.

"I attended a tryout, played pretty well and made the team," he said.

"They liked how I attacked the basket and could get to the free-throw line."

"My teammates included mostly Europeans. When everyone was talking German, I'd

get a little lost and confused, but for the most part, we all communicated really well."

Naubert said the games are well-attended and the fans are spirited.

"They really get into it," he said. "There are usually chants going on in the stands. They love basketball. They like talking to us after games or if they recognize me around town, they'll stop me and talk to me. It's a cool area to live in. They really embrace the foreign players."

Naubert gave the team's supporters an abundance of thrills, including a three-point bomb that he wished as the buzzer sounded to give his team a one-point victory.

Videos posted on YouTube of Naubert's highlights show that he was a fearlessly drove the basket, could score in traffic, around the rim and from well beyond the three-point arc.

Ibberbueren provided Naubert with an apartment and a car this past season — a reflection of the respect the American has garnered in Europe.

"It's nice to be able to have some freedom and go and check out the sights over there," he said. "People are a little more laid back over there than in the United States. Everybody is pretty relaxed and not in a big rush to get somewhere."

With an eye on eventually becoming a teacher and coach — he majored in education at Madonna — Naubert has arrived at a crossroads, of sorts, as far as his basketball career is concerned.

"I've already received an offer to play for a team at the same level I played at last year, which I appreciate, but I'd like to try to move up a division," he said. "I'm still debating about whether to go back next season; there's a lot involved in it, and I have some time to think things over."

"If I don't go back, and my professional basketball career as a player is over, it's been a great two-year experience."

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Quit your job without hurting your reputation

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For many people, quitting a job can be a liberating experience, particularly when it's a position that's making you miserable. But while you may fantasize about leaving in a blaze of glory, telling your colleagues what you really think of them and where they can shove next month's financial reports, such rash behavior could come back to haunt you, career experts say.

"In many fields, people are very interconnected, so if you leave a position on bad terms, people in other organizations in your same field may hear about it," says Cheryl Palmer, a certified career coach and owner of the coaching firm Call to Career.

Even if you do not hold any ill will toward your employer and are simply leaving for a better opportunity, it's worth your while to keep in touch with former co-workers.

"You never know where your career path might lead you," says Samantha Lambert, director of human resources for Blue Fountain Media. "It doesn't make any sense to burn a bridge you (might) need to cross one day."

For example, Lambert says, you may find yourself interviewing elsewhere with a former boss or colleague, or



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you may need a recommendation or referral from them down the line.

When it comes to leaving your job, take the high road to maintain both good professional relationships and your reputation. Use these expert tips to quit your job gracefully.

Give adequate notice.

Two weeks is the standard amount of time to give your boss notice, but some companies have different policies, and certain roles may need more lead time to find a replacement. Find out your company's policy on giving notice, Lambert says, and offer

to extend it if necessary. She also suggests volunteering to be available once you leave to help out with any questions. Should you need a referral from your former boss in the future, he or she will remember your thoughtfulness.

Resign with respect.

Be mindful when writing your resignation letter. "Your resignation letter lives in your file forever. It is not a place to air grievances, list everything you think is wrong with the company or place blame," says Michele Mavi, a career expert with Atrium Staffing. You won't gain anything by criticizing

the organization at this point, and you also might regret your behavior later, should you ever run into a former colleague or decide you want to come back.

Don't be a lame duck.

Resist the urge to slack off in your last days on the job.

"How you work during those last two weeks is essential to maintaining and growing your credibility," says Mindy Mackenzie, author of "The Courage Solution: The Power of Truth Telling With Your Boss, Peers, and Team." If you slack off, your colleagues will grow to resent you, and you never know when you might need a

favor from one of them in the future.

Set your colleagues up for success.

"Be proactive about setting up your boss and colleagues for success (after) your departure," Mackenzie says. During your last few weeks, wrap up as many projects as possible, and delegate any unfinished or time-sensitive tasks to the appropriate people. Leave account login and password information in a central folder. Volunteer to help the company find and train a replacement, if possible.

Leave on a high note. No matter how you feel about the company you are leaving, try to leave on a good note.

"Keep it professional, positive and express gratitude for all you've learned," Mackenzie says. Even if the company treated you poorly, it is important to take the high road. "How you behave and how diligently you work will be long remembered. This is all about your name and your reputation."

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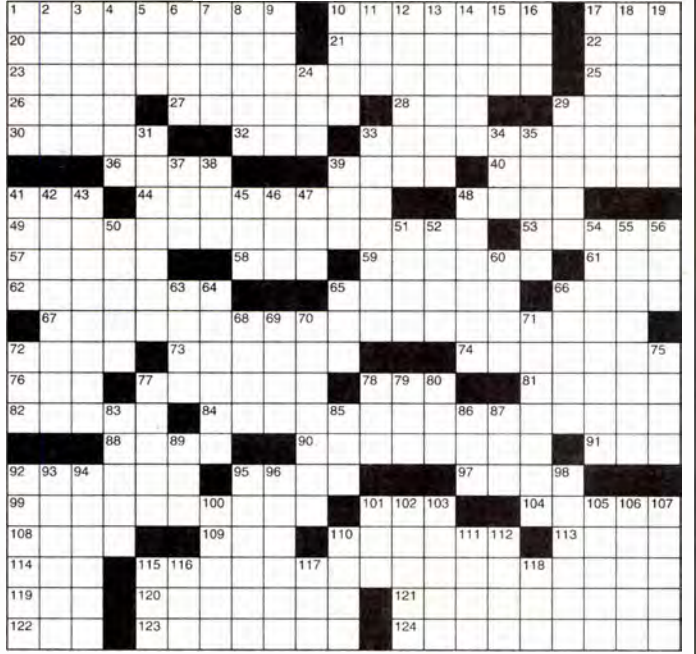
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3 Young cod
4 Rush at, e.g.
5 With 65- Down, Best Picture of 1959
6 Actor Foxx
7 R&B singer India —
8 "Superman" family
9 Shortstop Renteria
10 Actor — Julia
11 "— boy — girl?"
12 Plaid cloth
13 Illustrate by gestures
14 Dismissal, informally
15 Doc for the neck up
16 — Plaines
17 Scooters' kin
18 Parka
19 Nun of Ávila
24 Grafton's — for Quarry?
29 Grind leath
31 Specialists
33 More gauzy
34 Oom —
35 Guest of the Mad Hatter
37 Mouse —
38 Eye.

39 Farrow or Wasikowska
41 Louver, e.g.
42 Like a king's home
43 Atypical protagonist
45 Senate vote
46 Meet socially
47 Rose of rock
48 A-list folks
50 Lees fabric
51 Certain H.S. exam
52 Kinks hit
54 Set as a goal
55 Buckled, as a seat belt
56 See 57- Across
60 "Dami!"
63 Fancy pitcher
64 Contributors
65 See 5-Down
66 Journalist — Rogers
68 Half a "Mark & Mandy" farewell
69 Federal agts.
70 Furious
71 Required
72 Fido, for one
75 Stand up
77 Edition
78 Neighbor of Mich

79 Big T-shirt size: Abbr.
80 Zoo bird
83 Full of gusts
85 Common reply to "Are you?"
86 Not ill-sorted
87 Japanese drama form
89 Size below
79-Down: Abbr.
92 Lessens
93 Menservants
94 Intertwit
95 Middle, to Brits
96 Most recent
98 Feinstein of the Senate
100 Loathes
101 Relieved sigh
102 Notary's item
103 Cabalero
105 Combat cod
106 Britany city
107 Types
110 JFK data
111 Totally alter
112 Designer
Saint Laurent
115 Punch lightly
116 12/31, e.g.
117 Stand up of the screen
118 French painter Jean



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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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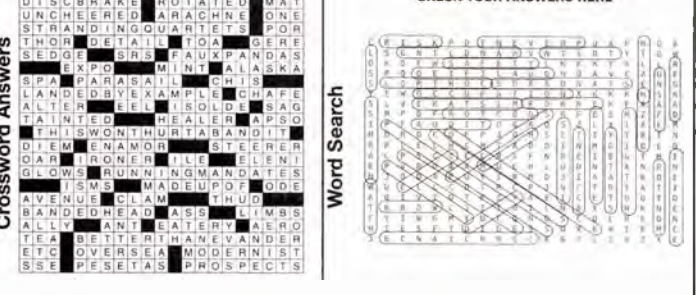
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Crossword Answers

UNCHEREED, ROTATED, MAT, ONE, QUARTETS, POR, SEDGE, HALTER, EXPLORE, ALASKA, PARASAIL, CHIS, LANDED, BYE, EXAMPLE, CHAFE, ALTITUDE, FIELDS, SOLID, SAIG, MOUNTED, THE, HEALERS, THIS, WONT, HURT, BANDIT, OAK, REMENOR, STEERER, DARNER, ILE, ELENI, GLOWS, RUNNING, MANDATES, TISSUE, WADE, UP, FODE, AVENUE, CLAM, PUDD, BANNED, HEAD, ASS, LIMBS, ALLY, ANT, EATERY, AERO, TEA, BETTER, THAN, EVAN, DER, ETC, OVERSEA, MODERNIST, SSE, PESTAS, PROSPECTS

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Maple Island Log Home

5735 Logging Trail, Harbor Springs
Beautiful and meticulously detailed 3 bedroom, 3 bath, authentic full log home on 5 Mile Creek. Water access to Lake Michigan. MLS 445191 \$899,500. Kathy Emig 231-330-2028



Extraordinary Property

5326 King Rd., Petoskey
Just 8 miles south east of Petoskey. Fabulous 40 acres, joins state land; 2 barns, chicken coup, 8 out bldgs. total, Nelson auto waterer, 15 acres fenced with 5 fenced in fields. Perfect for horses, cows, goats, sheep and llamas. Bright and sunny with deck and covered front porch. Great for entertaining or solitude protected by the privacy of the woods. Enjoy hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling or horseback riding on awesome trails. MLS 446956 \$299,000 Pam Fochtman 231-881-8842



Lake Michigan Frontage

Michigan Shores Dr., Charlevoix
Three beautiful, wooded building sites in Michigan Shores. Shared access to 78' of Lake Michigan frontage includes covered picnic area. Natural gas present on center lot. MLS 443665 \$90,000 Deborah Graham 231-330-5567



Ready to Build

910 Wintree Dr., Indian River
Beautifully wooded residential lot with cleared building site, underground utilities, and paved road. Close to Burt Lake, I-75, Mullett Lake, and the Indian River are all easily accessible. Walk to Waubun Nature Preserve and Hildner-Bearce Nature Preserve. MLS 442403 \$8,500 Deborah Graham 231-330-5567



Countryside Views

5915 Walloon Meadow Circle, Petoskey
Great family home located in an upscale neighborhood and centrally located between Petoskey, Boyne City and Charlevoix. Home has 3 Bdr and 2 full baths on main level. Lower level has been framed for two additional bedrooms, one full bath, and a large family room area. Large lot adjoins common area for subdivision, affording privacy and views of countryside. A three season screened porch, large deck, ornamental pond with water fall and 9 foot vaulted ceilings; all make this desirable home a must see. MLS 447551 \$229,900 Sue Finley 231-881-0091



Lake Michigan Frontage

3699 N. Lakeshore, Harbor Springs
Magnificent views on a pristine bluff-top, 3,200 sq. ft. home on approximately 6 acres. Features include an exceptional stone fireplace, two section living room, library, atrium with wet bar, gourmet kitchen, spacious first floor master bedroom with spacious bath and Jacuzzi. Skylights add to bright and airy atmosphere. Extensive lake view decking second floor suite with sitting room, 2 1/2 story garage with unfinished loft. This parcel is contiguous with MLS 444928. MLS 442362 \$629,900 Pam Fochtman 231-881-8842



Beach front Cottage

7983 Sturgeon Bay Dr., Cross Village
Situated on 120 feet of Lake Michigan sandy beach frontage. Very desirable beach area and sandy bottom for swimming with a nice wooden walkway to the beach. Cottage features include open floor plan combined with living, kitchen & dining area, cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace and large windows overlooking Lake Michigan. Additional features include master bedroom suite with private deck and Jacuzzi tub. MLS 443860 \$498,000 Pam Fochtman 231-881-8842



Stunning Lake Michigan Home

4050 S Lake Shore Dr., Harbor Springs
Stunning coastal style beach home situated on 150' of one of the most pristine sandy beaches in the area. High end finishes and beautiful architectural details can be found throughout this custom 5845 sq. ft. home. MLS 448315 \$4,200,000. Gill Whitman 231-620-1856



Larks Lake Frontage

831 Rose Lane, Pellston
This property offers natural beauty. Centrally located within 20 minutes of nearby Petoskey, Harbor Springs, and Mackinaw City. Approximately 8 acres with approximately 200' of frontage on Larks Lake. Meticulously maintained with newer kitchen and carpet. Home offers an open floor plan, master bedroom on main floor, upper level 2 bedroom with walk out decks, spacious loft/library. A wonderful year around or vacation home on Larks Lake. MLS 446412 \$259,000 Pam Fochtman 231-881-8842



Bayview, Petoskey Schools

2698 Country Club Rd., Petoskey
Comfortable 1960's ranch features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large open dining living area and master en suite. Separate office all set up with private entrance. Basement has large living area, wood burning fireplace, & 2 more rooms currently used as a craft room & office/bedroom. Large corner lot across from Bayview Golf Course features walnut trees, raspberry patch, perennial plantings & darling play house or potting shed. Many amenities! MLS 448316 \$250,000 Roxie Beach 231-838-4656 I'll Make You Feel Right At Home!



Northern Michigan Family Home

2357 Tamara Rd., Kalkaska
Great family home in secluded subdivision with large lots. Bi-level home features new flooring, carpet, paint throughout and new vinyl siding. Home has large windows bringing in lots of natural light, and a wood burning fireplace. Located just on the outskirts of town and all the amenities Kalkaska has to offer. MLS 447973 \$139,900 Sue Finley 231-881-0091



Arlington Townhouses

827 Arlington Ave., Petoskey
Extremely well maintained two bedroom, two and a half bath Townhouse. Carport and storage unit included. Exceptional opportunity for your year around home or a seasonal vacation home. Easy maintenance free living. Superb location on the edge of Petoskey City limits in quiet neighborhood. Walking distance to downtown shopping, dining and close to bike trail. Great opportunity to own in Petoskey! MLS 445634 \$119,000 Pam Fochtman 231-881-8842



Boyne Highlands

799 Heather Dr., Harbor Springs
Enjoy main floor living in this beautiful 3 bedroom ranch home on the 5th fairway of The Moor Course in Boyne Highlands. Features 9' ceilings, hardwood & tile floors, gas fireplace, granite counter-tops, stainless steel appliances & large master suite. MLS 448510 \$369,000. Sally Teal 231-881-9989



Trout Creek Condominiums

Trout Creek, Harbor Springs
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Water View Condo

5409 Windigo, Harbor Springs
Enjoy stunning views of Little Traverse Bay from this spacious & lovely 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Windward condominium. Finished walk-out. MLS 444325 \$299,000. Sally Teal 231-881-9989



Charming Cape Cod

6846 Hardwood Court, Harbor Springs
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home was designed with space & function in mind. This home has lots of windows, large kitchen, fireplace, 2 car garage & more. MLS 448068 \$349,500. Kathy Emig 231-330-2028



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Paradise Lake Frontage

7334 Carlton Cove, Carp Lake
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Lake Michigan Frontage

13129 W. Beach Rd., Naubway
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Downtown Petoskey Home

807 Michigan St., Petoskey
Gorgeous sun of the century 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home just blocks from downtown. Original woodwork and wood floors add charm to this immaculately kept residence. Two kits include private corner with gazebo for enjoying our spectacular spring, summer, and fall weather. Two fireplaces for warmth and ambience in the cooler months. Large kitchen has extensive cabinets, stainless appliances, cathedral ceiling, and looks into the breakfast nook with 2nd fireplace. Easy walk to downtown shopping, restaurants, churches, and schools. MLS 447059 \$259,900 Deborah Graham 231-330-5567



Cross Village Gem

6241 N. State St., Harbor Springs
All the hard work has been done and this 20 acre farm has been saved. The dream was a camp ground and main house could service as a great club house in addition to the beautiful barn...new electrical, appliances, furniture, siding...the list goes on. Only a short walk to Lake Michigan access. Easy to show. Strong seasonal traffic close to famed Tunnel of Trees, popular summer resort. MLS 448091 \$274,900 Pam Fochtman 231-881-8842



Birchwood Farms Golf & Country Club of Harbor Springs

2280 Pinecrest, Harbor Springs
Outstanding 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath golf course home offers a wonderful floor plan with large granite kitchen w/ dining & two-way fireplace that carries into the cozy living room overlooking the golf course. MLS 435554 \$408,000. Sandra Gay 231-622-2682

2358 Pinecrest, Harbor Springs
Charming Birchwood home with beautiful golf course views from every room. Wonderful floor plan with first floor living room, dining room, family room, granite kitchen with stainless appliances; master bedroom suite with attached den area. MLS 445560 \$299,000. Call Sandra Gay 231-622-2682.

3226 Greenbriar, Harbor Springs
Delightful 3 bedroom, 3 bath home perched above the 4th green of the Birches Course. Wonderful cozy great room with vaulted ceiling & wood burning stone fireplace, galley kitchen, main floor master suite and two guest rooms. MLS 448286 \$245,000. Sandra Gay 231-622-2682.

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