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# Plawecki's primary ballot spot filled

**Diane Gale Andreassi**  
Staff Writer

Inkster City Council member Jewell Jones will be the Democratic nominee on the primary ballot for the 11th House District seat held by former Rep. Julie Plawecki, who died June 25.

Jones was among 11 candidates who filed paperwork to be considered for the Democrat seat for the Aug. 2 primary election. Voters in the Nov. 8 general election will choose a representative for the

two-year term that begins Jan. 1.

Three precinct delegates — Mabel Stroman and Timothy Williams of Inkster and Lawrence Henney of Dearborn Heights — were chosen at the July 7 precinct delegate meeting to pick the winning candidate. The three delegates are among 58 in the district and 25 were present.

The election was necessary because Plawecki, 54, was running unopposed as a Democrat in the Aug. 2 election (two Republicans, Robert Pope and

Dale Prosser, are also on the ballot). The 11th House District includes Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia and Westland.

Jones was not present at the July 7 delegate election process at Westland City Hall, because he is serving in the military reserves and isn't expected back until later this month, explained Jonathan Kinloch,



Jones

chair of the 13th Congressional District Democratic party organization.

Jones submitted a letter with his resume, like all of the candidates. Jones couldn't be immediately reached for comment.

Jones, a lifelong Inkster resident, was 20 years old last year when he made history as the youngest person to ever sit on the Inkster City Council.

The July 7 delegate election was closed to the public and some people waiting outside the room questioned why the

public couldn't attend.

"It was a meeting of the elected delegates under Michigan election law," Kinloch said. "It wasn't a general party meeting. The only item that was on the agenda was the election of the delegates."

Kinloch said "a few folks asked me why" it was closed.

"Folks who have been engaged in the Democratic Party weren't surprised or caught aghast, because they're already engaged in the process

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# BEYOND BOOKS



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Jawan Huey, Evelyn Thorne, Paul Spreitzer, Gaje Bohnwagner, Ranell Browder and Charlie Settle warm up before a program at the Westland library. For more on the program, please see Page A6.

# Rotarians look at year of service

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

Whether it's scholarships for local students, donations to the Salvation Army summer camp or donations to other charities, the Westland Rotary has a long list of good deeds for the past year.

"Helping kids was goal one of our focuses. We are a small group but we do a lot," said Paul Motz, who reviewed club accomplishments and donations as he wrapped up a year as club president.

The club provided three \$2,000 scholarships to Wayne-Westland High School seniors along with two \$1,000 scholarships to Tinkham High School students.

There was also a \$5,000 donation to the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army summer camp. A Family Resource Fair at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center was sponsored by the club.

"There was a tremendous resource fair and it was held in the area where there is the most need," Motz said. "We took the resources to the people. A lot of what we do is try and level the playing field. We raise money and help people in need."

During the past year, Motz noted the club members had found new ways to raise money like sponsoring a poker room instead of selling raffle tickets. Club members also generate some income through volunteer hours working at the annual Blues, Brews and Barbecue.

Another large contribution came with the donation of \$5,000 worth of personal care products to the Wayne-Westland Schools Family Resource Center and First Step.

One of the club presidency perks, Motz said, is being awarded to select a recipient of the Service Above Self award, which he presented to Rotarian Antoinette Martin.

"Any time I needed some-

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# Two-year approval for haunted attraction

**LeAnne Rogers**  
Staff Writer

After a study session and a relocation of a temporary structure, a seasonal haunted attraction has been approved for Skateland West.

The required special land use was approved for two years. Council President James Goudbot voted against the motion, preferring a one-year approval. Neighboring residents to the north of the Skateland West property, on Cherry west of Newburgh, had expressed concerns about noise, parking and traffic.

Following a recent study session on the request, attorney Ken Silver, representing parent company Hush Entertainment, submitted a

revised plan aimed at addressing concern from residents. In his letter, Silver requested no time limit on the special land use or alternately at least two years.

Those changes included relocating the temporary structure from the north end of the parking lot to the front of the parking lot. That creates an additional 400 feet of noise buffering from neighbors, whose properties will now be 800 feet from the temporary building, which will be used for a haunted attraction and later as a Christmas attraction.

That move also address access concerns from the police and fire department because the attraction will now be abutting Cherry Hill.

It also takes the attraction closer to a fire hydrant, an issue raised by the fire marshal.

There had also been a question about sprinklers being required for the building. Silver noted there had been some confusion about the nature of the temporary building, which he described as open air.

With the relocation of the temporary structure, the trail through woods on the property was also rerouted. Now, the trail would go west from the temporary structure and come back into the parking lot across from the north end of the Skateland West building. No roller skating would be offered during the haunted attraction.

There had already had been a commitment that there would no amplified sound effects or music for the attraction. For the past three years, Hush has operated a haunted attraction on Ford.

The haunted attraction is expected to be open 21 days weekends from late September through Halloween. The hours will be 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Sunday and Monday, 8 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday with all guests out of the attraction within 30 minutes of closing time.

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## ROTARY

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thing, even on short notice, she was there. Sometimes she pulled me aside for (giving) advice," Motz said. "She is like a slightly older sister who will give you hell but will do anything for you."

Selected as Rotarian of the Year was Richard Isham, nicknamed the Chief.

"This gentleman has been a role model. He's a hard worker and has a dry sense of humor that I adore," Motz said. "Our Rotary club wouldn't be the same without the Chief. He doesn't do things for accolades. He is up-

holding Rotary ideals."

New club president Donald Oesterwind Jr., noted his professional work at Safe Step aiding people with mental health and substance abuse, helping them get back on their feet.

"I've dedicated my life to speaking for those who can't speak for themselves," Oesterwind said. "I help the homeless. I help people who have been wronged in the world. I help veterans."

As club president, Oesterwind said he knows he has big shoes to fill and planned to work to enrich relationships in the club.

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## Garden Walk gives glimpse of flowering beauty at 8 homes

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Norm Abramczyk created a little piece of heaven for himself at his Garden City home and he's sharing the view during the Garden City Garden Walk.

The work and the expense to transform his back yard on Hennepin every spring is "all worth it," he said, when he turns on the fountains, sips his morning coffee and looks over his half acre of land adorned in flowers and steeped in serenity.

His garden will be among eight houses featured during the walk, sponsored by the Garden City Garden Club and Lucky Dog Luxury Day Care and Boarding, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 16.

### Get your tickets

Tickets are on sale at Barson's Greenhouse and Lucky Dog. Lucky Dog is on Middlebelt in Garden City, Barson's on Merriam in Westland. The day



DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
Norm Abramczyk loves to turn on his backyard water features and sip his morning coffee in an oasis he created.

and an hour daily weeding. His property has two water features, 12 flats of annuals, 14 flower beds, 50 flower pots, geraniums, hibiscus, roses, dahlias, zinnias, marigolds, moss roses and more. His favorite are geraniums, because they take the least amount of care and always look good, he said.

Look closely tucked in a corner of his lot and you'll see a small vegetable garden with tomatoes, chives, peppers and horseradish. He takes pictures of all his flower beds near the end of each growing season and during the winters he mulls over what worked, what can be tweaked and what he wants to do in the spring.

One flower bed has a cross with his wife Emily's name and the date of her death in 2012. It was her small flower bed among his many beds. She chose the plants and he hasn't made any changes.

The cost and work of caring for so much is "worth it," Abramczyk said, adding, "My entertainment is here. You feel good about yourself."

He started working on the garden delight 19 years ago when he moved in to his home on Hennepin that he describes as "the best of the country in the city."

Abramczyk also takes his gardening skills to the flower bed at the Garden City American Legion Post. He's a member and finance officer of the group and also a member of the American Legion Riders, a motorcycle organization.

The 22nd annual Garden City Garden Walk includes seven other garden delights, including Mary Wahl's back yard on Beechwood. When visitors turn into her yard, the most common response is "wow," her husband Jeff Wahl said.

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and with election protocol," he added. "Not all aspects of the election law are open to the public."

Kinloch previously said he was traveling an uncharted course in getting a Democrat on the primary ballot following a death of someone who filed.

"We hope to never in life have to use this again," Kinloch said July 7 after Jones was chosen.

### Call to duty

Lauren Plawecki, the 22-year-old daughter of the late representative, was also among the candidates seeking her mother's seat.

"I know my mother had a lot of projects in progress that I would like to finish," Lauren Plawecki said.



DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
Rachel Plawecki (left) came to support her sister, Lauren Plawecki, who spoke before precinct delegates during a bid to be the Democratic candidate on the primary ballot.

wecki said. Top on Lauren Plawecki's priorities would have been to push through a Michigan Water is a Human Right bill "that I'm afraid won't get passed," she said.

Julie Plawecki, who was on the Michigan Progressive Women's Caucus, would have also liked to see a woman in the position, Lauren Plawecki said before Jones was chosen.

Applying for the position, Lauren Plawecki said, "was a sense of duty."

Other candidates included former Dearborn Heights Councilman Ned Apigian; Dearborn City Planner Mohamed Ayoub; Dearborn teacher Rashid Baydoun; Dear-

born Heights Councilwoman Lisa Hicks-Clayton; former Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton; Robert Johnson; ACCESS supervisor Rafael Narbaez; Inkster Council member DeAttriss Richardson and Aaron Sims of Inkster, Kinloch said.

On June 5, Gov. Rick Snyder called a special primary election for Aug. 30 for the election of a candidate to complete Plawecki's term. July 12 is the deadline to file for that race.

Julie Plawecki died of an apparent heart attack while hiking in Oregon. The outpouring of condolences and overwhelming support from the public has meant a lot to the Plawecki family, Lauren Plawecki said.

"Everyone she met and touched know there was something special about her," she said. "I'm glad we shared her."

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# Suspect sought in credit card fraud case

Westland Police are attempting to identify a suspect wanted for using a credit card account that reportedly belongs to an elderly Ferndale woman.

The suspect pictured is described as a regular at the Sunoco Gas Station, 31215 Warren Road in Westland. Police said that it is likely that the suspect may live or work in that area of Warren Road and Merriman.

The suspect is described as a black male approximately 22 years old, 6 feet tall weighing about 175 pounds. He has a full beard and a mustache, and both of his forearms are fully tattooed. The suspect was driving a white SUV that appears to be a Honda or Hyundai with an out-of-state plate during this incident. He has also been seen driving a silver truck in the past.

Anyone who can identify the suspect is asked to call the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600, or Sgt. Chris Gazdecki at 734-467-3250.



WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Westland Police are attempting to identify this man in connection with a case where the credit card of an elderly woman was allegedly used without permission.

## LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

### Items taken from unlocked, open vehicle

Livonia police were dispatched early Wednesday morning to a home in the 17900 block of Woodside on the report of several items that had been taken from a vehicle.

The victim said he drove the vehicle and parked it at the residence earlier in the night, leaving the doors unlocked and the windows down. He went back several hours later to lock up the doors and roll up the windows, but found several items missing from inside the vehicle. Missing were some light stands, shin guards and

disc golf discs.

### Retail fraud reported

Police were called Thursday afternoon to Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

The suspect, who has been suspected of committing other retail frauds at the store, walked in and selected several items. She then attempted to return those items at the counter, but that transaction was denied. She then attempted to leave the store with several items she had not paid for, but was stopped by a store employee. She was detained and held until police arrived and

disc golf discs.

### Tires, wheels stolen

Police were dispatched Thursday morning to a home in the 16500 block of Ronnie Lane on the report of some wheels and tires that were taken from a vehicle.

All four wheels and tires were taken from the vehicle and it was left resting on landscaping blocks. The lugnuts were left behind, though no other damage was reported to the vehicle. Nothing else was taken from the vehicle.

- Compiled by David Veselenak from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident at the Landings Apartments, 6711 Lakeview, told police that someone had stolen the tires and rims from her 2016 Chrysler 300 while it was parked in the lot. She told police she works mid-nights and arrives home at 5 a.m. Her mother told her the tires and rims, valued at \$3,000, were missing about 10 a.m.

### Larceny

On July 1, a resident in the 5800 block of N. Harvey told police that overnight someone had stolen a backpack containing an iPod, Nikon

camera, compass and rain gear valued at \$700, from his truck, which was parked unlocked in the driveway.

### Break-in

A resident at the Capri Terrace Apartments, 31481 Capri Terrace, told police she arrived home about 3 p.m. July 4 to find someone had kicked in her entry door. She said nothing appeared to be missing.

### Fireworks issue

A resident in the 1400 block of Lillian told police July 4 that around 1:30 a.m. someone was setting off fireworks that fell on his grass, setting the lawn

on fire. The resident said he put the fire out himself.

### Vandalism

On July 1 an employee at Alliance Shippers, 8630 N. Newburgh, that she had found a window broken at the rear of the businesses. The window had a large crack in the exterior pane, which the officer noted appeared to have been caused by BBs or a window punch.

### Found property

An unidentified man turned in a pink bicycle to police July 3. He said it had been left at Cooper Elementary School, 28550 Ann Arbor Trail.

LeAnne Rogers

## WAYNE COP CALLS

### Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 4600 block of Hunt told police June 29 that overnight someone pried open the passenger door of her 1998 Ford F-150 pick up truck. The radio, valued at \$200, had been pried out of the dashboard and was stolen along with a bottle of Crown Royal whiskey, valued at \$27, and \$45 in cash.

The resident said she parked the truck on the street about 10 p.m. and found the theft about 7 a.m. She said she notified her neighbors about the theft and one reported having surveillance footage of the incident. That video showed two men driving a white SUV.

A second video was subsequently reported to show a possible suspect cutting through his backyard wearing gloves and carrying what appeared to be a tool.

### Dog loose

Police were called to the area of Wayne Road

and Van Born just before 11 p.m. July 1 about a dog at large.

A Belleville man told police that he saw the lab/pit bull mixed breed dog running loose on the south side of Van Born. When he tried to catch the dog, he said it ran across the street into the Mobil gas station parking lot.

The man was able to catch the dog and attached his belt to the dog's collar. The dog was taken to the Wayne Animal Shelter. The owner of the dog, who lives in the 5800 block of Newberry, came to retrieve the dog just before 1:30 a.m. She said that she had been unaware that the dog got out of her backyard and had been looking for him.

She paid a shelter fee and was cited for having a dog at large after showing the dog's proof of rabies vaccination.

### Fraud

An employee at the Wayne Road and Van Born Mobil gas station told police July 3 that a

man purchased five packs of cigarettes and a bottle of Gatorade for \$38. He said he always checks the identification of the person making a credit card purchase, and they seemed to match.

The man swiped the card but the employee said he noticed the last four digits of the card on the receipt didn't match the card and asked to see the card again.

He said the man grabbed the items and ran from the gas station. The clerk followed and wrote down a license number, which would found to be invalid.

### Suspended license

A Wayne woman was arrested June 30 after an officer, who was aware that her license was suspended, drove past him on Howe. She was reported to have seven current suspensions and also three warrants.

LeAnne Rogers



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## Fix-it app praised; W-W superintendent 'highly effective'

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland school staffer Geno Montayne was key in developing an interactive app to help maintain district buildings.

It includes taking a photo of the needed repair, explained Montayne during the Monday, June 27, Board of Education meeting. "It would report it to the head custodian who could address it immediately," he said, adding others could be brought in for the fix as needed. It's called "Click It & Fix It."

Montayne, supervisor of Energy Management, was recognized Monday with an honorable mention award from the Michigan School Business Officials for his work, the Meridian Award of Excellence. He's glad the app "made our buildings look a lot nicer."

Superintendent Michele Harmala saw a piece of sidewalk when out and about that needed fixing. She learned to use the app and took a photo.

"The cement is now in the hole and the sidewalk looks great," Harmala said. Montayne praised Tony Spisak, his department's executive director, and his co-workers.

Harmala also drew praise from the school board, with her Superintendent's Evaluation "highly effective" in 11 categories. The board appointed its president, Shawna Walker, to negotiate to extend Harmala's contract.

"I'd like to say thank you for your kind words" in the evaluation, Harmala said. Later, Trustee Melandine Hines said of Harmala, "You are our bright sunshine. Thank you so much for your hard work."

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Michele Harmala, Wayne-Westland school superintendent, was rated "highly effective" in 11 categories.



Geno Montayne (left) of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools accepts his honorable mention award from Michigan School Business Officials representative Steve Ezikian during a recent school board meeting.

## Wayne Metro garners \$36M Head Start grant

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro) Youth and Family Services Division has been awarded a total of \$36 million in federal funding by the Office of Head Start (OHS) to provide high quality, comprehensive services to ages birth to 5 and their families over the next five years.

The new grant includes Early Head Start for pregnant women, infants and toddlers ages birth to 3 and expands existing services to preschoolers. Wayne Metro's Early Learning Centers will serve income-eligible children in the communities of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park, Redford and the Grosse Pointes.

Studies have shown that pre-K programs help generate billions of dollars in economic and other benefits, including improved academic achievement and emotional health, increases in high school and college graduation rates, increases in income and homeownership, as well as decreases in crime. Early education also reduces dependencies on social services.

Wayne Metro has been delivering Head Start Services for more than 15 years and with this recent award is now the largest provider of Head Start/Early Head Start services in out-Wayne County. The new OHS funding allows Wayne Metro to continue preschool services for children ages 3-5 and to implement a long-needed expansion to include those age birth to 3 (Early Head Start). Full-day school year options have also been funded to better meet the needs of families that are working and/or pursuing educational goals.

"We could not be more pleased for the opportunity to

serve young children and their families. What we put forth in our application is a best-in-class model for preschool and early childhood services," said Louis D. Piszker, Wayne Metro's chief executive officer. "The award will allow us to enhance classrooms and facilities, make significant technology upgrades, while providing training and professional development for staff to ensure that by age 5 our children are thriving, ready to start kindergarten, and on a path to success," he added.

Wayne Metro is currently enrolling students and families for the 2016-17 school year and actively recruiting early childhood teachers and program staff. To learn more, visit [www.waynemetro.org](http://www.waynemetro.org).

Wayne Metro is the Community Action Agency serving all of Wayne County, including the City of Detroit. Its mission is to empower low-income people and strengthen communities. The agency has been serving needs of low-income individuals since 1971, delivering more than 30 integrated programs, including educational, housing, financial empowerment and basic needs services to individuals, families, and children.

Officials cite a low administrative rate (8 percent) so that 92 cents of every dollar can be used for direct client services. With corporate headquarters in the City of Detroit, Wayne Metro maintains over 20 service hubs and sites throughout the City of Detroit and suburban Wayne County including Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Grosse Pointe, Highland Park, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, River Rouge, Taylor, Westland and Wyandotte.

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# Find the 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275.

## Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the mid-level SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the top-line SL trim. New LED running lights up front and angular tail-lights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

## How it drives

The Rogue's powertrain is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option.

Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

## Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is



The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.



Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types.

inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable. The second row of

seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

## Ergonomics and ergonomics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a

5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information.

A full complement of information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue fea-

tures not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

## Cargo and storage

Pop the rear hatch (a power liftgate is optional) to reveal a spacious cargo area with low bumper liftover. The second-row seats fold flat in a 40/20/40 split, and the levers are accessible with a stretch from the cargo area to unlatch the seat-backs. Fold the front passenger seat flat as well to get a cargo area able to accommodate an 8-foot ladder. For models without the third-row seat, under-floor storage is presented with two reconfigurable dividers that can also act as package shelves.

The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include

the following:

## Exterior highlights

- » 17-inch steel wheels; 17- and 18-inch alloy wheels available
- » Halogen headlights
- » LED daytime running lights
- » Rear spoiler
- » Available power moonroof
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## Interior highlights

- » Available front seat warmers
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- » Six front storage areas
- » Available Nissan-Connect™ with navigation
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## Under the Hood

- » 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine
- » Continuously Variable Transmission
- » Front- or all-wheel drive
- » Active Trace Control, Active Engine Braking and Active Ride Control

## Safety features

- » Required in every new car: front airbags, anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system
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# Parkour, freerunning taught to teens at libraries

**Julie Brown**  
Staff Writer

Teens know the Westland Public Library's lots of fun — including learning parkour and freerunning.

Gaje Bohnwagner, 14, a Wayne Memorial High ninth-grader, said of a Thursday program, "Pretty refreshing, seeing as how I've done this before. It was definitely fun to try."

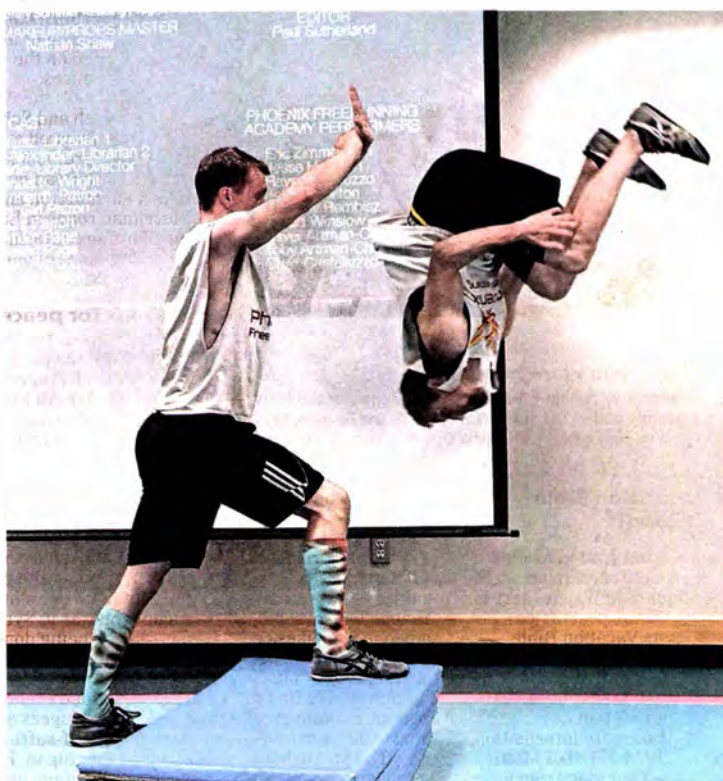
Bohnwagner was among about 10, mostly teens and one brave library IT staffer trying parkour and freerunning. The Phoenix Freerunning Academy in Livonia was well-represented by Eric Zimmerman, 26, of Berkley and Jesse Harrison, 23, of Livonia.

Phoenix Freerunning Academy has been open a little more than a year, offering instruction and workouts. "Parkour is all about efficiency," Zimmerman said. "It's about getting from Point A to Point B" with running, jumping, climbing, flips and vaults.

Parkour was developed in the late 1980s by David Belle based on French military training. Around 2000, freerunning was further developed from parkour by Sebastien Foucan, who had worked with Belle.

"They just hadn't been standardized, put into certain movements," Zimmerman said.

The Westland library session, part of the Summer Reading Program for teens, began with a Livonia Public Library video showing moves



Eric Zimmerman and Jesse Harrison begin class with a demonstration.



Charlie Settle and instructor Jesse Harrison.

that had recently gone viral. That was done to promote teen reading in Livonia.

A group warm-up followed, with teens then learning to jump, land safely, roll, do precision balance work and several vaults. An obstacle course combining what was learned wrapped things up.

Said Harrison, "Ever

since I was young I liked jumping around and navigating." He saw "American Ninja Warrior" on TV, and then used YouTube for an introduction to the sport.

### 'Grow the sport'

"I met the bigger community of Michigan," Harrison said. They formed a team and opened Phoenix Freerunning Academy "so we can grow the sport and teach kids and adults parkour."

Zimmerman said kids usually need to be about 7 years old to start "and progress forward from there. It's very popular with the teens" and young adults.

One dad in his 50s

accompanies two sons to Phoenix Freerunning Academy. "They all come in together and train, which is really cool," said Zimmerman, who'd like to see more professional leagues.

Harrison noted public middle schools in Washington, D.C., now use the sport for physical education. "A lot of people are really seeing the benefits of it," he said.

The teens who gathered July 7 at the Westland Public Library were in the "Get in the Game-Read" summer program. "So this was a great fit," noted teen librarian Jody Wolak, adding some 250 teens are signed up for the summer.

The men were looking

forward to a Friday, July 8, afternoon visit to the Canton Public Library to teach teens there. "Every one that we've done has been a lot of fun. The kids really enjoy it. Got to find the balance between the mind and the body," he added, with Wolak agreeing it's good to balance reading and fitness.

Zimmerman told kids parkour is done "typically in an urban environment. Freerunning is a little more about creativity." At the academy, they start with basic parkour movements.

### Words of encouragement

"All right, guys, that's awesome," said Zimmerman, as teaching progressed. He explained use of the lower body for rolling, with bent knees, catching with hands, and then lowering the body with legs and arms. The rolls were done with one leg tucked, with students catching on quickly.

"Knowing how to catch yourself and protect your body is a really useful skill," Zimmerman

said. The students moved on to balance work on rails, with Harrison noting, "I like to look at the end of where I'm going. Sometimes, slow is the way to go."

IT staffer Scott Clark, 32, noted between movements, which included jumps. "I'm also a physical activity enthusiast." Librarian Wolak had just healed from a bicycle accident in which she'd broken her elbow.

"Probably no parkour for me at the moment," she said with a smile. "I think some of them are downright giddy," she added of the teens.

Evelyn Thorne, a homeschooler, was among teens participating at Westland. "It was really awesome," she said. "It turned out to be really cool." She dances a lot for fitness.

Phoenix Freerunning Academy is at 12936 Farmington Road, Livonia, and can be reached at 734-744-6220. Its website is [www.phoenixfreerunning.com](http://www.phoenixfreerunning.com).

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Meet with Marecki

Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, R-Livonia, will conduct office hours in the District 9 community of Livonia from 10-11 a.m. Monday, July 11, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Constituents can meet with Marecki and discuss matters of concern within the community.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity of sitting down and meeting with my Livonia constituents on a one-to-one basis and listening to their concerns regarding Wayne County," Marecki said.

For more information, contact Marecki's office at 313-224-0946.

RU Marching Band

The Redford Union Marching Band will be holding a fundraiser at Vicky's Ice Cream, 26145 W. Six Mile Road in Redford, from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11.

Band members will be there playing their instruments along with attached units Color Guard and Majorettes. All proceeds benefit RUHS Marching Band.

Garden Walk

The Garden City Garden Club hosts the 22nd annual Garden Walk from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 16.

Garden Walk tickets are \$8 (or two for \$15) and are available at Barson's Greenhouse (6414 Merriman) and Lucky Dog Daycare (5921 Middlebelt).

For more information, visit the club's website (gcg.cgmweb.com) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gcgcmi).

Food distribution

On Tuesday, July 19, the City of Livonia will distribute, through the State of Michigan Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), salmon, orange juice, Tasteo's cereal, UHT milk, peaches, vegetarian beans, rotini and cranberry sauce. Other items will also be provided

from Forgotten Harvest. The distribution is from noon to 2 p.m. at the vacant district court building, 15140 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road. This distribution is offered to Livonia residents who are currently enrolled in TEFAP with a TEFAP ID card. Distributions are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month.

Senior housing residents should check with their housing office for TEFAP information. For more information, contact the Community Resource Department, Commodity Food line at 734-466-2673. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Meet Up/Eat Up

Meet Up to Eat Up at Hype Wayne takes place every Monday through Friday at Hype Wayne, 4635 Howe in Wayne, from noon to 2 p.m., until the end of August.

Meet Up to Eat Up is open to anyone 18 and under, and hungry.

Teddy Bear picnic

The Teddy Bear Picnic at the Simmons-Hill House Gardens takes place 2-4 p.m. Saturday, July 16. Pack your picnic lunch, blanket, and favorite teddy bear.

Children's activities include story teller, craft and a honey bee tea.

Advance tickets \$5 per child. Tickets are available at the Greenmead office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the preservation of Greenmead Historical Park.

Trunk sale

The Livonia Historical Commission hosts a one-day trunk sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh in Livonia.

A large variety of items will be available. Enter at the Special Event Parking Lot. Admission is a donation. Plenty of free parking.

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Wish you were here

The Kinney family — Michael, Gwen, Madalynn and Mary — recently visited The South Rim of the Grand Canyon. Of course, they took their Livonia Observer with them.

Vacation Bible school

First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square in Wayne (across from the post office) hosts Vacation Bible School for kindergarten through fifth grade. The school takes July 17-21 from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call 734-721-4801 Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Kindergarten program

South Redford School District is offering a tuition-free Kindergarten Readiness Program (with the exception of a one-time-only material fee of \$75) to all children who reside in South Redford and will be age 4 by Sept. 1. The children attend three-hour classes, Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon sessions.

The preschoolers participate in activities designed to encourage the development of readiness skills necessary for a successful kindergarten experience.

Parents interested in more information may contact the Kindergarten Readiness teachers at 313-535-4000, Ext. 1036. Registration packets are available at the district's Jan Jacobs building at 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford. The Kindergarten Readiness Program is

in the same building."

St. Michael car show

Are you a "muscle car" fan? A "street rod" junkie? A classic car aficionado? Perhaps just someone who likes cool cars? Then St. Michael the Archangel Church is hoping you will find their upcoming summer car show to be right up your alley. The St. Michael the Archangel Church Social Committee is offering its first car show in the St. Michael School parking lot on Saturday, July 16, with a limited number of display spots available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the lot opening for participants at 8 a.m. All cars must be in place no later than 11 a.m. The \$10 registration fee covers participation and a car owner's goodie bag.

All makes, models and years of cars are welcome. Voting will take place throughout the day, with the awards ceremony beginning promptly at 2:30 p.m. There will be three award categories: Kids' Choice, Participants' choice, and Best of Show. Door prizes will be drawn every hour and there will be addi-

tional activities and food available. There are, however, no burn outs, spin outs, racing or alcohol permitted on the church premises.

St. Michael's the Archangel Church and School complex is located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road between Farmington and Merriman roads in Livonia. For more information, visit www.livonia-st-michael.org.

Citizens for peace

The Citizens for Peace will present the program "The Syrian Refugee Crisis: We Are All Related" at their July 12 meeting at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) at 7 p.m.

Patrick McLean, board member of the Syrian American Rescue Network, will share information about the people coming to our state to escape the war in Syria, and what is being done to help them. SARN's mission is to provide humanitarian and economic support to refugees as they reach self-sufficiency in Michigan. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com

Mom 2 Mom Sale

SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer in Westland, hosts its Mom 2 Mom sale 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.

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), features 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

Cruise for a cause

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia is the new location for the "Cruise-in for a Cause" classic car show. The cruise will be held from 5-8 p.m. Mondays on July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (no cruise July 4).

Visitors can talk with the car owners about how they restored their vehicles and share thoughts and ideas with other enthusiasts.

The cruise will include a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to support Blessings in a Backpack of Livonia. There will be a disc jockey specializing in '50s and '60s music. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is at 39020 Five Mile in Livonia, just east of I-275 next to the Italian American Club.

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.

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**APPEAL CASE 2016-05-37 (Tabled on June 28, 2016):** Scott and Barb Hesskamp, north side of Joy (37010) between Newburgh and Crown, seeking to remove the existing detached garage and accessory building and construct a detached garage, resulting in excess area, overall height and excess wall height

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-53:** Christopher Gable, South side of West Chicago (35875) between Arthur and West End, seeking to perform fire arm sales and distribution from a personal residence which is not allowed.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-54:** Charles Judd, West side of Crown (8909) between Northfield and Dover, seeking to erect a six foot tall wood privacy fence upon a corner lot resulting in excess fence height and the fence extending to the front of the home.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-55:** Sandra Bush (Trzaskos), east side of Orangelawn (35980) between Parkdale and Arthur, seeking to construct a detached garage resulting in excess garage area.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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CITY OF 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 26, 2016, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

**Petition 2016-06-02-13 submitted by Security Vault Works, Inc., on behalf of Bank of America,** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(n)(3) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to construct and operate a freestanding drive-up ATM kiosk within the parking lot of the Merri-Five shopping center at 31072 - 31320 Five Mile Road, located on the north side of Five Mile Road between Merriman Road and Henry Ruff Road in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14.

**Petition 2016-06-02-14 submitted by Livonia Market II, L.L.C.** requesting approval of all plans required by Section 18.47 and 18.58 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, in connection with a proposal to redevelop the property at 29659 Seven Mile Road, including demolishing the existing building, constructing a 37,000 square foot fitness center (LA Fitness), a 8,060 square foot freestanding multi-tenant retail building, reconfiguring the layout of the parking lot and obtaining preliminary approval for a future commercial building, located on the south side of Seven Mile Road between Middlebelt Road and Melvin Avenue in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11.

**Petition 2016-07-02-15 submitted by Smoky's Cigar Bar & Lounge,** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(h) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to utilize a Class C liquor license (sale of beer, wine and spirits for consumption on the premises) in connection with the operation of a smoke shop at 37298 Six Mile Road, within the Northbrook Plaza shopping center located on the north side of Six Mile Road between the Fitzgerald Avenue and Newburgh Road in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8.

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  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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# Animal shelter is tops in practices, 'save' rate

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

The Humane Society of Huron Valley recently received its fifth consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator.

Only 6 percent of charities get such high marks consistently from the nonprofit organization, which evaluates their fiscal management practices, accountability and transparency. HSHV has the top Charity Navigator rating among animal shelters in Michigan. Ratings listed on the Charity Navigator website help inform charitable givers as they decide where to donate their money or time.

But that data alone doesn't tell the entire story for animal rescues and shelters. Christie Keith, an advisory board member for Michigan Pet Fund Alliance, says potential donors also should look at the Alliance's annual save rate report, which compares intake rates, euthanasia stats and number of "saved" animals for wel-



Hayes lives in the office at Humane Society of Huron Valley with other cats that have tested positive for feline leukemia.

fare organizations that operate shelters statewide. The Alliance looks at data collected from shelters and compiled by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. It organizes the data into an easy-to-read format that it posts on its website, michiganpetfund.org. HSHV has scored high

on the annual save rate report, too.

"We have gotten the outstanding animal shelter (award) for the best save rate all the years they've offered it," said Wendy Welch, HSHV marketing director. "We receive it for being a large, open admissions shelter." Keith said HSHV

saves nearly 90 percent of all animals it takes in and does a "spectacular job" innovating new programs and staying in touch with shelter trends across the country.

"Tanya (Hilgendorf) has been an extraordinary advocate for animals," she said, referring to HSHV's president and CEO. "I've seen her help

other shelters and communities by sharing experiences and innovations. She is a leader."

## New program

HSHV recently turned its administrative office into a sanctuary for cats with the feline leukemia after taking on dozens of cats from another local shelter. FeLV-positive cats must be separated from non-infected cats to keep the disease from spreading. Many shelters euthanize FeLV cats, but Hilgendorf said in a press release that HSHV found a way to deal with the increase in its FeLV population by thinking "outside the box."

"We're constantly working around cats, cats on keyboards, cats on papers," Welch said. "In a few weeks we'll release information about another program, playgroups for dogs. It's helping them become more adoptable."

Keith suggests that charitable givers look at an animal shelter's mission, programs, Charity Navigator rating, and

save rate before digging into their wallets for donations.

"I'd look at the numbers and Google to see the conversation about the organization. I'd Google to see if there has been a big change in the organization. Get a feeling whether the conversation is positive or negative," said Keith, who also consults with several national organizations.

"I believe it's critical in philanthropy to give money where it will have impact. There is no one litmus test, but if you take an organization that has historically been saving low numbers of animals and there's nothing to indicate anything will change the historically low numbers, there are no new policies in place, no new leader...give your money to (another) organization rather than to a failing shelter."

For more about HSHV, go to hshv.org.

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# Sample vegetarian dishes, try a beer float at local events

**Sharon Dargay**  
Staff Writer

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— all focused on vegetarianism — Sunday, July 10, at Zhong Shu Temple in Farmington Hills.

The second annual Green Day celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the temple, 23845 Middlebelt Road.

"We decided to make it an annual event and each year has a different focus," said Nancy Harris, a Southfield resident and temple member who is helping to coordinate the program. "Last year, we focused the environmental impact of consuming meat and, this year, we want to talk about health benefits of being vegetarian." The temple will show

portions of the documentary "Forks Over Knives" and vegetarians will be on hand to answer questions about living a healthier life by eating plant-based foods.

"We'll talk about the research done by the two medical doctors featured in the documentary and case studies where they focus on heart disease, high cholesterol, diabetes," she said.

Harris, who has a background in food inspection, will explain why she eats a plant-based diet. She'll offer a glimpse of what goes on "behind the scenes" in the food industry and will talk briefly about meat,

poultry and fish.

Eating a plant-based diet is an important component of the Taoist philosophy, according to Rocky Chen, temple host.

RSVP by July 9 to michigantemple@yahoo.com. Call the temple at 248-579-4791; Chen at 734-890-2307; or email Harris at rh427@aol.com

Here's a sampling of other tasty events:

## Ice cream and cocktails

Farmington — Get a dessert martini, a beer float, ice cream with a twist or a plated dessert at Browndog Dessert Bar, which celebrates its grand opening at noon

Thursday, July 7, at 33314 Grand River Ave. Paul Gabriel and Brian Scherle, who own Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar in Northville, focus on Michigan-made products, such as Michigan beers and spirits, at their newest location. Browndog Dessert Bar features an appetizer menu and family-friendly ice cream and desserts, too.

Go to Browndog Creamery & Dessert Bar (Farmington) on Facebook.

## Say 'cheese ... and olives'

Plymouth — Take a bottle of Old World Olive Co. balsamic vinegar or

olive oil on vacation, to the park, the pool, a picnic — the choice is yours. Snap a selfie with the product by Sept. 6 and you might win a basket of Old World Olive Co. products worth \$400 or a chef's cooking demonstration for you and 20 guests.

The company, which has locations in Birmingham, Grand Rapids and Rockford, in addition to downtown Plymouth, asks entrants to post photos on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest and/or Twitter and comment, tag a friend and use the hashtag #owocyourfreshself.

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# Legion post honors Livonia World War II veteran

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John A. Chelenyak, a World War II veteran from Livonia, was honored as the July 2016 "Veteran of the Month" by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Chelenyak served in the Army Air Corps from 1943-1945. He is a native Detroit born and raised on the southwest side in Delray. He graduated from Southwestern High School and was drafted in April 1943 after turning 18.

He told the officer at the induction center that he had always wanted to fly and to his surprise was inducted into the Army Air Corp. One week later he was on a train to St. Petersburg, Fla., for 12 weeks of basic training.

"It wasn't too bad," Chelenyak said. "Our barracks was a converted hotel, the Venoy Park Hotel, and it was pretty nice."

He was then selected to go to Flight Engineer-

ing School at Keesler Army Airfield in Biloxi, Miss., where he spent 22 weeks in mechanics training. Then he went to Westover Field in Massachusetts for four weeks of overseas flight crew training as a flight engineer/turret gunner.

### New home base

In September 1944 he flew to Wales, then to his new home base at Wendling, Station 118, USAAF, 8thAF, 392nd Bombardment Group located on the East coast of England in Norfolk County. Chelenyak flew 28 bombing missions with no one in his crew killed, though he vividly remembers his 16th mission on Jan. 1, 1945.

First Lt. Roger Brandt was the pilot of their B-24 "Rat Poison" as they took off at 9:30 a.m. The mission was to bomb the Kronprinz bridge near Koblenz. The weather was poor (rain and fog). The auxiliary wing fuel tanks were left empty so they could carry an extra bomb load. The group assembled at 17,000 feet and then left the English coast for Germany.



Livonia World War II veteran John Chelenyak was honored as the Veteran of the Month for July.

All the way to the target they had heavy flak. Their squadron got lost in the fog and it took 1-1/2 hours to find the target. After bombs

away they headed for home. "By this time we were very low on gas and we had to drop out of formation," Chelenyak re-

called. "I transferred all available fuel to keep the two inboard engines running as long as possible." He then told the pilot that they did not have enough fuel to make it back to base and should look for a place to set it down. They were still in Germany at the time, alone and unescorted, eyes were scanning the skies for enemy fighters.

### Crash landing

"When the third engine stopped, there was only enough fuel to get down to 1,000 feet," Chelenyak said, "and then that (fourth) engine died, too." They were now crossing the Belgium/France border and the pilot told everyone over the interphone to prepare for a crash landing.

"Lieutenant Brandt had asked the crew to bail out if they wanted to," Chelenyak said, "but after he said he was going to try to take it down, we all agreed to go with him. He spotted a cornfield in Belgium and headed for it, he 'mushed' the air to try and slow down our de-

scend. It was due to (Brandt's) 'superior flying ability and experience' that he was able to crash land the plane wheels up all intact without any injuries to his crew."

The plane made a belly landing and came to rest in a muddy cornfield near Mons, Belgium. The crew was welcomed by the local town's people and on Jan. 3 the 5th Strategic Air Depot at Merville, France, was informed that the crew was alive and awaiting transportation back to England.

### Going home

John returned home, got a job at Ford, married Rose Mary in 1949, and retired after 31 years in 1981. They have two sons, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with one on the way. John and Rose Mary have lived in Livonia since 1955 and he is a member of American Legion Post 32.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150

## Fully research the tax implications before purchasing a home

**Q: I am in my early 30s and my wife is in her late 20s. We've been married for about five years and, during that time, we have been renting. My wife, more than me, has been diligent in saving money so we'll have enough for a down payment and to do some decorating. The issue is with our Realtor. He is a very good friend of ours and I know without question he has our best interests at heart. He says we can afford more of a home if we wish because of the**



**various tax breaks that we will get after we buy the home. What he said was that since we do not itemize our deductions now, interest and property taxes would generate about \$15,000 in deductions and that would save me about \$5,000 a year in taxes. Is there something wrong with his numbers?**

A: For most people, buying a home is the single largest purchase they will ever make. It is important to go into purchasing a home with your eyes wide open. I believe you should own your home as opposed to your home owning you. That is why it's important to always make sure that not only can you afford the house payments, but also the additional cost in home ownership — repairs, maintenance and unexpected costs always creep up with a home.

I believe the mistake the Realtor is making is

he's not factoring in the standard deductions. He is assuming the deductions the house is generating are in addition to the standard deduction, but that's not the case. Taxpayers have two options when it comes to deductions. They can either take the standard deduction or they can itemize; they can't do both.

Currently, the standard deduction for a married couple is \$12,600. For most people, other than interest on a mortgage and property taxes, the major deduc-

tions are state and local income taxes and charitable contributions. For example, if a married couple had \$2,000 in charitable contributions and another \$3,000 in state and local taxes, their total deductions would be \$5,000. Therefore, in that situation, it would be better for them to take the standard deduction. If we applied this to the case at hand and we assume you still had the \$5,000 in deductions between state and local taxes and charitable contributions, the \$15,000 you would have from

property taxes and interest would make your total deduction \$20,000. Consequently, the difference for tax purposes in owning the house is the difference between the \$20,000 and the \$12,600 standard deduction (\$20,000 minus \$12,600 equals \$7,400). The total tax implication is \$7,400 in additional deductions and, in your bracket, that would be approximately \$2,200 in tax savings, not \$6,000.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the bid must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN LIVONIA TELEVISION CONTROL ROOM EQUIPMENT, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Linda McCann  
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USA HOCKEY

# Crunch time for top juniors

USA Hockey Arena to host evaluation camp for World Juniors

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Spending hours inside a hockey arena isn't what most people put at the top of their to-do list for late July or early August.

But they might want to make an exception, with Plymouth's USA Hockey Arena poised to host an evaluation camp that will feature 42 top under-20 American players battling for a spot on the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team. USA Hockey's National

Junior Evaluation Camp is set to take place from July 30 through Aug. 6 at the arena on Beck Road just south of Five Mile Road. There will be doubleheaders nearly every day of the camp, pitting games between the U.S., Canada, Finland and Sweden.

"These are absolutely our top under-20 players in the country," said Jim Johannson, USA Hockey assistant executive director for hockey operations. "These guys are one or

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Firing the puck against Michigan's goalie last season is NTDP U18s forward Kieffer Bellows, who will be part of the USA Hockey junior camp.

## Salem players on Brine National All-Star Team

Maddie Johnson and Leah Tardiff from Salem High School were named to the 2016 Brine National All-Star Team.

Johnson and Tardiff will represent Michigan at the Brine National Lacrosse Classic, July 19-22 in Richmond, Va.

Johnson, a goalkeeper, and Tardiff, who plays midfield, are three-year players for Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team.

Both are entering their senior year and have verbally committed to play Division I women's lacrosse at University of Detroit Mercy.

The Brine National Lacrosse Academy brings the top youth players in the nation to one venue. Regional teams coached by NCAA lacrosse coaches compete to be the national champion.

## Intensity Track Club holding bowling fundraiser

Intensity Track Club, based out of Wayne Memorial, is holding its second annual bowling fundraiser this month to raise funds to travel to a USATF Elite Showcase July 22 in New Jersey.

The fundraiser will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, July 17, at Merri-Bowl Lanes on Five Mile Road in Livonia.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the bowling alley. Included for that fee are two hours of unlimited bowling, pizza and pop.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and other basket prizes. A GoFundMe account also is set up for Intensity.

## Sports teams need coaches

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

Interested applicants should email athletic director Brian Samulski at [an.samulski@pccsk12.com](mailto:an.samulski@pccsk12.com).

Minimum requirements include the following: high school graduate or equivalent; experience in high school coaching or competing at the college level in swimming; have a time schedule compatible with that of high school; CPR and/or first-aid training preferred; ability to work with parents and children.

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

The responsibilities include providing leadership and direction for the players (varsity, JV, freshmen and middle school) and assistant coaches, establishing cooperation and coordination at all levels, establishing a high level of self-discipline and self-confidence in all participants.

To apply for the position, email a letter of interest, coaching resume and references to [kevin.murphy@clarencevilleschools.org](mailto:kevin.murphy@clarencevilleschools.org).

PREP BASEBALL

# Big-league feeling for Manasa, Darden

East falls to West stars, but playing at Comerica rules

**Marty Budner**  
Staff Writer

Karl Kauffmann has now played baseball five times at Comerica Park. Mitchell Tyranski and Alex Darden have both played there four times.

By contrast, Alex Manasa had never played in the downtown stadium the Detroit Tigers call home prior to Wednesday.

The four 2016 high school graduates — Kauffmann and Tyranski from Brother Rice, Darden from North Farmington and Manasa from Farmington — were members of the East Squad in the 35th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Classic held Wednesday evening at Comerica Park.

The West rallied to defeat the East, 8-3, in the nine-inning game played before an appreciative Comerica crowd that consisted mostly of family and friends. The score, though, was secondary to the experience.

All four players agreed it is a special feeling to share the same turf where Tigers stars Justin Verlander, Mi-

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MARTY BUDNER

Farmington outfielder Alex Manasa, playing in his first game at Comerica, was the only two-hit performer for the East.

VOLTAGE ELITE KICKS OFF



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Voltage Elite instructors Kevin Justice (left) and Deji Adebisi (right) help campers Ken Fetolli and Dwayne Keinon with their footwork and agility.

# THEIR KIND OF CAMP

Brand new football camp helps players of all ages to sharpen skills

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

At one end of the football field behind the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, youngsters ages 7-10 worked on pushups and agility with former Plymouth Wildcats varsity player Kevin Justice.

"It's important to get stronger, to build up your stamina," said Justice, one of the instructors helping out during Thursday's session of the inaugural Voltage Elite football camp. "If you can't last all four quarters, if you get tired, you make mistakes. It doesn't matter if you're Bo Jackson."

Nodding their heads before launching into another set of pushups were Callen Korytkowski, 10, Ken Fetolli, 10, and brothers Baron and Dwayne Keinon, ages 7 and 8, respectively. All live in Plymouth or Canton.

"It's really fun," Dwayne said during a pause in the activities. "We get to play



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Despite a small turnout for Voltage Elite's inaugural football skills camp, founder Deji Adebisi is optimistic about the program's future.

games, (work on) footwork and the drills. They're really fun."

Callen noted that he is enjoying the first couple of weeks of what will be a six-week experience. "getting better as the days go on, working on your footwork and agil-

ity. It's cool."

Baron Keinon smiled when asked if he actually liked calisthenics, running or putting them up and laying them down through a rope ladder — one of Thursday's drills.

"Yeah, I do," Baron said. "We're doing footwork, throwing, pretty much everything."

Playing football all summer is a dream come true for Ken, who constantly had a football in his hand as he went through the various stations.

"Me and my friends at school play it basically every day," Ken said. "One of the skills I need to improve is my throwing. I want to be a quarterback, so I want to get that spiral down."

### Hitting the target

Working at the opposite end of the field was Voltage Elite founder and 2015 Plymouth High School graduate Deji Adebisi, who played football with classmate Justice.

Adebisi, a standout football quarterback for the Wildcats, was helping Plymouth's projected 2016 quarterback Jonah Peterson with drop-backs and throws to a group of high

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## PRO BASEBALL

# FAST DELIVERY

## Stevenson alums sign with Pirates

McDonald, Piechota parlay success in new USPBL into chance with MLB organization

Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Jimmy John's is proving to quickly deliver the goods in more ways than the sandwich business.

Livonia Stevenson alums Chris McDonald and Evan Piechota recently pitched for different teams at Utica's Jimmy John's Field in the first-year United Shore Professional Baseball League.

And recently, the former Spartan teammates signed contracts with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. Both reported to minor league affiliate teams.

"This truly is a 'Made in Michigan' success story that

hits close to home for the USPBL," said league founder and CEO Andy Appleby. "Our finishing school approach to make every player better has really paid off for these two."

"They represent the exact type of player we and our outstanding team of coaches are looking for to provide a true opportunity to make it to the big leagues."

After graduating from Stevenson, McDonald and Piechota continued to progress on the mound for Hillsdale College and Madonna University, respectively.

When Appleby's independent league took root this year, the pitchers quickly made the cut with the East Side Diamond Hoppers and Utica Unicorns, respectively.

With the Diamond Hoppers, McDonald baffled batters with a mix of changeups and fastballs. Piechota merely demonstrated outstanding fastball command, walking just one in more than 30 innings of work.

Both are hitting the 90-mile-per-hour mark on the radar gun, with McDonald reaching the mid-90s.

The duo cut their teeth pitching for the Spartans under Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame inductee Rick Berryman, who recognized both for exceptional baseball acumen and work ethic.

McDonald and Piechota parlayed that into successful college careers, with the Chargers and Crusaders, respectively.

They are the third and fourth USPBL players to be signed by Major League Baseball organizations since the league's Memorial Day debut.

St. Louis signed Ross Vance while the New York Yankees came to an agreement with Aaron Bossi; both played for the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers.

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Livonia Stevenson alums Chris McDonald (left) and Evan Piechota recently pitched at Jimmy John's Field in Utica for a first-year pro baseball league. Both recently signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. Piechota also pitched for Madonna University.

## JUNIORS

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two years removed from stepping on the ice in the NHL in a couple cases, it's exciting hockey.

"This is the camp that Dylan Larkin was playing at last year."

Johannson, also general manager of the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team, chuckled when he brought up Larkin's name.

Last summer, Larkin was a relative unknown in Hockeytown, having just finished his freshman season at Michigan.

The forward from Waterford went on to go to training camp with the NHL team, made the opening day roster and stayed with Detroit all season — thus making him unavailable to skate for the U.S. in the 2016 World Juniors.

This year's group of American players looking to open some eyes include 35 who have been drafted by NHL teams, including 22 recently selected at the NHL Draft in Buffalo.

### Familiar faces

Among those players are forwards Kieffer Bellows (New York Islanders), Clayton Keller (Arizona) and Trent Frederic (Boston), who all skated for the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 squad in 2015-16.

All told, 11 members of the NTDP U18s will take part in the camp. Others include forward Joey Anderson; defenseman Adam Fox, J.D. Greenway, Chad Kryz, Ryan Lindgren, Luke Martin; goalies Jake Oettinger and Joseph Wolf.

Players from colleges and



Among players vying for a spot on the U.S. World Juniors team this year is forward Clayton Keller (No. 19), shown playing for the NTDP U18s against Michigan in January.

major junior circuits such as the Ontario Hockey League also will participate, including Farmington Hills native Alex DeBrincat from the OHL Erie Otters.

"It's players from everywhere," Johannson noted. "(Rochester's) Max Jones is from London, Christian Fisher played in Windsor, (former NTDP player) Matthew Tkachuk played in London last year. ... And then there's college guys."

Fans will get the chance to watch two games for the price of one (just \$5 from Sunday, July 31 through Friday, July 5; admission is \$15 for the Sat-

urday, July 6 twinbill, featuring U.S. vs. Canada at 7 p.m.) and they won't be disappointed.

"It's great hockey," Johannson said. "I think with Sweden, Finland, Canada, it's all perennial contenders for the championship. Almost all of the guys have been drafted pretty high in the NHL Draft on all of the rosters."

"It's very competitive hockey in August. ... Guys play extremely hard and have a lot on the line at the camp."

According to Johannson, U.S. head coach Bob Motzko and his assistants will use the evaluation camp to trim the number of hopefuls from 42 to

about 30.

"We'll have the camp there (in Plymouth) and then everyone goes back to their respective teams," Johannson explained. "And then we'll gather again around Dec. 16, 17 and have a much smaller number (of players)."

The top 23 players ultimately will be named to play in the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship, slated from Dec. 26 through next Jan. 5 in Montreal and Toronto.

For a number of years, the evaluation camp has taken place in Lake Placid, N.Y., on an Olympic-sized sheet of ice.

RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

## HOT SUMMER HOCKEY

**What:** USA Hockey is holding its National Junior Evaluation Camp from Saturday, July 30 through Saturday, Aug. 6.

**Where:** USA Hockey Arena, on Beck Road in Plymouth Township.

**Who:** Forty-two American hockey players under age 20 will convene for a week of scrimmages, after which coaches will pick the top 30 or so to continue skating toward the goal of playing for the U.S. World Junior team this winter. Former U.S. NTDP players such as Kieffer Bellows, Clayton Keller and Matthew Tkachuk will lace up the skates; all were drafted by NHL teams in late June.

**Opponents:** The U.S. will face teams from Canada, Sweden and Finland, with doubleheaders each day beginning Sunday, July 31. The highlight of the schedule will be 7 p.m. Aug. 6, when the U.S. faces Canada.

**Prices:** All sessions are two games for the price of one and will be for general admission seating, with the exception of Saturday, Aug. 6 (reserved seating, \$15). Parking is free each day until Aug. 6 (\$5).

**Info:** Call the USA Hockey Arena box office, (734) 453-8400, or visit usahockey.com.

But because this year's World Juniors is taking place at NHL arenas (Montreal's Bell Centre, Toronto's Air Canada Centre), it was deemed prudent to hold the camp on a NHL-sized rink, which USA Hockey Arena has.

"The tournament the next three years is on NHL ice," Johannson added. "It made a lot more sense for us to put the competition on NHL ice."

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## CAMP

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school and college receivers.

"We don't discriminate on age groups at all (with the Voltage camp)," said Adebiyi, who will play football this season at Ohio Wesleyan University. "Jonah's a kid, he wanted to do extra work so he comes out and I work with him. It's good because I get to work with him individually, some one-on-one stuff."

Peterson took a couple of steps back and threw the ball over the middle to 22-year-old wide-out Cheyne Lacanaria, a Farmington Hills native who also plays at Ohio Wesleyan. Right on the money.

"Right now, Deji's helping me with my confidence," Peterson said. "Last year, I had trouble with confidence. Football's mental and physical, he's helping both parts, with my three steps and just knowing I can do whatever, I have the mindset to do it."

"We're doing my routes. I'm going the progression I need to go through, doing (what) my coach told me to do."

Next for Peterson was another aerial strike, this one to former Novi Detroit Catholic Central receiver Ike Marchie, a 19-year-old from Canton.

Then came one in the direction of another current Wildcats player, receiver Chase



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Kevin Justice (right) gives some pointers about the benefits of being fit to campers (from left) Ken Fetolli, Baron Keinon, Callen Korytkowski and Dwayne Keinon.

Timco. The high toss had to be reeled in.

"Coach him up, where's that tight spiral?" joked one of the other receivers, all clad in loose-fitting shorts and T-shirts on a scorching early afternoon.

Adebiyi said the turnout for the first Voltage endeavor wasn't what he had hoped, but he still enjoyed the chance to help encourage and instruct players regardless of their age or skill level.

"With the younger kids we have to go fundamentals. They're learning things like ladder work and teaching

them things like character, off-the-field things," Adebiyi said. "When they come out here, they're having a blast. We have their parents coming up to us every day saying they can't get their kid to stop talking about it. We're really excited about that."

### Passing it down

Marchie, who attends Brown University in Rhode Island, is not a regular Voltage camper (anybody can come out for a daily session, \$20). But he and Adebiyi are friends going back a few years and thought it would be good to



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Running a route during the Voltage Elite football skills camp is Cheyne Lacanaria, 22, of Farmington Hills. He is a college player at Ohio Wesleyan University.

check out the camp.

"It's a great initiative that Deji (and Harman Sidhu and Josh Gendron) started," Marchie said. "I've had ideas like that. The biggest part of those ideas is putting them into action."

"And I commend Deji a lot

for that, for creating a camp where kids can learn a lot and learn from young adults such as ourselves — as we're still learning about the game. We take the things we learn and pass it down to them. It's a great experience for everybody."

Peterson said Adebiyi is the perfect person to run Voltage Elite (which also has an AAU summer basketball team).

"He really knows what he's doing; he's a good leader," Peterson said. "He can inspire kids. He's inspiring me to do better, he's inspiring them. I think it's great what he's doing."

Meanwhile, Adebiyi said there is time for anybody to join the camp. Sessions continue at the PARC, 650 Church Street, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The final day is July 28.

"My thing is, I play college, so some of these drills I have to take a step back and realize these kids are what, 7, and 10 or 8," Adebiyi added. "That's a blast."

For more about the Voltage Elite football and basketball programs, go to voltageelite.com. Adebiyi also can be reached at 313-204-3106 or akadebiyi@owu.edu.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Cunningham thrilled to win 'Special' honor

Chiefs' longtime gymnastics coach earns national award

**Tim Smith**  
Staff Writer

Good things come to those who wait, and that applies to longtime Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham. Entering his 38th season with the Canton Chiefs, Cunningham is proud owner of a state championship, not to mention numerous regional and conference titles. And recently, he picked up another lofty prize when he was selected National High School Athletic Coaches Association's coach of the year in the "Special Sports" category. Accompanied by his wife Sally, the veteran coach accepted the award June 29 in Louisville, Ky. "I've been nominated before," said Cunningham during a phone interview this week. "I lost to a badminton coach from Phoenix. And I thought, you



On June 29 in Louisville, Ky., Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham was named National Coach of the Year in the "special sports" category.

know, 'this isn't fair.'" Cunningham said that with a chuckle before turning serious again. "But our category, special sports, is very difficult," Cunningham noted. "One of the girls that was at the banquet

was from Nordic skiing. I said, 'How in the world do they compare the success of a Nordic ski coach to a gymnastics coach?'" "I've been doing it a long time and I was absolutely, fantastically pleased to win." According to Cunningham, the NHSACA awards National Coach of the Year to the top candidate in 20 categories; there are eight nominees per category. "And in special sports, what they do, there's a number of sports that aren't offered in every state, one of which is gymnastics," he explained. "And so they pile all these special sports together." Among sports included in the special sports category include gymnastics, skiing, cheer, field hockey, bowling, lacrosse, badminton and water polo. Cunningham's Canton teams have been on an incredible streak of success in recent years, having placed first or second in the Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals five out of the past six years. The Chiefs captured

the state title in 2014. He also has coached 12 individual state champions. "The tremendous success of 12 state champions and hard working, performing gymnasts make their coach look good," Cunningham said. "They collectively share this award. Many thanks to them." At the top of the list of individual champions is Erica Lucas, who won three consecutive titles on Division 2 vault (2012-14). Others listed by the MHSAA (which only provides info back to 1997), include Allison Kunz (D1 uneven parallel bars, 2015), Maddie Toal (D1 balance beam, 2014), Jocelyn Moraw (D1 beam, 2013), Alex Fidler (D1 beam, 2010), Alyssa Kelley (D1 vault, 2006), Hailey Hodgson (D2 beam, 2014) and Ayanna Lewis (D2 vault, 2011). Also winning individual championships for the Chiefs was Katie Gilles (vault, all-around, 1994).  
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Tom Paciorek takes a cut for the University of Houston, where he was a baseball All-America in 1967. Twenty-five years later, in 1992, Paciorek was inducted into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame.

BASEBALL 'HOME AND ABROAD'

## Baseball's international flavor is topic of talk

Filmmaker Rolak will discuss summer teaching baseball in Poland during talk set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth District Library

Filmmaker Raymond Rolak will make an encore appearance at the Plymouth District Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 14. His presentation is titled "The National Pastime at Home and Abroad." Rolak just returned from the 2016 College Baseball Hall of Fame induction in Lubbock, Texas. He will share humorous experiences that he encountered and will showcase his summer of teaching baseball in Poland. Rolak says that the landscape of baseball is changing rapidly, especially in the international game. The Plymouth District Library is at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. His discussion will also include the unique and often amusing experiences he had while teaching baseball in Poland.



COURTESY RAYMOND ROLAK  
Filmmaker Raymond Rolak will give a discussion 7 p.m. Thursday at the Plymouth District Library about baseball's international flavor.

"Poland is a wonderful destination and the value is great but they are having too

much success," noted Rolak in a press release. "Krakow and Warsaw are now crowded in the summer. Remember they are attracting tourists from the global stage not just America and Canada. They now play baseball/softball at 36 locations in Poland." Rolak will also platform how international baseball is growing and discuss the return of baseball & softball to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. "The Slavic countries such as Belorussia, the Ukraine, Czech Republic and Poland are fast tracking their programs to get ready for 2020," Rolak said. Part of the presentation will include the history of the world tour that A.G. Spalding sponsored in the 1890s to spread the popularity and education of baseball on a global scale.

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guel Cabrera and Victor Martinez display their skills. For Kauffmann, Thursday's result marked the first time he's lost at Comerica. The Warriors won four straight Catholic League championships during his varsity career and each game was played during the afternoon. So the evening start time offered a different perspective. "This is really cool. It's a different experience for me this time, because it's a night game," said Kauffmann, who will play college baseball at Michigan. "I mean, you get to see the downtown area all lit up and everything about it. "We've always played day games and it's always really cool. But this atmosphere and getting to play against guys from across the state, it's not as serious, but it's still competition," he added. "You want to go out on a win. We didn't, but it's still fun." Kauffmann started on the mound for the East and pitched a scoreless inning. He had a single in two plate appearances and scored the game's first run as the East took an early lead. Kauffmann played third base for a couple of innings later in the game. "This was my fourth time pitching out here and it's really cool just to get out there and take it all in," he said. "My whole summer team is out here and most of them are on the West team, so it was a great time."

**Playing nine innings**  
Manasa was one of the few players who played all nine innings. He played center field and had an outstanding night at the plate with a double and single and was the only East player with more than one hit. He also had four putouts in the outfield. Manasa, who will play collegiately at Oakland University, couldn't have been more grateful to play in the all-star game. "I was looking forward to this so much," Manasa said while signing a few autographs in the visitors' dugout following the game. "This has been on my calendar for two months now. It was everything I had hoped for and more. "It was an unbelievable experience. It loved it ... every bit of it. I was definitely a little nervous, coming out seeing this great park and seeing all the great players here. "But once I got settled into the game, I found my mojo and played well," he added. "We didn't have too many

outfielders, so that allowed me to play the whole game. I would have liked to get a win, but the experience is what really counts." Tyranski pitched the second inning without allowing a run. "It is fun and it's a special experience every single time," Tyranski said. "It's great playing with such a great group of guys and it's a special event that I'll always remember. You can't ever take it for granted, because a lot of people don't get to do something like this." **Pitching and fielding**  
Darden's three previous games at Comerica were with the Raiders in non-league games against Midland Bull-ock Creek. A pitcher/outfielder at North Farmington, Darden managed to play both positions against the West. Darden started in right field, where he played five innings. In the ninth inning, Darden, a lanky lefty who will play college baseball at Cincinnati, took the mound and did not allow a run. "It's funny how amazed you get every time you play here," said Darden, who made a special effort to connect with players from his first Little League team — the Southfield Indians — who attended the game. "This is the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of. Just looking up and soaking it all up is amazing. "My friends are here, my family is here and you can't ask for anything more than that," he added. "It was a great experience pitching here. I didn't want to give up anything, but I just wanted to have fun."

The East took a 3-0 lead in the top of the second after Kauffmann led off with a single and later scored on a single by Andrew Szalkowski (Utica Eisenhower), which also scored Devin Dudal (Sterling Heights Stevenson). Two batters later, Szalkowski scored an unearned run on an error. Those would be the East's only runs. The West did not have a hit until Gunner Rainey's (Adrian Madison) fifth-inning single scored Drew Devine (Marshall). The West then exploded for four fifth-inning runs to take a lead it would never relinquish. The eventual game-winning RBI came on a double off the left field wall by Tyler Trovinger (Muskegon Mona Shores). The West took command by scoring three eighth-inning insurance runs. Caleb Scores (Gull Lake) was the winning pitcher. Lake Orion's Cameron Miller suffered the loss.

JUNIOR GOLF

## Kensington Tour event in Novi gets good reviews

**M.B. Dillon**  
Correspondent

Ties in two divisions sent golfers into sudden-death play, adding excitement June 27 to the inaugural Kensington Junior Golf Tour Links of Novi Open. Atop the leader board with 82 after 18 holes on a picture-perfect summer day was Ben Cohen of White Lake in the boys 15-18 division, while Evan Johnson of Grosse Ile and Alex Willis of Howell deadlocked at 85 for second place. "I struggled at the start, but turned it around by staying calm," said Cohen, 16, a student at Lakeland High School. "I was making a lot of putts. I just love this course. It's just really nice and the bunkers are perfect." With a gallery cheering them on, Willis and Johnson



JIM SHAFFER  
The top two finishers in the boys 15-18 division were champion Ben Cohen (right) of White Lake and runner-up Alex Willis of Howell.

entered the playoff. Willis emerged with runner-up honors after the first hole. Lauren Henry of Novi shot 90 to capture the girls 18-and-under division, followed by runner-up Despina Alexander, also of Novi, who shot 108.

Madeline Townsend of Brighton placed third with 113, followed by Anna Haupt and Sara Haupt of Northville. Westland's Troy Watson, who is state-ranked, and New Hudson's Jason Zobl tied for first with 18-hole scores of 84 in the boys 12-14 division. Their gallery witnessed a two-hole playoff, with Watson eking out the victory. "I was, like, driving it today — my longest was 250 yards. I smashed it," said Watson, who attends Johnson Upper Elementary. "My focus was getting on the green with my irons. My putting was just a little bit off." Detroit's Vincent Levesque captured the boys 11-and-under title, carding a nine-hole round of 50. For more information and a tournament schedule, go to kensingtonjuniorgolf.com.



MARTY BUDNER  
North Farmington's Alex Darden pitched one inning Tuesday at Comerica Park.



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## Take steps to avoid burnout at work

BY DEANNA HARTLEY  
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When you work more than 40 hours a week and feel the pressure to be plugged in 24/7, it's inevitable that at some point, you'll run the risk of getting burned out.

Here are five simple but practical tips to mitigate that risk and recharge.

### Start your day right.

What you do in the morning can affect the rest of your day, so start with a simple activity to get you in the right frame of mind.

"A bad start leaves you in a bad mood that leads to a bad day at work," says Eric Brantner, founder of Scribblrs.com, a resource for bloggers. "Take a moment each morning to do something you enjoy — this could be as simple as writing in a journal, enjoying your coffee, 15 minutes of video games or even yoga."

**Set boundaries.** Learn to say no, especially when you have a lot on your plate already.

"Not every meeting has to be attended; not everything that is asked of you has to get done. I'm surprised at so many experienced people who still say yes to anything that's asked by a more senior



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or same-level colleague," says Matt Girvan, co-founder of My Gung Ho, which creates apps that help individuals thrive in their day-to-day lives. "I learned to say, 'No, I can't do that now, but come back to me in a week or a month, and let's see if we can do it then.' Often, as that time goes by, it either gets figured out or forgotten about. It helps to filter some noise coming your way."

### Talk to your manager.

It's understandable if you don't want to be viewed as the person who's unable to manage the workload, but at the same

time, you don't want to become so overwhelmed that you're unable to effectively perform the tasks assigned to you.

"Rather than fearing and avoiding your supervisor, see him or her as an important person in helping to bring about positive change," says Jonathan Alpert, a psychotherapist, executive coach and author of "Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days." "Most supervisors that I know realize that a happy and content employee is a productive one. Approach your supervisor with that mindset and enlist his or her help in making work

more desirable. There's a good chance he or she may not even know that you're unhappy, so speak up."

This will help you prioritize and/or delegate tasks as necessary to free up your workload.

**Go to lunch.** Taking a break away from one's desk is one of the simplest yet most often overlooked tips.

"Designate a time to get up and leave your work during the day. No one is capable of working a full eight or more hours a day at a desk, day after day, without burning down

and out," says Lynda McKay, vice president of human resource consulting at Bagnall, an employee benefits and HR consulting firm. "This does not mean eating through lunch, but actually removing yourself from the office in some fashion."

Sam Wheeler, a digital PR specialist at Inseev Interactive, echoes that sentiment. "Studies show that eating outside and being away from your desk is extremely beneficial from a health point of view. From a burnout perspective, it will break up your day more, and you will begin to see two sections of the day rather than one continuous workday."

**Take time off.** It's important to get some much-needed rest and relaxation when necessary.

"Rather than accrue vacation time and let it sit, use it," Alpert says. "Time away from work can help to provide a new and fresh perspective, allow you to recharge and expand your horizons beyond the confines of your work environment."

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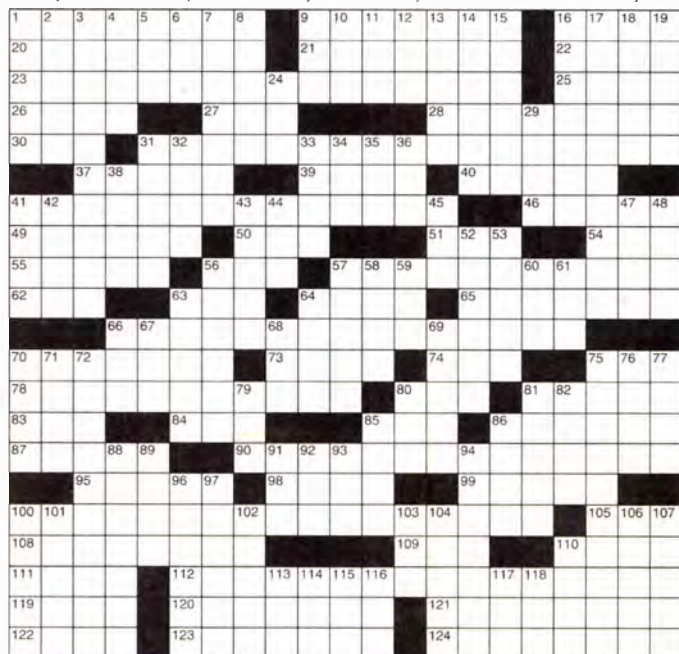
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**CROSSWORD PUZZLER**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Auto-theft deterrent
  - 9 Nickname for Ireland, with "the" to say?
  - 16 "to say?"
  - 20 Formal written defense
  - 21 Informer
  - 22 Lend a hand
  - 23 1941 hit for Billie Holiday
  - 25 "Would — to you?"
  - 26 "Frozen" snow queen
  - 27 Athenian H
  - 28 Of volcanic activity
  - 30 Subpar grade
  - 31 Kind of shipping with smallish freight
  - 37 O'Hara's Butler
  - 39 Kind of sword
  - 40 Give rise to
  - 41 One watching unobtrusively
  - 46 See 87
  - 49 Fly jets, say
  - 50 Lend a hand
  - 51 Tally initials
  - 54 Bear, in Tijuana
  - 55 Countines
  - 56 Home pest
  - 57 Xeroxing supply
  - 62 Common B.A. major
  - 63 Only jet, once in 1979
  - 64 Soprano
  - 65 California's region
  - 66 Legendary king of Camelot
  - 70 Little-by-little
  - 73 Morales of movies
  - 74 High trains in this puzzle
  - 75 Stein quaff
  - 78 Pilot's direction detector
  - 80 Nada
  - 81 Made even
  - 83 Gp. of G.P.'s
  - 84 One-wd. definition
  - 85 2005 Best Director
  - 86 Plod along
  - 87 With 46
  - 88 Plod along
  - 89 Pancake
  - 90 Like a technology in development
  - 95 Singer Clark or Gibbs
  - 98 Bowl game
  - 99 Believer in a "God of reason"
  - 100 Ayatollah Khomeini led it in 1979
  - 105 "Give — try!"
  - 108 Forbearance
  - 109 Yank enemy
  - 110 — all a favor and ...
  - 111 Luc's gal pal
  - 112 Simple substances split in eight long answers in this puzzle
  - 119 Pop singer
  - 120 One hanging in the air
  - 121 Sherpa, e.g.
  - 122 E-mail status
  - 123 Fifty percent
  - 124 "The way things look to me ..."
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Pent-up
  - 2 As straight as —
  - 3 "The Twilight Zone" host
  - 4 Jessica of "Sin City"
  - 5 Texting lingo
  - 6 Census stat
  - 7 Meets the challenge of
  - 8 Jib holders
  - 9 Burnt residue
  - 10 Salt Lake City colleague
  - 11 Place: Abbr.
  - 12 Homer's cry
  - 13 More glibful
  - 14 Stick offering at a spa?
  - 15 Infer
  - 16 County in Kentucky or Indiana
  - 17 Reddish purple color
  - 18 Ex-Twin Tony
  - 19 Swiftness
  - 24 Pic on a pec. perihaps
  - 29 UPS items: Abbr.
  - 31 Pre-Easter periods
  - 32 Kitchen extension?
  - 33 Pay mind to
  - 34 Tax mo.
  - 35 Ut. neighbor
  - 36 Golfing peg
  - 38 Skull's place
  - 41 Outlet event
  - 42 Winter Bunin
  - 43 Zulu's group
  - 44 Plop (down)
  - 45 Fenway stat
  - 47 Functions
  - 48 Cruise stop
  - 52 Happen to
  - 53 Rocky peaks
  - 56 Wynonna
  - 57 Judd's sister
  - 58 Unsold
  - 59 Luxury hotel chain
  - 59 Hip dwelling
  - 60 NHL'er, e.g.
  - 61 Barley
  - 63 Sharp pains
  - 64 Lhasa — (dog breed)
  - 66 Nabokov heroine
  - 67 Classic Karel Capek play
  - 68 — center (play area)
  - 69 Be in power
  - 70 Unit of fat
  - 71 — Lama "Ding Dong"
  - 72 Film version, e.g.
  - 75 Person reading for a role, say
  - 76 Big name in toy bricks
  - 77 Place of bliss
  - 79 Heart rocker
  - Wilson
  - 80 Wind dir.
  - 81 Choo-choo
  - 82 Furrows
  - 85 — in Calico (old song)
  - 86 Smartphone of the 2000s
  - 88 Merciful
  - 89 Iroquois
  - 91 Suffix with ethyl
  - 92 95. to Nero
  - 93 Asian ideal
  - 94 Food
  - 96 Western cattle farm near Seoul
  - 97 Korean city
  - 100 Apple
  - 101 Faxlike fiber
  - 102 Superman portrayer
  - 103 Christopher
  - 103 WWW bookmark
  - 104 Singer — Marie
  - 106 People of Rwanda
  - 107 Benefit
  - 110 Galley mark
  - 113 "Ho-hum"
  - 114 401(k) kin
  - 115 Bit of cartoon art
  - 116 Whelp's yelp
  - 117 Prefix with center
  - 118 Family VIPs



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5					6	7		
	9		1				8	
		4		7				3
	6			1				9
3					8	4		
		8	9				5	
	7				2			5
		2	5			6		
4				9			1	

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2	1	3	7	6	8	9	5	4
8	7	9	4	5	2	3	6	1
5	4	6	2	9	3	1	7	8
9	5	1	3	2	6	8	4	7
7	2	2	4	5	9	6	1	3
6	3	8	4	7	5	9	2	1
3	9	5	6	7	2	4	8	1
4	8	4	3	5	1	7	6	9
1	9	1	6	7	8	4	2	5

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 T S N N E O D S E E Y I S R E G N A B K  
 U C A D R L M E I T O Z D E K O O C B K  
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**WORDS**

- ANDOUILLE
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- FATTY
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- KTELBASA
- KNACKWURST
- LINGUITCA
- LINKS
- LIVERLOAF
- LOLA
- METTWURST
- MORTADELLA
- PEPPERONI
- SALAMI
- SALSA
- SMOKED
- SPICED
- SPICY
- SWEET
- TONGHE
- VIENNA
- WEISSWURST
- WIENER

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

**Crossword Answers**

CARALARM AULDSOD WHOS  
 PODOLOGIA STOOOLIE HELP  
 GODBLESS RICHIE LILIE  
 ELSA ETA ERUPTIVE  
 DEE LESSTHANTRUCKLOAD  
 RNETT EPEE BEGET  
 SILENTOBSERVER SYRUP  
 AVIATIONAID BICIGS  
 LANDSLANT COPIER PAPER  
 ENG SST ALMA FARWEST  
 ARTHURPENDRAGON  
 GRADUAL ESATIELS ALE  
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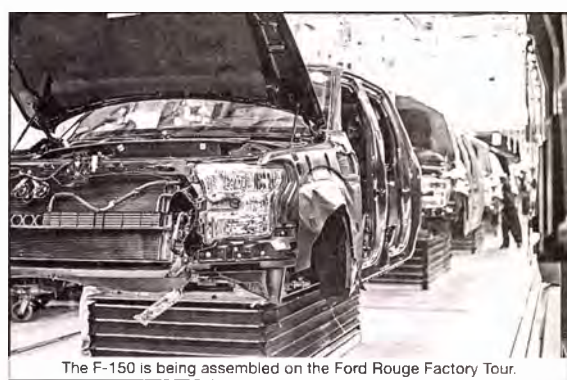
By Dale Buss

The launch of the aluminum-bed Ford F-150 pickup truck last year meant more than a bump in sales for the nameplate that already had been America's best-selling vehicle for decades. It also has brought an uptick in visitors to the Ford Rouge Factory Tour at The Henry Ford Museum...

In the Rouge tour, Ford has had one of the nation's best "brand homes" for about 15 years. While affiliated with the iconic The Henry Ford / Greenfield Village complex nearby in Dearborn, the actual Ford Rouge Factory Tour is co-located at the most important plant in the Ford network.

Innovation, and Ford is on the rise." Lachel told me. "It's a great story to tell. And it's a great education platform for The Henry Ford."

"We wanted to upgrade the experience overall," Lachel said. "And so much of the truck had changed. We wanted to bring that forward. Also, so much of the Rouge has been transformed inside. It was important for us to get back in there and get kids excited. And now they just sit there and go, 'Wow!'"



The F-150 is being assembled on the Ford Rouge Factory Tour.

More brands these days are building places like this that they can call "home" -- not new headquarters per se, but externally oriented, experientially based, bricks-and-mortar tributes to their achievements, values, history and future.

And with the uptick in public interest in Ford's innovative F-150, and because of a significant overhaul of the Factory Tour itself, the attraction has been turning the attendance arrow back upward recently. It's averaged around 100,000 visitors a year since its opening early last decade...

Importantly for Ford, the Rouge Factory Tour also serves as a great platform for brand events, official visits by VIPs, and other outward-reaching exercises in addition to tourism per se.



Opening the Manufacturing Innovation Theater has bumped up attendance at the Rouge tour.

"There's an increased interest in American manufacturing. Now, he said, Ford believes it's important to tell this story, especially with Ford leading the next generation in sustainable manufacturing. And people in general are excited about the renaissance in American manufacturing."

As with many things at today's Ford, the very existence of the Ford Rouge Factory Tour in part is a testament to the under-appreciated forward thinking of Chairman William C. Ford II. His impulse toward environmental leadership was a major factor, for instance, in Ford's becoming a leader in introduction of conventional-hybrid models several years ago.

He also "really wanted to make sure the Ford Rouge wouldn't fall into disrepair" after the complex, parts of which are a century old, was showing its age.

And historically, Lachel noted, "Ford had always had a company tour." It used to originate at the famed Rotunda, the iconic Ford building in Dearborn that once was one of America's leading tourist attractions but which burned to the ground in 1962.

mainly faded away, in part because of their concerns about corporate espionage and, frankly, because what they had to show off wasn't as impressive as it should have been at that point.

And when the 9/11 terrorist attacks occurred in 2001 while BRC and Ford were right in the middle of planning the Rouge tour -- in Dearborn, home of one of America's largest concentrations of Muslims -- "it was surreal," Lachel said.

"Ford had always had a company tour." It used to originate at the famed Rotunda, the iconic Ford building in Dearborn that once was one of America's leading tourist attractions but which burned to the ground in 1962.

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