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Wayne voters reject SMORSA, millage

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Staff Writer

With Proposal S — a measure to provide public safety funding to a city expected to run out of money by the end of 2017 — soundly defeated by voters Tuesday, the Wayne City Council has scheduled an

emergency meeting for Thursday.

"We will have a discussion on plan B and see what necessary steps we have to take," Mayor Susan Rowe said. "Unfortunately, people don't understand we can't raise any money — we're at our max of 20 mills."

With a 22.16-percent voter turnout, 62 percent of the votes or 2,862 no votes were cast with 1,744 yes votes for 37.8 percent.

The proposal had sought voter approval for Wayne to join the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Agency with a required 14-mill

levy for 18 years; to join, Wayne's millage had to exactly match that approved by the other participating communities.

Voters in the current SMORSA member communities of Eastpointe and Hazel Park went to the polls Tuesday and approved allowing

Wayne to join SMORSA.

Both supporters and opponents of Proposal S reported finding that many voters didn't understand that the SMORSA membership is strictly a financing method — there was no proposed opera-

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Fireworks plus Blues, Brews, Barbecue

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

There are any number of highlights with the 2016 Blues, Brews and Barbecue which kicks off Friday in Westland.

"(Westland native) Josh Gracin is doing a 50th anniversary of the city concert. People will be surprised in the amount of barbecue," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "There are a lot of highlights. The fireworks will be the biggest thing for most folks."

Westland hasn't had an annual fireworks display since the last Westland Summer Festival in 2013 ending a more than 40-year July 4 tradition.

"We're hoping to have sponsors to make fireworks sustainable (going forward)," Wild said. "Some people want fireworks for July 4, I'm not opposed to moving Blues, Brews and Barbecue to July 4."

The two-day event has undergone changes annually, including moving earlier into the summer from the first year when it was held mid-September. This year with the event Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6, it will be a week earlier than last year.

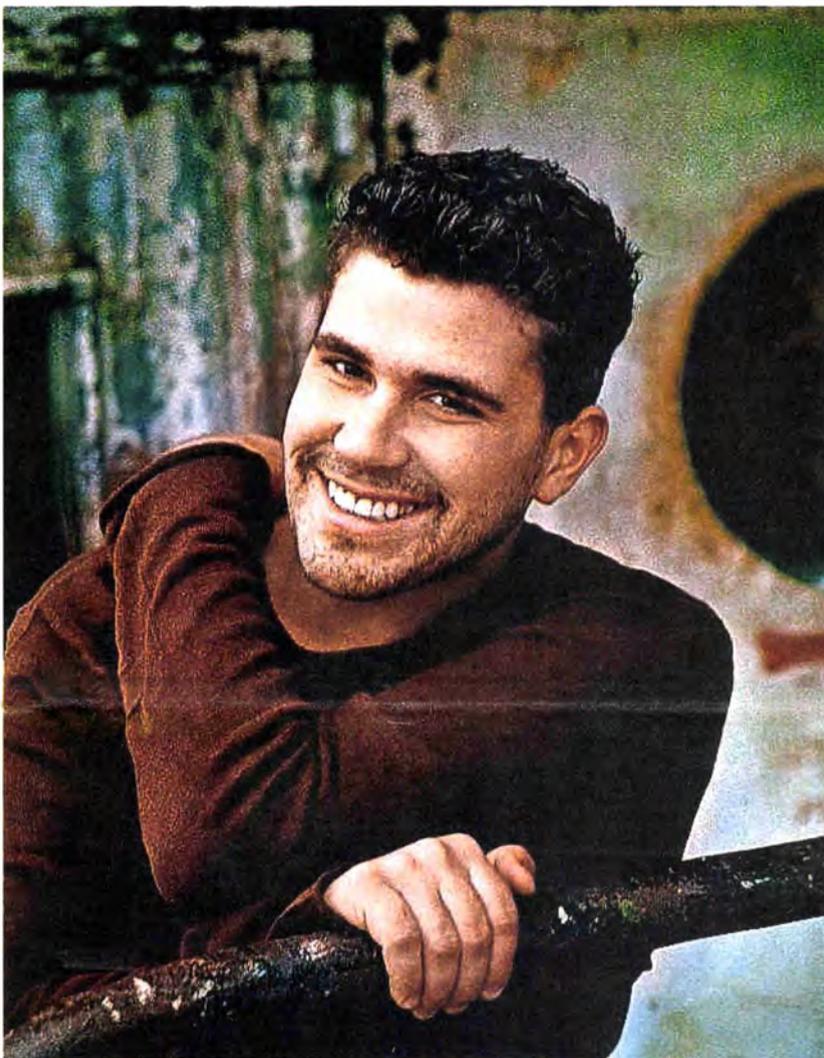
Along with a large number of craft beers on tap, guests should notice a greater emphasis on barbecue.

"We have a lot of new guys who are professional barbecue caterers. They have the big rigs and smoke meat all day," Wild said.

Among the barbecue purveyors will be: Hill Billy Bone BBQ, Heaven on a Roll, Stick A Pig In It, Harold Ole Daddy BBQ, Smoke Ring BBQ and Uncle Bebe's Barbecue.

Last year, the Westland Area Jaycees issued a Barbecue Throwdown Challenge for competition. This year along with amateurs, there will be competition for professionals under the auspices of the Kan-

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Westland native Josh Gracin will headline Blues, Brews and Barbecue Saturday night.

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Friday, Aug. 5

- » 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dirty Basement Blues.
- » 7-8 p.m. Kenny Parker & Jim McCarty.
- » 8:30-10 p.m. Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials

Saturday, Aug. 6

- » Noon to 1:30 p.m. Jeff Hoagland Band.
- » 2-3:30 p.m. Roadside Rick & the Breakdowns.
- » 4-6 p.m. Detroit Legends with the Boa Constructors.
- » 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thornetta Davis.
- » 8-10 p.m. Josh Gracin.

Anderson wins Dem. primary for commission

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne County Commission incumbents cruised easily through Tuesday's primary election.

Appointed to fill a vacancy in January when Richard LeBlanc resigned to become Westland City clerk, Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, was elected to his first two-year term on the commission, receiving 4,274 votes or 63.3 percent of the vote.

Westland resident Sue Mason, retired editor of the Wayne-Westland Observer, challenged Anderson for the Democratic nomination in the 12th District, which includes Westland, Garden City and Inkster. Mason received 2,449 votes or 36.3 percent.



Anderson

A former Ford Motor Company employee, Anderson is a former Westland councilman who served in the Michigan House and Senate until term limited.

"I have no regrets, it was a wonderful experience. I worked with a lot of wonderful people," Mason said. "Granted I'm disappointed with the outcome. I ran a clean campaign regardless of what my opponent said."

Anderson, who couldn't be reached for comment, posted a statement on Facebook about his election win.

"Once again, honesty and true integrity won over a downright dirty campaign of lies and dishonesty! Voters saw through my opponents deliberate attempt to smear my reputation and her accomplices helped take her down," he wrote. "Thank you to the voters of Garden City, Westland and Inkster who voted for me and saw her campaign for what it was."

With no Republican opponent in the general election, Anderson effectively will be elected through his primary victory.

In the 11th Commission District that includes Wayne, Belleville and Van Buren Township, Al Haidous, D-Wayne, had no Democratic

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Nolen enters no contest plea in 2015 death

LeAnne Rogers
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The last of three defendants facing charges in connection with the shooting death of a Redford man in Westland has entered a no contest plea.

Arlandus Nolen, 40, has been sentenced to a year in the Wayne County Jail and two years probation after pleading no contest to being a felon in

possession of a firearm. Charges of being an accessory after the fact and felony firearm were dismissed.

Nolen had already served over a year in jail when he was released on a personal recognition bond prior to a scheduled



Nolen

trial in June.

A Roseville resident, Nolen was charged in the March 28, 2015, shooting death of Joseph McClendon, 21, during an illegal gun sale that went bad, police said. McClendon was found in his vehicle off Henry Ruff having been shot a dozen times.

Nolen's son Arlandus Nolen II Jr., 19, and Daveion Dix, 20, both of Inkster, each entered

guilty pleas to reduced charges of second-degree murder and felony firearm. The pair was sentenced to 28-50 years in prison for murder after completing two-year sentences for felony firearm.

Nolen II Jr. and Dix had each been charged with first-degree murder, which

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Schostak Restaurants to host statewide fundraiser for JDRF

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, a Michigan-based family-owned restaurant group with a portfolio of 100 casual, quick-service and family dining restaurants

throughout the state, is helping to fight Type 1 diabetes by hosting a statewide Dine to Donate event Thursday, Aug. 18. The event will take place at all of TSFR's Michigan

Applebee's, Olga's Kitchen, MOD Pizza and Del Taco restaurants, with the funds benefiting the JDRF (formerly known as Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

TSFR director of marketing Barb Pasciak made the announcement. Throughout the day, 10 percent of all food sales from TSFR owned and operated 66 Applebee's,

25 Olga's Kitchen, five MOD Pizza and four Del Taco restaurants will be donated to JDRF. A leading global organization, JDRF is exclusively focused on ending Type 1

diabetes, which is an autoimmune disease impacting 1.25 million Americans. For more information, visit www.team-schostak.com.

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opposition and received 6,516 voters for 97.4 percent of the votes. His only opposition came from a Republican write-in candidate Jacob Johnson.

Seeking a third two-year term in the 16th State House District, Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, was unopposed during the primary. He received 4,985 votes for 99.2 percent of the votes.

On the Republican side of the ticket, Matthew Morrow received

1,093 votes defeating Pat Gaffka, who got 683 votes. Morrow will face Kosowski in November.

Inkster resident Jewell Jones was unopposed in the Democratic primary for the 11th District State House seat that represents the northeastern section of Westland, along with

Garden City, Inkster and Dearborn Heights. Jones had been appointed to replace the late Julie Plawcki, D-Dearborn Heights, who died in June.

Jones will face Republican Robert Pope of Garden City, who earned the Republican nomination with 688 votes de-

feating Dale Prosser, who received 596 votes.

Veteran U.S. Rep. John Conyers, Jr., D-Detroit, easily won the Democratic primary to run for reelection in the 13th Congressional District besting Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey.

However, Wayne voters cast their ballots for

Winfrey. In Wayne, Winfrey received 788 votes for a 50.7 percent victory over Conyers, who received 757 votes for 48.7 percent of the votes.

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sas City Barbecue Society, including a cash purse. The judging takes place Saturday.

The city, which sponsors the event with the Westland Chamber of Commerce, took over the beer sales last year.

"We're doing it this way to allow the restaurants and barbecue people to make more people," Wild said. "We will make up the money we used make from food with beer."

It's also hoped that the larger crowds drawn, at least in part by the fireworks set for 10 p.m. Saturday, will help generate more revenue at the event. Local volunteer and community service groups raise money at the event

through volunteers hours spent busing tables, checking identification or other tasks.

Blues, Brews and Barbecue is held at Thomas Brown/Central City Park on Ford at Carlson. The hours are 5-10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Parking for this event will be free at the 18th District Court, John Glenn High School and the William D. Ford Ca-

reer Technical Center on Marquette, along with the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road. Free shuttle buses will be provided from the Marquette Road and Friendship Center locations 7-10 p.m. Friday and 3-11 p.m. Saturday.

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carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole along with armed robbery and felony firearm.

Nolen Jr. and Dix had agreed to meet the victim and sell him a 9 mm handgun, police said, an illegal gun sale that turned into a robbery/homicide.

Nolen Sr. been charged with felony ac-

cessary after the fact, being a felon in possession of a firearm, felony firearm and being a habitual offender. Police said Nolan Sr. had two prior felony convictions — carjacking in 1997 and being a prisoner in possession of a weapon in 2003.

Two guns were involved in the shooting, police said, as multiple 9 mm and 40-caliber spent casings were recovered at the scene.

The investigation led

officers to a home in the 29000 block of Rosewood in Inkster that was being shared by Nolen II Jr. and Dix. A search warrant was executed at the location. Police said evidence found at the home resulted in the arrests of the defendants.

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ELECTION

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tion merger of any city services. That's the case with Eastpointe and Hazel Park.

"People really want to support police and fire, even if they didn't support the initiative," said Wayne-Westland Fire-fighter David Polite, who was working outside a precinct Tuesday and had gone door-to-door in support of Proposal S. "There were a lot of confused people who said they didn't want to become part of Eastpointe."

Financially, Wayne has seen severe revenue losses in recent years, including a drop in property values resulting in a \$3.8 million lost in money raised by local millage. Additionally, over the last 10 years the city also lost over \$7.5 million in state shared revenue.

"Basically, we're screwed," said Rowe, noting the city was already on the state watch list for financially troubled communities.

Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini noted that Wayne voters had approved the Detroit Zoo millage renewal, 59 percent to 40.8 percent.

"That's great. The zoo is much more important than public safety," Nocerini said. "I have got to wake up tomorrow — I can't cry over spilled milk. We'll call the state (Wednesday) and have the meeting Thursday. This is what the people chose and we have to deal with it."

Public safety will be the main topic of the emergency council meeting, she said. Due to previous budget cuts, Wayne has only 12 firefighters — the minimum required to staff three shifts.

As a result of the short staffing, Wayne spent about \$350,000 on overtime for firefighters last year but that number has been cut to about \$50,000. That means the fire station is expected to run short-handed, which limits which vehicles can be in service.

There is also concern that the short staffing will impact Wayne's participation in Mutual Aid, which is contingent on departments being able to reciprocate on that assistance.

Wayne-Westland Fire Chief Michael Reddy said last week that he would be meeting with city administration in both Wayne and Westland, which have a shared chief and merged operations, to discuss the situation.

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Meter replacement program continues

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne homes will be getting new water meters and readers but shouldn't expect to get any of the large catch-up bills received by Westland residents under a similar program.

The reason is that Wayne hasn't been estimating water meter bills due to failed meters — something that has resulted in large balances for some Westland residents with some residents receiving credits for being overcharged.

"A neighboring community had a difficult time with all their meters being estimated," Wayne Engineering Manager Michael Buiten said. "All of their meters were estimated before the new meters were installed. That's not the situation in Wayne — we read the meters all along."

Commercial and industrial properties — about 1,500 meters in Wayne — are being addressed first. "It's been a smooth process. We've got about two-thirds of the commercial meters installed," Buiten said.

Next up will be replacement of just under 6,000 residential meters.

"We're still doing the commercial meters. By the end of August, we should start on the residential meters," Wayne-Westland Department of Public Works Director Ramzi El-Gharib said.

The new Advanced Meter Readers, to be installed along with new meters, will send frequent digital water-meter readings to cell towers and then transmit the information to the city for billing. Along with more accurate readings, the data can help water customers identify water leaks by usage when no one is home.

Wayne has recently approved an agreement to share the new tower on Middlebelt and Annapolis with Westland. Most of the funding for the approximately \$2 million project is already on hand due to a bond issue.

The new meters have a 20-year warranty for accuracy — failed meters will be replaced at no charge for the first 10 years, then on a pro-rated basis for the remaining 10 years.

Responding to questions, Buiten said the installers will assess the plumbing at homes and if it is found to be substandard, the meter won't be connected.

"We'll contact the homeowner to make the repairs to make it standard," he said. "There is no opt out. We don't see the need for it. If the council decided it was needed, the city would have to buy more equipment. Those who opt out would have to have manual (meter) reads."

Installers will have marked vehicle, shirts with company logos and photo identification. The Wayne Police Department will screen the employees and have photos of the workers. Homeowners will receive notification when installers are working in their area.

Westland is well into replacing residential meters and installing the AMRs. El-Gharib said Westland is still on track to complete the \$10 million project on schedule by April 2017.

The meter replacement program is still on track to be completed by April 2017, El-Gharib said. The city website, www.cityofwestland.com, includes a list of frequently asked questions and a map showing the installation areas by sections of the city.

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Diverse Canton community shares message of peace, unity, understanding

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Mesha Bell of Canton brought her four children — 16, 15, 12 and 8 — to an event to encourage community unity and tolerance. Bell, who is black, agreed meeting police officers and others at such events helps.

"It gives us a chance to meet some of the local officers on a more personal level," she said Tuesday evening at the Not In Our Town and National Night Out event at Heritage Park in Canton.

Bell and her family have felt welcome. "I just like how they do community stuff here. There's a lot of free stuff for the kids," she said, adding of Plymouth-Canton schools, "The teachers and staff at my daughter's school have been great."

She relocated in junior high age from Detroit to Westland and, as a young adult, left for Lansing "and came back to be closer to my family," Bell said.

Mohinder and Balwinder Singh of Canton have lived here some 38 years.

They're of the Sikh Indian community. He's a retired builder, she a homemaker.

The couple has two grown children, each of whom have two



Khadija Hussaini of Canton was writing out names in Arabic.

children. "I was in construction. I had lots of opportunities," Mohinder Balwinder said, with his wife adding, "Now he's building a school, a community school."

He built Canton's Singh Sabha of Michigan, which is of the Sikh faith. "Living here, people are friendly," Balwinder Singh said. "It's a good neighborhood." She's able to find food the family likes.

"She's always looking for new shops," her husband said in a joking tone. "I'm always first to try new things. In the summer, I grow my vegetables myself, gardening," Balwinder Singh said.

This is the second year for the two national movements to come to Canton.

Police Sgt. Dale Waltz, who is white, of Canton's Public Safety Department, serves as co-chair of the Canton Response



Vijay Bharabaha, 9, of Canton signs the banner promising to work toward a more loving and tolerant community.

to Hate Crimes Coalition, with Eva Davis, Canton Public Library director.

"They're very low. We only have a couple a year, mostly verbal," Waltz said of hate crimes in Canton. Those are anti-gay rhetoric, he said, or "a euphemism about a particular race."

The observance is held to address such hate and bullying, with a goal "of working together and building safe, inclusive communities for all," Waltz said.

He and police colleagues work with the community to let people know if hate crimes are reported, they will be investigated. Waltz said of issues involving black residents and white police officers, much in the news now, "We have to do this together. We do include the community in a lot of the things we do."

In addition to the hate crimes coalition, the

Canton Public Safety Department, Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library were sponsors of the event.

Serena Johnson of Southfield was representing Equality Michigan, where she's lead victim advocate. It represents the LGBTQ community with political advocacy and victim services.

"That is definitely an issue within the community," Johnson said of hatred toward the LGBTQ community. "Just as a whole state-wide, there has been some violence against the LGBTQ community."

She liked being able to meet people at Heritage Park. "I think this would definitely be the education component," she said. That includes assisting friends and family of LGBTQ people, with Johnson adding, "We're here to give advice if



Anne Marie Graham Hudak, coordinator of the Interfaith Community Outreach, and **Hasina Abdu** of Canton visit at the Aug. 2 event.

needed." Equality Michigan's website is www.equalitymi.org. Johnson is new to the job, having come from the Michigan Department of Corrections.

"So I'm not too far away from knowing what's going on," she said. Of violence and hatred toward gays, "I think it is insecurity sometimes. I think different views can be intimidating to people who don't identify with the community," Johnson said. "We're moving in the right direction."

Equality Michigan has recently revamped its victim services. "So that's where I came aboard," she said. "I really love to speak to people in the community," both on political issues and victim services.

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Couple charged in gun incident at rest area

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Quick action by Canton police led to the arrest of two suspects accused of brandishing a handgun during a dispute with a maintenance worker at the rest area on I-275 near Cherry Hill, a police sergeant said.

No shots were fired and no one was injured as the tense situation unfolded about 8:40 a.m. Friday, Sgt. Dan Traylor



Wielkopolan Allard

said. Moments later, police reportedly stopped the getaway car near I-275 and Ford Road and took two suspects into custody.

Tony James Wielkopo-

lan, 28, of Garden City and Cheyenne Rae Allard, 25, of Westland were charged Sunday with assault with a dangerous weapon, felony firearm, a concealed weapon violation and a lesser, misdemeanor marijuana charge.

Police haven't disclosed what may have triggered the argument that led to a fight between Wielkopolan and the maintenance worker. As they fought, Allard is

accused of getting a gun from a vehicle and giving it to Wielkopolan, Traylor said, based on statements made to police.

"He ended up chasing after the maintenance guy," Traylor said, but the incident ended without gunfire and the suspects fled the scene.

Canton police happened to be near the rest stop when witnesses reported the incident. Officers reportedly spotted the getaway vehicle,

pulled it over without incident and arrested the defendants.

During their weekend arraignment on criminal charges, Wielkopolan and Allard were jailed with a \$10,000/10-percent bond, meaning they would have to post \$1,000 for their release.

The defendants are next scheduled to appear in Plymouth 35th District Court for an Aug. 12 probable cause conference that could help to

determine whether they should face trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

If convicted, they could face as much as five years in prison for the concealed weapon violation, four years for assault with a dangerous weapon and a mandatory two years for the felony firearm charge.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny

An elderly Canton woman told police July 29 that she had been shopping at Meijer, 37201 Warren Road, when she realized her wallet had been stolen from her purse while it was in a shopping cart. She said \$80 in cash, credit cards and her Social Security card were in the wallet.

Fraud

On July 25, a Westland woman told police that she had learned someone had fraudulently open a credit card in her name on June 22. The account had a more than \$750 balance.

Larceny from a vehicle

» A resident at the Fountain Park Apartments, 37469 Fountain Park, told police that overnight July 29 someone had rummaged her unlocked vehicle overnight. She said a USB charger and an unknown amount of coins were missing.

» On July 29, a Westland man told police he had left his wallet in his cousin's vehicle July 22. He said the cousin had gone to work and parked the vehicle unlocked. When she returned, he said his Social Security card was missing from the wallet.

Vandalism

A 5-foot by 2-foot window was reported broken July 31 at Metro PCS, 38950 Cherry Hill. The door was also damaged by someone throwing a large piece of concrete at it. The damage was estimated at \$400.

Fraud

A Westland woman told police that on July 27 her employer, University of Michigan Health Systems in Ann Arbor, was contacted regarding an unemployment benefits claim. She said she is currently employed and hadn't filed for benefits.

Whoever made the claim, she said, used her

Social Security number, maiden name and her current address.

Vandalism

On July 25, a resident at the Hines Park Apartments, 31650 Cowan, told police that about 11:30 p.m. the previous day she had heard a loud bang which she thought was a gunshot. She didn't check outside until later, she said, and didn't see anyone.

Later, she said her brother arrived home and noticed the door frame was heavily damaged with the frame cracked.

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Good intentioned volunteer unknowingly helps thief

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Staff Writer

A good Samaritan trying to rid the city of crime thought he was doing the right thing Tuesday morning when he actually ended up helping a thief steal a vehicle, according to a Garden City police report.

A citizen-run crime watch volunteer was out patrolling on the 30000 block of Marquette when he saw a man pushing a 1993 Ford Ranger down the street.

The volunteer offered to help and the thief accepted. He told the volunteer he was trying to get a jump start for the Ranger, the report said. The volunteer helped the suspect, thinking he owned the vehicle.

Meanwhile, the owner of the Ranger, a 58-year-old Garden City resident, heard a commotion, ran out of the house and yelled, "He's stealing my truck," the police report said.

By this time, the thief

was down the road.

Trying to right the wrong, the crime watch worker tried to find the suspect and the stolen car. When he caught up with the Ranger, the volunteer said the vehicle was stolen. Knowing the volunteer was no longer on his side, the thief immediately drove off. He was last seen on Henry Ruff.

The volunteer got a great description of the suspect who he described as being between 25 and 35 years old, about 6 feet tall, clean shaven and with short blond or strawberry-colored hair. He was wearing a t-shirt and blue jeans. The witness didn't notice any piercings or tattoos.

No arrests have been made in the case.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Garden City Police Department at 734-793-1700.

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WAYNE COP CALLS

Vandalism

A resident in the 31000 block of Van Born told police that overnight July 24 someone had broken into her vehicle, thrown everything from the glove box and center console onto the floor, stolen \$95, ruined mail and important files. She said the driver's side of

the car had also been keyed.

Neighbor trouble

Police were called to the 34000 block of Richard on July 31 after a resident complained that one of the security cameras on the roof of his garage had been moved. He said the cameras were installed due to a

dispute with his neighbor that has been going on for a few years.

The camera, which was not damaged, showed it was moved at 3:30 a.m. and shows the neighbor standing near the fence when the camera is moved. The resident said he recognized the neighbor, only arms and legs are visible on

the video, due to a distinctive tattoo on his arm.

The resident wanted to file a trespassing complaint against the neighbor but added he thought the neighbor reached over the fence or used a stick to move the camera.

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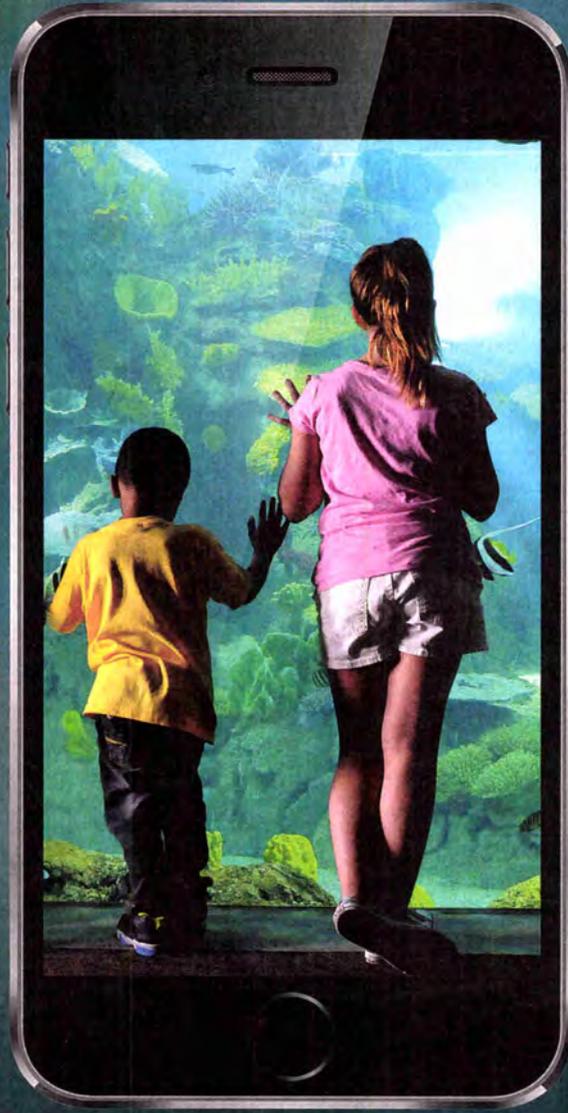
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One of the cars to be auctioned was the 2006 Saleen S7 at the 38th annual Concours d'Elegance last weekend in Plymouth.

Cars make a big splash at annual Concours show

JC Reindl
Detroit Free Press

Set apart from the roadsters and sleek super cars at the Concours d'Elegance of America last weekend were several dozen cars of a uniquely different class.

They are the misfits, the eccentrics, the successful failures and unembarrassed losers.

These unlikely showpieces had a display of their own during the lighthearted Concours d'LeMons Michigan, set amid the flash and dazzle of the 38th annual Concours main event at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

The Concours brings out the Porsches, McLarens, Ford GTs and Ferraris and the many people who enjoy admiring such fine vehicles. The fourth annual d'LeMons, on the other hand, proved a magnet for those off-beat aficionados of Pintos, Gremlins, 1960s Corvairs and kit cars gone wrong.

The cars and their owners also competed for honors such as "worst in show," and "kitschiest original."

"The Concours d'LeMons was started as a celebration of the oddball, mundane and truly awful of the automotive world," said the event's chief judge Alan Galbraith, who also goes by "chief perpetrator." "We look for good examples of bad cars and bad examples of good cars. It is a way of featuring cars that wouldn't have a place otherwise."

The Concours d'Elegance featured more than 300 cars and motorcycles on display Sunday, from old classics and vintage motorcycles to muscle cars and ultra-modern exotics.

Near the back of the LeMons display were several Chevrolet Corvairs. The red one belonged to Pete Koehler of Farmington Hills, president of the Detroit Area Corvair Club, who said he owns 14 other Corvairs that weren't at the show. Four of those models currently rest in museums; the others are stored around the area. "I keep borrowing all my friends' garages," he said.

Koehler said he recently loaned out one of his green Corvairs for use at Cobo Center in Detroit when Ralph Nader was inducted July 21 into the Automotive Hall of Fame. Nader's best-selling 1965 book, "Unsafe At Any Speed," exposed dangers in the Corvair's design and prodded automakers to focus more on passenger safety.

Koehler, a retired General Motors engineer, said he was interested to learn during the induction event that the new museum Nader founded, the American Museum of Tort Law in Winsted, Conn., displays an early 1960s Corvair. He said he and Nader spoke about the possibility of him helping Nader sell the vehicle.



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Michelle Kinville of Plymouth pushes a 1958 Pontiac Parisienne convertible off the auction stage.



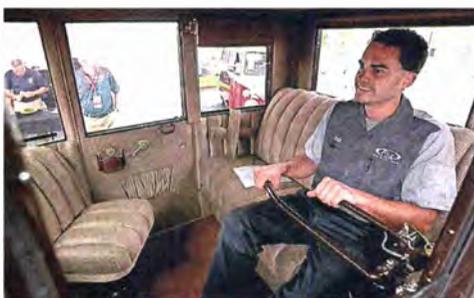
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Jonathan Boyer (left) and his father, Ralph Boyer, both of Livonia, talk about the 1938 Packard Twelve Coupe Roadster that was going to be auctioned.



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Roman Halanski of Shelby Township photographs a 1948 Buick Eight Super Convertible.



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Josh Voss of Howell waits for the signal to drive the 1920 Detroit Electric Model 82 Brougham with a unique steering wheel and seating arrangements.



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The rains came during the auction at the 38th annual Concours d'Elegance at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.



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A view of the cars on display during the "Cars and Coffee" event at last weekend's Concours d'Elegance in Plymouth.

Asian Pacific, Livonia chambers gather for 'glocal' event

Some 60 people gathered Thursday at Sigma International Headquarters in Livonia for the first joint networking event for the Asian Pacific American and Livonia chambers of commerce.

"Going Glocal" connected business people from both chambers with a focus on encouraging more multicultural interaction.

"It is helping the Michigan economy by staying local yet doing business on a global scale," said Van Nguyen, executive director for the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce (APACC), which moved to a new office in Livonia last winter. "APACC members, such as Sigma, are the epitome of going 'glocal,' and it opens new

doors for small business owners in Livonia."

The event's keynote speaker, Sigma CEO Chris Naidoo, shared his story about growing up in South Africa and starting his own business in the United States. Sigma produces moldings and other parts for automobiles. Naidoo also owns Sigma Luminous, a manufacturer of LED lighting systems for commercial buildings.

Naidoo talked about the need to appreciate other company and ethnic cultures when building a business. "You can't expect people to conform to your market, you have to conform to their market," Naidoo said.

He talked about how his business needs to meet the elevated expect-



Keynote speaker, Sigma CEO Chris Naidoo, shared his story about growing up in South Africa and starting his own business in the United States.

tations of his manufacturer customers, and it takes a worldwide perspective to meet those expectations.

"Our customers want Swiss innovation, Japanese quality, German engineering, Chinese

pricing and American convenience," Naidoo said. "That, to me, is globalization."

He added he is seeing a trend where more of his customers want parts manufactured closer to their locations. Thus,

Sigma will soon open a new manufacturing facility in Eastpointe.

Livonia Chamber President Dan West said Thursday's event was the organization's first step to promote more multicultural interactions for

business people in and around Livonia.

"It was a great opportunity for our chambers to branch out and meet new people," West said. "I think the group really enjoyed hearing Chris' story, since he is someone local who is pursuing his vision of building a worldwide company."

The Livonia Chamber's next multicultural event is Connecting Cultures to Business, a luncheon set for Sept. 8 at Schoolcraft College. Nguyen, and her colleagues from the Michigan Hispanic Chamber, Chaldean American Chamber and AmCham Germany will lead a panel discussion about the metro Detroit reach of their respective business communities.

Building better businesses builds a better community

Small businesses have always been an important part of the American landscape and a critical component to the growth and stabilization of the communities in which they operate. The presence of thriving local business helps the community grow by giving local and nearby residents an opportunity to get value for their spendable dollars and at the same time make an investment in the stability of their own community.

This in turn attracts new residents and new businesses, which continues to help build the local economy and the important business and residential tax base that helps support local services and schools. It's a win-win situation for all involved.

But, what does it take to build a viable and successful small busi-



Terry Crouson
GUEST COLUMNIST

We must transform the way we see ourselves and our businesses. We must begin to think differently if we want that differentiating result.

ness? I believe it starts with a dream and ends with an unwavering commitment to succeed. What we learn on the journey between these two points is the big differentiator between failure and success — and there is much to learn. Becoming a successful business owner or self-employed professional is a journey of

continuous improvement and usually comes down to understanding and acting upon the difference between working "on" the business and working "in" it.

Most of us have been trained to work as employees and we've adapted well to the day-to-day requirements of a job. Many times, we open businesses based on a specific skill or ability to perform certain types of work at a high level. At some point it occurs to us that we'd like to work for ourselves, or we feel the issue is forced upon us due to shrinking employment or company downsizing.

However it occurs, we are often unprepared for what it takes to perform at a high level and at the same time strategically manage and grow a successful business. As a result, we may find ourselves

functioning in the day-to-day operation with little time to think, strategize and plan. Our dream of freedom and a better life turns into a nightmare as we become prisoners to our own business with little more than long hours, strained relationships and declining health to show for our effort.

Bottom line: Our business should not depend upon our presence, personality, problem-solving and perspiration for its daily survival. If so, our business does not work, we do. So what is the answer?

In short, there are several things we must do. We must become strategic business owners and dedicate ourselves to working on our business and not merely in it. More specifically, we must learn to adopt a CEO mindset. We need to systematize and document our business. We

need to learn to lead more and work less. We need to create a simple and executable business plan. We must utilize and leverage effective marketing practices and sharpen our sales skills. We must also effectively manage our greatest asset, our people, learn to delegate and know when to let go.

We must transform the way we see ourselves and our businesses. We must begin to think differently if we want that differentiating result. As a strategic business owner, our primary aim should be to develop a self-managing and systems-oriented business that still runs consistently, predictably, smoothly, and profitably — even when we ourselves are absent.

Our goal should be to create and own an effective business system and then employ competent and caring employ-

ees to operate that system — and in the process, build a valuable and enduring asset for ourselves and our community.

Building a better community comes through building a better business, and building a better business comes through building a better business owner. Working with a business coach, associating with other successful business professionals and getting involved with professional business organizations such as the Garden City Business Alliance can help make it all possible. Build it well and build it strong.

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Reverse mortgage works for some, not all

I recently received an article from a reader who asked my opinion on it. The article was about reverse mortgages; in general, the article was very critical. The reader was contemplating getting a reverse mortgage, but was very concerned about what he read and questioned whether he should or not.

The gist of the article was that a reverse mortgage is a sham and no one should get one. The article cited three people who did get a reverse mortgage and then, a few years later, lost their home. As I read the article, one thing that became clear to me was that in each of those three scenarios, the people were not good candidates for reverse mortgages. As far as I was concerned, they should not have gotten a reverse mortgage.

A reverse mortgage is not for everyone, I would certainly agree. In fact, all the reputable people I know in the reverse mortgage industry would also agree. However, the article basically said that reverse mortgages



should be avoided at all costs and that is something I don't agree with. A reverse mortgage can, when used correctly, be a very effective financial tool that benefits seniors. On the other hand, when a reverse mortgage is not used correctly, problems will develop.

In today's world, we are bombarded with offers, deals and opportunities. All too often, because of the nature of sales and advertising, it appears that every one of these products or deals is good for everyone. When it comes to the financial world, there is no one-size-fits-all solution. Everything depends upon your individual situation. For example, one mutual fund may fit your situation while that same mutual fund would be inappropriate for your next-door neighbor.

When it comes to personal finance, everything

is dependent upon your individual situation. Never let anyone tell you that some investment, product or strategy fits everyone, because it does not.

As to a reverse mortgage, when does it make sense? They make sense for people who plan to be in their homes long term and need some extra cash either to retire debt (such as pay off a mortgage) or for someone who needs some extra cash flow to maintain their lifestyle. On the other hand, a reverse mortgage doesn't make sense if you're going to use the money for investment purposes such as buying an annuity or use the proceeds to loan to someone.

Like all financial products and strategies, it is important to use them wisely. For something like a reverse mortgage, it is important that you take your time, not let salespeople push you in one direction and never be afraid to seek independent advice.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Welcome aboard

FDX Pure Sole Dance Studio and Stingers Exotics Pet Store will both be moving to Middlebelt Road. FDX Pure Sole will be moving into Terrence Corners, between Five Mile and Six Mile roads. Stingers Exotics is relocating from their Plymouth Road location to Middlebelt Plaza, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. Both leases were signed in June.

Larry Siedell of Gerdom Realty & Investment represented the landlord in both transactions.

Credit union grants

The Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions has announced grants totaling \$18,000 to be awarded to 13 local nonprofit organizations. Since 2005, the chapter has used funds raised through its annual charity golf outing to award more than \$175,000 to local organizations.

This year's top \$2,500 award recipients are Pro-Literacy Detroit, Detroit Cristo Rey High School, and Journey to Housing Program of St. Vincent de Paul. These organizations will be

recognized at the Chapter's Annual Charity Golf Outing at the Northville Hills Golf Club Aug. 18.

Other grant winners include 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit, The NOAH Project, Community Action Network, Mercy Education Project, St. Michael Lutheran Church-Swaddling Clothes Project, Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, Building Assets to Strengthen Society (B.A.S.S.), Taylor Conservatory Foundation, Living Arts, and Elizabeth Pagan-Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Trump troop rallies around Pence in Novi, shares views

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Cassie and Danny Showerman attended their first ever political rally July 28 in Novi, motivated by their support of Donald Trump as the Republican nominee for U.S. president.

The married couple of three young children drove from their Fowlerville home to hear a speech by Mike Pence, who Trump recently announced as his pick for vice president.

"I was taken aback by the crowd," Cassie Showerman said. "I think I absorbed more of the atmosphere than the words. There were lots of ethnicities and races, young and old, people with kids. I got goosebumps being here; it was awesome."

Her husband said the economic and trade policies of the Trump/Pence ticket resonates with him and he believes Pence added to an introductory speech he gave at the Republican National Convention the week before.

"Bringing up his Christian roots at the end was good," Danny Showerman said. "He's a good balance to the brassness of Trump, although I like that."

Pence was cheered by several hundred fans of the Republican ticket during his speech in the Diamond Center at Suburban Collection Showplace, as he spoke of tax cuts and investments in roads and bridges during his three-year tenure as governor of Indiana. He also spoke of a dozen years he spent in Congress.

"If I only have 12 years to live, I want to live in Congress — they were the longest 12 years of my



Mike Pence, Republican nominee for vice president, speaks July 28 during a rally at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

life," Pence said to the laughter of the crowd and then more applause as he promised to "shake up the status quo" and work with the American people, adding Trump's favored tag line: "We will make America great again!"

Pence also promoted Trump as a man who doesn't "tip-toe around political correctness. He says it like it is."

For Paul Luszczyk, that trait is a plus.

"He's straightforward," said the California resident, in town to visit family in Bloomfield Hills when he decided to attend the rally. "I know he's off the cuff sometimes, but it's what the country needs to hear and he's not afraid to call it."

Tom Llewellyn, a Milford Township resident, said he came to the rally to support the ticket that he believes will win in the presidential election this fall. He also attended the Republican National Convention in Cleveland last month.

"Fixing the economy is priority No. 1," Llewellyn

said. "Also, securing our country and securing our borders. Stopping the unending flow of drugs into our communities and giving Americans a chance to believe in themselves."

Trump's anti-immigration platform also seemed to resonate among supporters who chanted, "build a wall, build a wall," which the billionaire businessman has promoted as a solution to illegal immigration.

Carol Newsted, a 70-year-old Troy resident who attended the rally, said she would love to see the wall built. She also addressed charges that Trump is sexist.

"I think the criticisms of him demeaning women are false," Newsted said. "He supports women. You can see that in his businesses."

She called the Democratic nominee for president, Hillary Clinton, "a lying, cheating, political whore who sold herself out."

There was plenty more animosity toward

Clinton at the rally, with the crowd calling, "Lock her up," in reference to Trump's opponent.

Toward the end of his speech, Pence said that Trump would repeal the 1954 Johnson Amendment, which prohibits tax-exempt organizations such as churches from endorsing or opposing political candidates, and "restore freedom of speech."

"The greatest speeches rang from the pulpit as much as town squares," Pence said. "As we reach to make America great, let's pray that he will heal our land and I know he will."

That was a message Jonathan Waltman, 19, wanted to hear.

"I think (Pence) has good points on how the system works and how churches don't have much say," the Royal Oak resident said. "The founding fathers were impacted by the church and that is what brought our nation together — faith. The church now doesn't have a lot of impact with separation of church and

state."

Waltman's 20-year-old cousin, Maximilian Schich, said Trump isn't finding favor in Germany.

"They don't like Trump at home," said Schich, who is on a two-month visit to the U.S. and enjoyed the rally as an "emotional" event, adding that Germans care about politics, but don't display the same passion.

Gretel Reker's passion about politics was evident following the rally.

The Shelby Township resident and 80-year-old grandmother of Waltman immigrated to the U.S. in 1955 from Austria when she was 20 years old and said she likes that Trump is "against all the ISIS stuff and not against guns or people with good values."

"Life in the U.S. has always been good, but sometimes now it is scary," she said. "All lives matter. All are equal in the eyes of God."

When asked about Trump's stance on immigration, the mother of four and grandmother of eight notes that she was asked many questions before she came over with just a suitcase and a willingness to work hard.

Trump's proposed "wall," however, gives her pause.

"I have no opinion on the wall — I remember the wall in Germany," Reker said, referring to the Berlin Wall that divided Germany from 1961-89. "It was very treacherous and so, so sad."

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Submitted: The Killer Flamingos will kick off the annual concert series in Wayne's Goudy Park 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The weekly concerts will continue throughout August.

Goudy Park concerts return Wednesday

Free concerts in Wayne's Goudy Park return Wednesday night following the weekly Farmers Market.

Kicking off the series, funded through sponsorships by local businesses, is the Killer Flamingos performing American pop/rock music.

Held throughout August, the concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays with bands setting up in the gazebo. Concert-goers should bring their own lawn chairs/blankets.

Upcoming concerts will include:

- » classic rock with Dead in Dog Years on Aug. 10;
- » Fifty Amp Fuse on Aug. 17;
- » Bob Seger tribute band Live Bullet Detroit on Aug. 24;
- » Infinity and Beyond, a Journey tribute band, Aug. 31.

The weekly Wayne Farmers Markets is open 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday so concert-goers can buy fresh produce, honey and other items, including refreshments, prior to the concert.

Kids meet everyday heroes

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Superheroes come in all shapes and sizes. Blake Wagner of Northville Township is only 3, but he's learning that lesson early.

Blake, sister Reagan, 11 months, and their parents, Joe and Kellie Wagner, were at a Hanging with Heroes gathering at the Plymouth Fire Station the morning of July 30. Detroit Moms Blog presented the family-friendly event with police and fire help.

"So he could see the superheroes," dad Joe said of his son. "He loves Spider-Man."

The Wagners were visiting with Plymouth Police Officer Mark Farhat, who showed a patrol vehicle. "The kids are great. They love it," said Farhat, a 15-year law enforcement veteran with 4½ years in in Plymouth. "This is much better than having to arrest people and do some more dangerous stuff."

"It definitely puts a human face to us," he added. "These kinds of things do help (police-community relations). We're fortunate here in Plymouth we don't have the volume cities like Detroit have in terms of violent crime."

Fire vehicles from the Northville City Fire Department, which serves the cities of Northville and Plymouth, were parked outside the fire station. Elizabeth Lewis of Farmington, owner and founder of Detroit Moms Blog, was keeping busy organizing that morning.

"You can see all the kids going crazy," said Lewis of Fairy Tale Entertainment, bringing "Bat-hero" and "Spider-hero" in to meet the kids. For legal reasons, those names were used, although parents used



Julie Brown: Grandma Diana Scappaticci of Plymouth Township, costumed grandson Chase Scappaticci, 3, and NCFD firefighter-EMT Rachel Allen are having a great time visiting.

Batman and Spider-Man colloquially.

"They're amazing," Lewis said, as the "Spidey" man did flips and greeted children, with the Batman-based character looking fierce.

"It's a great event for families and it's a great way for families to come together and support their heroes," Lewis said of the event, which was also hosted last fall in Plymouth. "This is one event we absolutely love."

The Detroit Moms Blog is a parenting resource. "We're a diverse group of moms that share the same common goal," she said, noting the 30-some mom bloggers on the team contribute. Events are also hosted around the region by Detroit Moms Blog, founded in 2014.

Go to www.detroit.citymomsblog.com to learn more.

They're hoping to secure the River Walk for an event soon, said Lewis, mom to kids 16, 4 and 9 months. "It's something I'm passionate about, connecting moms to one another," said Lewis, who previously had worked at a hospital in radiology.

Of last fall, she re-

called, "I was actually nine months pregnant" for that event.

Chase Scappaticci, 3, came with grandma Diana Scappaticci of Plymouth Township to meet the heroes. "This is my Batman boy," grandma said. "Where else can you meet Batman and Spider-Man in your own hometown? He was excited."

She and husband James also brought grandson Clayton, 9. "It is awesome. Spider-Man does all these tricks," Diana Scappaticci said. "He was jumping and flipping. All the kids were so excited."

Fire Capt. Jim Davison said, "Their focus here is heroes, Hanging with Heroes." He was glad to share the stage with police.

"Fire safety is our goal, but this event is geared more to the hero aspect," Davison said. "They can meet us and hang out with us."

The Goldfish Swim School was also there to share its water safety message. Face painting and fancy cupcakes added to the fun, along with firefighter hats for the kids to take home.

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On the road: Senior citizens can often stay behind the wheel with a little help

Despite a growing number of senior drivers on the road, researchers have found that they are crashing less often than just a decade ago. They're also less likely to be injured or killed in a crash, compared with aging drivers of yesterday. That's because seniors are living longer, healthier and more active lives than ever before.

Normal aging does affect driving, but there isn't a set age when a person is no longer safe behind the wheel. In fact, most people can safely drive well into old age. When people become unsafe to drive, it's generally the result of an underlying medical condition or medications, not reaching a certain age, the website www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com notes.

Get involved by regularly checking the driving of your parent or other senior driver in your life. Here are two common warning signs:

» **The senior driver has been issued two or more traffic tickets or warnings in the past two years.** Tickets can predict greatest risk for collision.

» **The senior driver has been involved in two or more collisions or "near-misses" in the past two years.** Rear-end crashes, parking lot fender-benders and side collisions while turning across traffic rank as the most common mishaps for drivers with diminishing skills, depth perception or reaction time.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration lists on the AAA website warning signs related to older drivers. When you ride along with an older driver to look for signs of poor driving, keep in mind it doesn't necessarily mean the person should not drive. Often, poor driving behaviors can be improved with

training or by addressing an underlying medical condition that affects driving. A trained medical professional can help identify treatment options that may help improve – not limit – safe driving ability. A driving assessment from an occupational therapy driving rehabilitation specialist can be a big help, for example.

Here are common warning signs:

» **Does the senior driver confuse the gas and brake pedals or have difficulty working them?** Drivers who lift their legs to move from the accelerator to the brake, rather than keeping a heel on the floor and pressing with the toes, may be signaling waning leg strength.

» **Does the senior driver seem to ignore or miss stop signs and other traffic signals?** Perhaps the driver is inattentive or cannot spot the signs in a crowded, constantly moving visual field.

» **Does the senior driver weave between or straddle lanes?** Signaling incorrectly or not at all when changing lanes can be particularly dangerous, especially if the driver fails to check mirrors or blind spots.

» **Do other drivers honk or pass frequently, even when the traffic stream is moving relatively slowly?** This may indicate difficulty keeping pace with fast-changing conditions.

» **Does the senior driver get lost or disoriented easily, even in familiar places?** This could indicate problems with working memory or early cognitive decline.

If you ride with a driver who exhibits one or more

of the warning signs, consider discussing the benefits of getting a comprehensive driving assessment to help identify and address any risky driving behaviors and maximize safe driving.

Most people know when their driving skills and abilities aren't as sharp as they used to be. Two of the most common coping mechanisms used by unsafe senior drivers include:

» **Using a "co-pilot" to help respond to situations in the driving environment.** Anyone who cannot drive safely and comfortably without a co-pilot should not drive at all.

» **Driving too slow or too fast for conditions.** Driving too slow can be a sign that the driver is compensating for slowed reflexes or reduced reaction time. Those who drive too fast may not realize how fast they are traveling or be overcompensating due to a fear of being noticed for driving too slowly.

The www.SeniorDriving.AAA.com website has much additional information, including on driver improvement courses designed for seniors to help cope with aging and physical changes that occur. With much emphasis in southeast Michigan on improving regional mass transit, there are options to help older people with medical appointments and other errands, such as grocery shopping, if they do need to turn in the keys for good.

For seniors who can continue to drive safely, auto engineers are developing many features, such as features that address "lane wandering" with an audible signal, as well as backup cameras, to make driving safer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Odd property rights

I find it very odd that the City of Westland has been given rights to a strip of land to the East of the City of Wayne. There it sits. For decades. Empty and useless. A former mayor, now

Wayne County Commissioner, stated several times that the City of Wayne "is landlocked" and "cannot grow."

Signs loudly proclaim not to trespass. The signs boldly say you can't enter the area because of environmental concerns.

Incredibly the City of Westland has allowed some of its citizens to plant a garden there. There is also a little airport where you can fly remote-controlled planes. You may also have noticed that a large portion of that area has been destroyed by tractor or bulldozer.

The property may or may not be owned by Wayne County. As you can see by just this little note — there's a lot going on over there. You should check out the police and fire coverage for that strip.

Why would the citi-

zens of Westland continue to pay for that sort of waste? Good luck finding out what it is.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Dysfunction confirmed

The Trump campaign disorganization and dysfunction was again confirmed by Trump's tweet of his vice president selection. To demonstrate Trump's indecision, this decision was delayed until July 15 when Pence had to make a decision by noon the same day whether or not he would seek reelection.

It is difficult to see how Trump, as his very first presidential decision, determined how Gov. Pence would save Trump's failing presidential quest. Pence has been a rather mediocre governor and his major legislative accomplishment was the Religious Freedom and Restoration act. This legislation would provide Indiana state sanction to discrimination.

Pence quickly withdrew this legislation as boycotts were threatened and the very business community which Pence sought to allow discrimi-

nation, rejected him and this legislation. The very people who Pence sought to placate, namely conservative and evangelicals, determined Pence was a traitor for killing legislation they wanted. Certainly, Pence will have difficulty drawing evangelicals and conservatives to Trump.

Seems rather evidence of Trump indecision, a campaign staff that is defunct and poor judgment by Trump. We are left with no other interpretation.

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Farmington Hills

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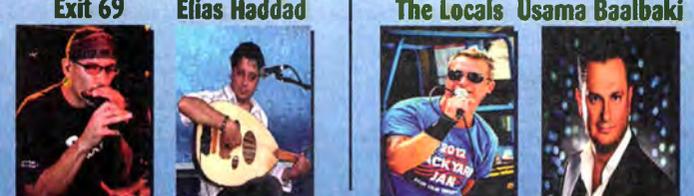
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ROAD TO READING

Library program closes out successful summer

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Shelby Radziewicz of Livonia likes the structure the Livonia Civic Center Library's summer reading program gives her 7-year-old son Colin.

Colin was one of some 1,500 youngsters who took part in the annual program, which gives participants a 50-step log to complete on the road to reading prizes.

More than a third — more than 600 — finished the trip.

"(The program) motivates Colin," Shelby said. "It holds him accountable for his reading, and it helps him keep up with his reading over the summer."

Karen Smith, the head of children services for the library, couldn't have been much happier as she watched hundreds of kids take part in Saturday's closing ceremony.

Readers battled an obstacle course, tossed bean bags, twirled hula

hoops and jumped rope at the closing ceremony, which marked the end of a successful summer program.

Kids taking part in the program have a reading log with 50 spaces. They move along that road by accomplishing different tasks — reading, telling a story, etc. When they've moved the 50 spaces, they get a free book and a raffle ticket.

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright was on hand Saturday to hand out raffle prizes, which included fishing pole/tackle boxes, sports balls and family board games.

"A lot of kids come into the library," Smith said. "Kids like having things to do, and parents like it. We added a lot of things to keep the kids active this year. A lot of the programs were action-based."

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Carter Radziewicz (left) takes a shot with the ring toss as part of the obstacle course at Saturday's summer reading program finale.

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Elizabeth Kobe helps Ben Mezzadri check out his summer reading program.

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Sandamali Ekanayaka helps her daughter, Sayuni Dahanayaka, pick out her free book.

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Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright navigates the obstacle course at Saturday's summer reading program finale.

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What's a children's program without a room full of balloons?

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Mayor Dennis Wright and children's librarian Julie Novak pull winning raffle tickets.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
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ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

Revenue		
Property taxes captured:	\$	168,059.58
Interest:	\$	449.41
Marquee of Redford Township Revenue:	\$	3,469.50
	Total:	\$ 171,978.49
Bond Reserve	\$	0
Expenditures		
Landscaping, maintenance, banners, consulting/engineering, capital improvements and facade improvements:	\$	159,740.67
Outstanding note indebtedness	\$	0.00
Initial Assessed Value	\$	3,284,440.00
Captured Value	\$	4,913,242.00
Tax Increment Revenue Received		
From Wayne County:	\$	64,003.67
From Township and Library:	\$	104,055.91
	Total:	\$ 168,059.58
Number of Jobs Created		Unknown
Additional Information	Several businesses opened due to public and private capital improvements/investments.	

If you have any questions pertaining to this report, please contact the Downtown Development Authority at 313-387-2771.
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Caped fans celebrate latest Harry Potter release

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

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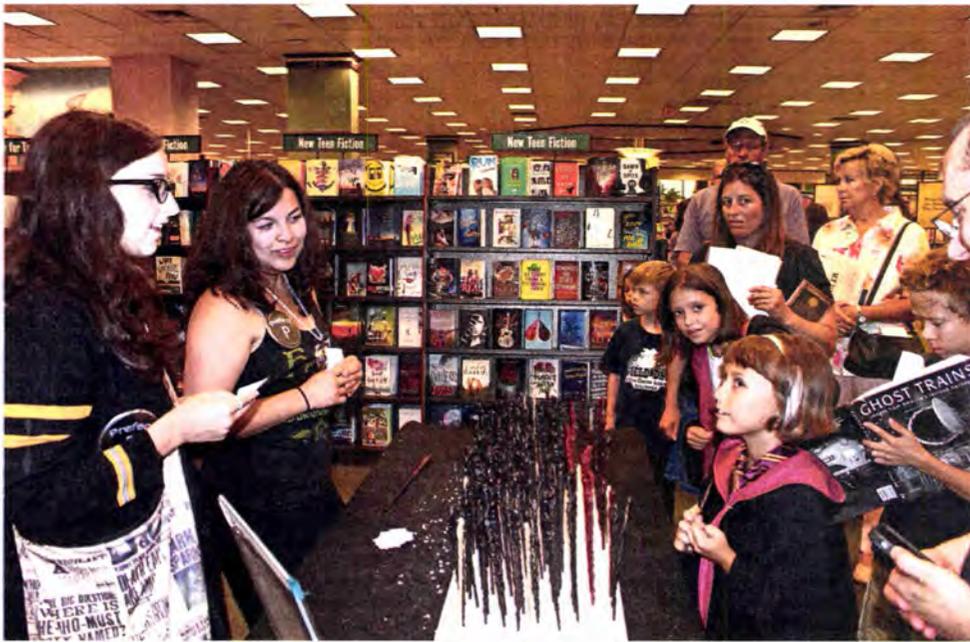
This week, thousands of J.K. Rowling fans will be burying their noses in her latest book, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child: Parts I and II." The eighth in the bestselling series, it was released at 12:01 a.m. July 31 and tells the story of the legendary boy wizard's later years.

At Northville's Barnes & Noble, capes swirled, wands twirled and pointy hats were aplenty as metro Detroit-area Muggles turned out to celebrate with a midnight book launch party.

For longtime fans like Kristin Trame of Canton, it was like reliving the old days. "I got into it a little late, but after I started reading them, I was hooked," she said. Like other Potter diehards, she remembers the midnight launch parties of the 2000s: holding your breath as you waited in line at the bookstore — freaking out with other fans as the seconds ticked toward midnight — and those late-night, early-morning reading sessions that left you knowing it would be at least another year before the story could continue.

That all ended in 2007, when the series closed with "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." Unlike the previous seven Harry Potter books, "Cursed Child" isn't a novel. It's actually a two-part play script in book form, written collaboratively by J.K. Rowling, screenwriter Jack Thorne, and John Tiffany, director of the London-based production.

"Cursed Child" picks up where the "Deathly Hallows" epilogue left off, with Harry, Ginny, Ron and Hermione dropping their kids off at King's Cross for their first year at wizarding



Keira Middleton, 9, answers a question to get her wand: "What book was Buckbeak introduced in?"

MARIA TAYLOR

school. It's 19 years after the Battle of Hogwarts. Harry is in his 30s, an overworked civil servant for the Ministry of Magic. His son, Albus Severus, is an unpopular kid struggling to live up to his family's famous legacy.

Even before books hit the shelves, "Cursed Child" had already become a best-seller. It's the number-one Amazon seller on Kindle and in print, and Barnes & Noble's most pre-ordered book since "Deathly Hallows." And there's a chance it could be the top seller of 2016.

It certainly looked that way in Northville Township, where hundreds of fans queued for tickets to be first in line when the books went on sale. Inside, the store was a Hogwarts haven. Pitching in to help with the festivities were 17 volunteers from the Livonia Public Library Harry Potter Club and the Harry Pot-

ter Club of Schoolcraft College — all dressed in black robes, striped ties, and plenty of Hogwarts spiritwear.

"I can't contain my excitement. It feels like it's Hogwarts," said Grace Schunot, 11, of New Hudson, as she waited at the Sorting Hat station. Grace was dressed the part, in a red robe with a red lightning-bolt scar drawn on her forehead.

Her stepsister, Ryanne Andrews, came dressed as Hermione Granger, even braiding her hair the night before to achieve Hermione's signature waves. "I've never actually read any of the books, but I could already tell this was going to be really cool," she said. "I was really excited to come." Either way, she knows Harry Potter backward and forward: Grace has been keeping her up to date as she reads the stories, and quizzing her on trivia.

As "Hedwig's Theme" boomed from the loudspeakers, the girls climbed one after another onto a high stool, where a witch in trailing emerald robes placed the floppy Sorting Hat on their heads and asked them a secret question to determine their house at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Both ended up in Gryffindor, "where dwell the brave of heart."

Nearby, Julia Kubus, 13, of Livonia stood in line with her mom by an archway marked Diagon Alley, pen in hand. "My mom got the books before they were cool," she said. She pointed to a counter where limited-edition books, with the original covers, were for sale.

"We own the books with limited-edition covers." Julia and her mom, Cynthia, had just been through the Sorting Hat station and were filling out a Harry Potter worksheet, with activities like

a crossword puzzle and matching the quote to the person who said it. Julia is a Hufflepuff. Her mom Cynthia is a Gryffindor. Later that evening, two people from each house would be chosen to compete at the Triwizard Tournament, so Julia was careful to keep her answers hidden from prying Slytherin and Ravenclaw eyes.

More trivia was in order toward the back of the store, where Brianna Hodge and Caroline Valdez of Canton were picking out their wands. First, they had to close their eyes, wave a hand over the display of wands, and answer a question — like "Who is it that haunts the first floor girls' bathroom?" After that came glitter, beads, sequins, and ribbons for a personalized touch. Brianna, 10, dressed in Hogwarts tie and gown, embellished her wand with a white feather.

Their parents got in on

the fun, too — although one dad was a bit skeptical about the selection process. "It's more magical if you close your eyes," he was assured.

When books went on sale at midnight, Kate Bonk of Livonia and Alex Steinke of Farmington were among the first to get their hands on a copy. The two had been staked out in front of the store since 7:30 that morning — and stayed all day, despite an on-and-off drizzle.

"We sat outside in lawn chairs, in the rain, and read Harry Potter books," Bonk said. "It's been a long day." All afternoon, friends stopped by with snacks to reinforce them while they held down the fort.

Things started getting crazy around 5 p.m., Bonk reported. By 8:30 p.m., the line was at least 150 people long, snaking down the sidewalk and around the side of the building. Bonk and Steinke didn't have to stand in it, though. As the very first to arrive, they'd already gotten tickets to cut straight to the registers at midnight and buy the first two books pulled from the boxes.

The two diehards met in 2011, at the midnight premiere of the last Harry Potter movie, and have been friends ever since. For Steinke, memories of Harry and the Hogwarts crew run deep. "We spent 10 years of our childhood growing up with them," she said.

Bonk was introduced to Harry Potter by her aunt, who thought the books were cool and bought them for her. The night after the first movie came out, her mom started reading them out loud with her. "It's just the most outstanding series I ever read — and I read a lot of series," said Bonk. "You can read or watch it over and over again, and it doesn't get old."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rummage sale

Bargain hunters will find everything from clothes to appliances and even antiques at the Garden City Presbyterian Church annual rummage sale. Members will run the sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 11-12 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 13 at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road in Garden City. Entry to the rummage sale is free.

Other items for sale include electronics, books, toys, seasonal items, furniture, glassware, jewelry, knickknacks, lamps, pictures, outdoor items and other hidden treasures. Luncheon will be served each day and all the money raised will go the church's mission work.

For more information, call 734-721-3599.

Madonna rummage sale

Madonna University hosts a rummage sale

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6-7 in the Music & Art Hallway of the university, 36600 Schoolcraft (at Levan) in Livonia.

The sale will feature treasures from Madonna faculty and staff. Parking available in the south lot off of Schoolcraft Road. Proceeds support the 2017 Alternative Spring Break Service Projects.

Cooking matters

Wayne Senior Services sponsors "Cooking Matters for Diabetes," a free seminar on Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. through Sept. 7.

The event is sponsored by Wayne Senior Services, Beaumont, Ford Motor Co. Fund and Gleaners Food Bank. This six-week workshop is a commitment of fun, interactive sessions presented by trained culinary and nutrition instructors. It provides

specialized recipes and information for adults living with diabetes and their caregivers. It is appropriate for those newly diagnosed as well as those who have been living with type 2 diabetes or are prediabetes.

Free groceries and cookbooks are included to practice new skills at home. Registration is limited. Classes will be held at the HYPE Recreation Center-Wayne. To register, call 800-543-WELL (9355) or visit oakwood.org/diabetes.

RU Marching Band

The Redford Union Marching Band will hold 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.

Back-to-school tools

Building Families First Community Development Organization (BFFCDO) in partner with Fenmore Block Club will host a "Back to School Tools" supply drive. The drive seeks to collect new school supplies and back packs for local students K-12.

Collection boxes are set up to accept donations at 38099 Schoolcraft Road (inside the TRUST Office Building) in Livonia. The supplies

will be sorted and packed into backpacks for distribution to families on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Needed supplies include new backpacks (particularly for students ages 12-17), binders, supply cases/bags, colored pencils, markers, wide ruled paper and one-subject notebooks, highlighters, pens (red, black and blue), rounded-tip scissors, No. 2 pencils, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, composition books and folders.

To donate or volunteer, contact Tonia Cramer at 734-743-1351 or email info@bffcdo.org

'Fiddler' returns

The Garden City Summer Community Theatre will present "Fiddler on the Roof" Aug. 18-21 at O'Leary Performing Arts Center at Garden City High School. The entire cast and crew is connected to the Garden City community in some way, either as a current or former Garden City Public School student or employee, or as a resident.

It is led by GCHS drama director Greg Wiklanski, with music direction provided by Kim Gnagey and choreography reproduced by Kristyn Wiklanski. General admission tickets are \$10 and can be purchased 90 minutes before each performance. The performances are at 7 p.m. Aug. 18-20 and 2 p.m. Aug. 21.

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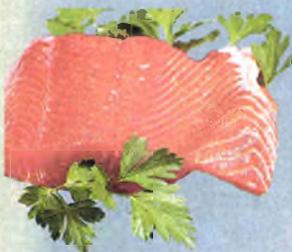


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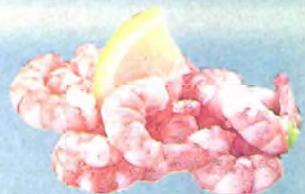


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Sunshine's clinic all about friendship, fun

Third annual event at P-CEP another resounding success

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It's not just about X's and O's at the annual Sunshine's Football Clinic, which took place Friday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

With Plymouth High School players buddying up with children of all ages who have spe-

cial needs, it's more about smiles and budding friendships.

And that was worth celebrating for Connor Sherman, the Canton teenager who launched the event in 2015 with a lot of help from Plymouth varsity assistant coach Brian Rochon.

"This year's football clinic was awesome," said Connor, a quarterback at Our Lady of Good Counsel who is entering seventh grade at Pioneer Middle School. "It was great to see a lot of the same kids that have come the past three years and also meet the kids who came for

the first time this summer. Everyone did amazing."

Plymouth and OLGC players and coaches teamed up to spend a fun, fulfilling and informative evening with youngsters ages 5-17 from all over metropolitan Detroit.

"Once again we were blown away by an incredible night of football," said Connor's mom, Jen Sherman. "When Connor first came up with the idea for the football clinic in fourth grade, it was because he wanted kids with special needs to enjoy

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Michael Vasilnek
Plymouth High School football players square off against "buddy" campers during Friday's Sunshine's clinic.

KLAA MEDIA DAY

Football coaches eager to start

Meeting is final hurrah for 24-team Association

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The first practice of high school football season doesn't begin until Monday.

But that didn't stop Kensington Lakes Activities Association football coaches from being optimistic about the upcoming season during Tuesday's KLAA Football Media Day at Northville Sports Den.

"I'm excited," veteran Canton head coach Tim Baechler said. "We got six guys back on both sides of the ball. No monsters, but just a lot of tough, smart kids who compete."

"We have a very difficult first six games. So we have to treat it as playoff mode right from day one."

The Chiefs, who nearly reached the Division 1 state final in 2015, open their season at 7 p.m. Aug. 26 against Dearborn Fordson at the Wayne State University Prep Kickoff Classic.

Aug. 26 also is when Plymouth and Salem open play, with home games against Utica Eisenhower and Belleville, respectively.

"I think we got a ton of kids coming back," Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk said. "If we buy in and we're not selfish on the field like we were last year, we can do some very, very fun things."

"I thought last year we had all the tools to go far and win

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FILE PHOTO
Veteran Canton coach Tim Baechler sees his team having another strong year in 2016.

USA HOCKEY EVALUATION CAMP



RENA LAVERTY | EXPRESS PHOTO
Crashing into the boards at USA Hockey Arena on Sunday are USA White's Christian Fischer and Sweden's Kristoffer Gunnarsson.

MAKING A BID

Camp's home stretch unfolds for players looking to make U.S. World Juniors

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Nick Boka was growing up in Plymouth, it was must-see TV to catch the Under-20 World Junior Tournament.

Now, he has an opportunity to play in the Dec. 26 through Jan. 5 tournament set for Montreal and Toronto as part of the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team.

On Tuesday, the 18-year-old Boka successfully scaled the first hurdle, facing all 42 USA Hockey players during this week's National Junior Evaluation Camp — he found his name on the roster for Team USA's final camp contests, including Saturday's 7 p.m. contest against Canada at USA Hockey Arena.



RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY
Plymouth native Nick Boka skates for the USA White squad Sunday. Boka Tuesday made the final cut for the rest of the evaluation camp.

"It's been a goal of mine to make this team for a long time," said Boka, following USA Team White's 8-2 win Monday afternoon over Finland. "I used to watch this tournament as a kid growing up over Christmastime, and it was something I'd always stay up late to watch. It's definitely an honor to be here."

Boka, who went to Plymouth High School during his freshman and sophomore seasons before joining the USA Hockey National Team Development Program, impressed coaches with his safe and sturdy approach to defense.

"He's strong, solid," noted Team USA head coach Bob Motzko. "... we're excited to

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JUNIOR GOLF

Livonia's Payne tops field at Taylor Meadows Open tourney

Marybeth Dillon
Correspondent

Long-hitting Kendall Payne of Livonia birdied a par-3 and shot 79 to win the Girls 15-18 age division Friday at the Kensington Tour Taylor Meadows Junior Open.

"I three-putted the first two holes and then I got my stuff together," said Payne, who will compete for the University of Detroit Mercy in the fall. "I used a gap wedge (on the par-3) and hit it softer than I usually

would. It went right up on the green. Then I hit it maybe 15 feet into the hole. It felt awesome."

Payne, a Franklin High grad, shot 2-over-par 38 on the back side.

"I had a birdie on a par-5, which was cool, and I had a lot of pars to put it all together," she said.

Kiersten Van Norden, playing with new clubs, carded 83 to take second place.

"I just got them two days ago and I really like them," the

South Lyon East High incoming junior said. "I've been practicing a lot."

A highlight came on the par-4 15th hole, where she rolled in a par putt.

"I drove it off the tee into a fairway bunker," Van Norden said. "I used a 4-hybrid to hit out of it and landed just off the green. I did a pitch-and-run with a pitching wedge and it hit the flag stick and landed right next to the hole. So I almost



JOHN DILLON
The Taylor Meadows Open Girls 15-18 winners included Livonia's Kendall Payne (left) and South Lyon's Kiersten Van Norden (right).

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks march into championship match

Landell scores twice in 3-0 semifinal victory over Sockers

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

The most successful team in Premier Development League history is on the cusp of a third North American title.

The Michigan Bucks put on another signature performance Saturday night with a convincing 3-0 semifinal victory over the visiting Midland/Odessa (Texas) Sockers at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

The 2006 and 2014 PDL champs will get a chance to earn their third crown before the home fans, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Ultimate when they face Calgary (Alberta) Foothills FC, which advanced with 3-0 semifinal win over the Ocean City (N.J.) Nor'easters.

The Bucks, who improved their overall PDL record to 15-2, have allowed just seven goals in 17 matches as goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Ann Arbor/Western Michigan University) notched his seventh shutout and improved to 9-1.

Birmingham, England, native Andre Landell, who plays collegiately at Tiffin (Ohio) University, scored a goal in each half to catapult the Bucks' offensive attack.

"I thought we played really well tonight," said coach Demir Muftari, who guided the Bucks to the 2014 PDL championship. "That's a really good team. I thought we came out really strong, played excellent in the first half, especially that first 25-30 minutes, and got a great



JAY DUNWELL

The Michigan Bucks celebrate after getting their first goal against the Midland/Odessa Sockers at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

goal by Andre. It was a great build-up all the way around."

Landell, whose favorite team is Manchester United, scored on a beautiful header in the 17th minute off a pin-point pass from defender Brad Ruhaak to make it 1-0.

"Great play Brad Ruhaak made with a cross and the easy part for me was the finish," Landell said. "It was a great ball and a build-up play and we got good players in the midfield that can move the ball, so it makes my job a lot easier."

Midland/Odessa, the PDL's

Southern Conference champ, was under siege by the Bucks during a majority of the first half.

"We talked about breaking their pressure," Sockers coach Matt Barnes said. "It took us a little while to get our legs under us. Actually, once we gave up the goal, I thought we started playing much better. And then I kind of thought we came out and made some good adjustments at halftime. Second half, I actually thought we started out really playing well." But Landell made it 2-0 in

the 61st minute, when he boot- ed home a rebound after the initial shot was taken inside the box by Russell Cicerone (Birmingham Brother Rice/University of Buffalo), the Bucks' leading scorer.

Sockers goalie Russ Klambough had no chance on the second attempt.

"I was just trying to make a front post run and be dangerous and, thankfully, it fell to me and it was an easy tap-in," Landell said. "My favorite one is actually the easy ones. They work so hard for it and it's a

tap-in." Midland/Odessa, forced to push up after being down 2-0, yielded a third goal when Ruhaak's corner kick was flicked into the box by L alas Abubakar before landing at the feet of Francis de Vries, who scored in the 66th minute.

"I think the third goal really took the sting out of the game," Muftari said. "Guys were great, (I'm) really proud of the group. They come together really well. That's it — one more to go."

The Bucks, who have won 10 straight and have not lost since June 18, seem to be peaking at the right time.

"I think the depth, the unity ... we're all for one," Landell said. "We're all working hard. You can see there in the 90th minute, there are still players chasing the ball down. There's no sort of so-called superstars. Everyone is just buying into the system."

Nick Wysong, de Vries and Ruhaak were all members of the Bucks' back line during the 2014 PDL championship run.

"Knocking on wood, don't want to jinx it," Muftari said of the seven-match shutout string. "We've got L alas (Abubakar) and guys like Alexis (Souhay) and Zach Bock coming off the bench who are fantastic players. On top of that, I think the team really does a good job of defending together. All the guys buy in to work for one another. The guys in front of them, the midfielders and forward lines, put pressure on the guys in front of them and make the defenders' job a little easier. They've been sensational all season."

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the sport as much as he does.

"What I don't think any of us realized at the time is how much the clinic would affect everyone involved, not just the participants. From the football players, to the coaches, to the volunteers, we all get so much out of this night. It's truly an extraordinary and inspiring event."

Fun and football

Rochon and Wildcats head coach Mike Sawchuk pointed with pride at the way players bonded with Sunshine's campers as they helped them visit various stations on the turf field for passing, catching, blocking — and even perfecting touchdown dances.

"Each participant had a Plymouth football player by their side offering assistance, encouragement and support," Rochon noted. "After the drills, participants ran through the huge inflatable Plymouth Wildcats head, broke through a paper banner, received countless high-fives, and were given their very own trophy.

"The football players really enjoyed sharing their love of the game with the participants and having lots of fun."

Concurring was Sawchuk, who sets the Plymouth program's tone for teaching players there is much more to life



MICHAEL VASILNEK

The beaming smile on this Sunshine's camper says it all about the program.



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth football assistant coach Brian Rochon (left) and Connor Sherman gave this year's Sunshine's clinic a big thumbs up.

than football.

"Not only does it make the camper happy, it changes the football kid," Sawchuk said.

"They get to see what these parents go through on a daily basis. It's really rewarding for them."

Rochon said the clinic continues to benefit from many sponsors and volunteers who give tirelessly to the endeavor.

Adding that those hours of effort prove well worth it, Rochon gave a big thank you to "the participants and their families who put their trust in us to provide a fun, safe and rewarding evening of football and friendship."

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a state championship. We did selfish stuff on the field. So we've really been working on leadership, playing for each other, knowing what your role is, embracing that role."

Rocks head coach Kurt Britnell, meanwhile, said his team is entering next week's practices with a "different vibe" of camaraderie as displayed during off-season workouts and gatherings.

"Last year was disappointing," Britnell said. "We thought we would be much better than we were. We didn't play well as a team.

"But (incoming seniors) had a great off-season from a leadership and culture standpoint."

Westland John Glenn second-year head coach Steve Aller, whose Rockets open Aug. 25 against visiting Lakeland, expects big improvement following a 1-8 record last year.

"I came in and set the tone on a few things and there's some guys who couldn't meet those challenges," Aller said. "This year, everybody's a little

more up to those challenges."

Looking ahead

Tuesday's media day was lower key than usual, with no players available for interviews.

Following a KLAA rules meeting, coaches from the 24 schools who comprise the conference in its final season as currently constructed chatted with each other and with reporters making the rounds.

Beginning with the 2017 season, the KLAA will have just 14 teams; 10 schools predominantly north and west of Observerland schools are leaving due to issues such as travel costs and enrollment disparity.

"(I'm) disappointed that the league is going through its final season (with 24 teams)," Livonia Stevenson head coach Randy Micallef said. "A lot of good teams, a lot of good coaches, great competition every year.

"It will be different after this season, but we're looking forward to this upcoming season."

Coaches also took a pragmatic view of the soon-to-be downsized KLAA.

"It will be interesting to see

what they do (beginning in 2017)," Baechler said. "From selfish reasons, OK, 'Nice knowing you guys, good luck to you, hope things go well for you."

"But there's 14 teams left. I will be anxious to see how they come up with the schedule and how things are going to fall in place."

Sawchuk said he gets it, that "some of the teams wanted to get out because of enrollment. It is what it is. I'm the type of person that, whether I like it or not, just give me the schedule and I'll play who I play."

According to Micallef, whose 2016 team begins Aug. 25 with a home game against Livonia Franklin, what the KLAA looks like in 2017 and beyond isn't something coaches worry too much about.

"People above our pay grades are (worrying)," Micallef said. "But we as coaches, we haven't really had much conversations about it because it's up to the ADs, administrators and superintendents to make those decisions."

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see more."

Also on the final camp roster is forward Alex DeBrincat of Farmington Hills, who last season played for the Ontario Hockey League's Erie Otters.

For the first days of the evaluation camp, Team USA players were divided into two squads (White, Blue) to square off against Finland, Sweden and Canada.

Joining forces

After a 3-1 run, the top players from each of those squads are merging into the final roster that will play games at 4 p.m. Wednesday against Sweden, 4 p.m. Friday against Finland and 7 p.m. Saturday against Canada.

Following the camp, coaches face several more months of player evaluations to decide on the team that will compete at World Juniors.

Boka said playing in his hometown for a chance to represent his country at World Juniors "means a lot. I grew up in this rink. I was here when I was five, six years old at learn to skates. Went through mini-mites here and ended up playing for Computare (AAA) for five or six years.

"It's pretty cool, the transformation this rink has seen. And the city, too."

Meanwhile, NTDP fans who came out to USA Hockey Arena during 2015-16 already knew about the offensive talents of forwards Clayton Keller and Kieffer Bellows — who were drafted by Arizona and the New York Islanders, respectively, in the June NHL Entry Draft.

They watched those line-mates dazzle again against Finland; both Keller and Bellows are on the camp's final roster.

"We got a good group here," Boka said. "Guys like Keller, Bellows, guys on the (Blue) team, (forward Luke) Kunin.

"No matter what guys are going to the World Junior Tournament, USA's going to put a pretty good team together."

USA White's Monday romp was a bounce-back effort that followed Sunday's 6-3 loss to Sweden.

After trailing 2-0 in the first, USA White scored eight unanswered goals and wound up with a 48-21 edge in shots on goal.

Also victorious Monday was USA Blue, with a 6-4 win over Finland.

"One of the things we told



Clayton Keller (left) looks to pass to a USA White teammate during Sunday's evaluation camp contest against Sweden.

the guys, as this thing starts you think you're here for 10 days," Motzko said. "It goes quick. Here we are, this is what we call a little preliminary tournament. It's over. Now we enter the next phase of it. You've got to show up and do something."

Motzko added that the week's opening games were more about watching individual players, with more emphasis on structure to begin with Tuesday's practice.

"It is summer hockey, we were looking more at individuals," Motzko said. "Of course we wanted to win. We got three wins out of the four games right now. This team (USA White) needed to rebound from yesterday, they did a good job."

Individual tickets for doubleheaders Wednesday and Friday are \$10, while the price is \$15 for Saturday's twinbill (including the 7 p.m. tilt between the U.S. and Canada). Go to usahockeyarena.com or call 734-453-8400 for more information.

Roster breakdown

The Team USA roster for the rest of this week is:

Goalies: Jake Oettinger, Tyler Parsons, Evan Sarthou, Joseph Wolf.

Defensemen: Jack Ahcan, Boka, Joe Cecconi, Casey Fitzgerald, Adam Fox, Caleb Jones, Chad Krysa, Ryan Lindgren, Luke Martin, Charlie McAvoy, Jack Sadek.

Forwards: Bellows, Brock Boeser, Jeremy Bracco, Logan Brown, DeBrincat, Christian Fischer, Erik Foley, Trent Frederic, Jordan Greenway, Keller, Kunin, Tanner Laczynski, Tom Novak, Jack Roslovic, Troy Terry, Tage Thompson, Kailer Yamamoto.

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BASEBALL

Seattle scout Madeja finds a slew of talent

Novi resident started career in 1978 with Detroit Tigers

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Staff Writer

When it comes being a Major League Baseball scout, Ken Madeja has stood the test of time.

His resume includes 28 years with the Seattle Mariners, with whom he now serves as a special assistant to general manager Jerry Dipoto, as well as 10 seasons previously with the Detroit Tigers.

Residing in Novi since 1988 with his wife Deborah and two children, Mark and Lauren, Madeja has signed 17 major league players, mostly notably Hall of Fame member John Smoltz, Derek Lowe, Chris Hoiles, J.J. Putz and Matt Thornton, to name a few.

Madeja wears a variety of hats with the Mariners' organization, focusing on both domestic and international scouting. Since February, he worked exclusively toward the annual June amateur draft before transitioning over to big league and minor league scouting for the rest of the 2016 season.

After surviving seven different GMs and countless days on the road while traveling the globe, what keeps him going at age 64?

"Every day is different," said Madeja, who played baseball at Wayne State and was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 2006. "The travel can wear you down, but you're in a different city. You may stay there two, three days. You're exposed to different ballparks and people, different players."

Career path

After graduating from Wayne State in 1975 with a B.A. degree in education, Madeja got his start as an assistant baseball coach at Redford Bishop Borgess High School, before becoming the varsity basketball head coach at Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

He also managed the Detroit

West Seven Youth baseball teams which captured state, regional and national championships from 1976-78.

In 1978, Madeja was hired as a scout by Bill Schudlich, who was an area supervisor under then-Detroit scouting director Bill Lajoie, who later became the Tigers' GM.

"Once I was done playing after college, I started coaching and then got interested in scouting," Madeja said. "I had sandlot teams that won state, regional and national tournaments and Schudlich approached me about scouting."

Madeja remained with the Tigers through 1987 before going to Seattle.

The scouting landscape has changed dramatically since Madeja first began "bird dogging" for the Tigers at area high school and sandlot games, where he became a fixture at places like Livonia's Ford Field during the summers.

Scouting changes

"In the old days, there were 18 or 20 Connie Mack teams, just in the city of Livonia," said Madeja, who played high school baseball at Dearborn Heights Riverside. "Nowadays, very, very few cities have any of that anymore. The biggest change is that there are a lot fewer summer leagues. The kids are involved in travel ball and playing on a team that travels all around in any one week."

And like football, baseball combines have become another avenue when it comes to evaluating talent.

"There's a lot of these national showcases now where the better kids all end up at these showcases, so scouts aren't digging them up on their own," Madeja said. "They go to these showcases and the kids are right there for them. You can't hide out a Derek Lowe anymore like you used to be able to."

Madeja, who served as Mid-

west scouting coordinator for the Mariners, was honored in 2015 at the 13th annual Pro Baseball Scouts Foundation dinner in Beverly Hills, Calif., with the Legends of Scouting Award. He was also named Seattle Mariners Scout of the Year in 2003 and was twice named Topps Baseball Cards Scout of the Month.



Madeja

Global game

Since he is involved in all aspects of scouting, Madeja has branched out over the years to destinations such as Canada, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Japan ("Where they treat you very well and are gung-ho about baseball").

In the Dominican Republic, the Mariners established a state-of-the-art training facility, which also offers schooling for prospects who are eligible to sign pro contracts as early as age 16.

"It's a total complex that houses up to 75 players during the season," Madeja said. "They teach English. Most clubs have an academy there. We built one two years ago and it's one of the finest ones down there right now. It's four months for the season. The kids just love it."

Madeja said that there is no mystery why there are a high number of Dominican players that make it and thrive in the majors.

"With the climate there, they can play all year round," he said. "The kids don't have the money to be sitting with iPhones or iPads or things like that. They're out there playing baseball from the time that they're little kids. That's their way off the islands down there, to make something of themselves. The poverty is very, very bad down there."

Scouting tips

As a scout, Madeja looks for some basic physical attributes when evaluating a young play-

er. "The first thing you're looking for is the athleticism in the kid," he said. "Almost all of your big leaguers were the best athletes on their team in high school, for the most part. And most were able to play more than one sport. People like Derek Lowe or John Smoltz or kids like that, they could do anything. You could throw them a tennis racket, soccer ball or football ... they could do it all. So athleticism is No. 1."

"Then you start looking at the size of the kid. If he's 16 years old and he's 5-10, 190 pounds, that's probably what you're going to get. He's not going to grow to 6-3 or 6-4. You might have a kid 6-foot, wiry built ... you look for the bone structure. Eyes are important, too. Especially at night, when you have depth perception problem, which can cause a lot of problems."

Madeja will then go out and evaluate a prospects' baseball skill set.

"Can he run? That's something you basically can't teach," Madeja said. "Can he throw? That can improve, but you look at both of those tools right away. Can he throw and can he run? Then you look at can he swing the bat? Can he make contact? Can he get the bat through the zone without dragging it through the zone? Does he have power in his swing? Will he develop power in that swing?"

"Can he catch the ball and how are his actions with his feet and hands? Do they work in concert together when you see him on a ground ball or fly ball? And you look at the aptitude of the kid. Can he learn? Does he have baseball instincts? There's whole slew of things you look for."

Age of metrics

Analytics have recently become the wave of the future in all professional sports, but it most notably started in baseball. And major league scouts are using it more and more, even at the collegiate and high school levels.

"The higher up you go, the more analytics you have on them, of course," Madeja said. "High school, there's some. We've always looked at some stats with a kid. Those can help, but they're not the end all. They talk about 'range' all the time. You got to be there to see where the kid starts from and where he ends up. Stats are just another tool in putting together the whole package in a player."

The age of specialization — one-sport athletes — has also become a trend.

"Personally, I think a kid should play a sport every season," Madeja said. "Football or cross country in the fall, basketball or whatever else you got in the winter time, baseball in the spring. That's the way I think it should be."

"But especially in the southern states, they don't let them play football or basketball. They concentrate on baseball all year round. I think the kids need that break from a sport. I don't think they should play year round. That's why you're ending up with a lot of kids getting hurt nowadays."

Family support

Madeja, meanwhile, had the backing at home as he moved up the ranks in the Seattle organization.

"My wife Deborah was a school teacher and principal," Madeja said. "When I started scouting, my kids were young and I elected to stay an amateur area scout for 25 years as they grew up so I wouldn't be gone as much. Deborah was supportive throughout my career. The scouting and her career in education actually meshed quite well, due to the baseball and school off-seasons."

Madeja, meanwhile, doesn't have any plans to retire or cut short his scouting career, which has spanned 38 years.

"If my contract is extended, I'll probably go a few more years anyway," he said. "Sixty-four is not that old anymore."

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The Taylor Meadows Junior Open Boys 15-18 champs included Northville's Andrew Lack (left), who took first, and Wayne's Andrew Aigeltinger, who was runner-up.

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chipped it in."

Van Norden drove the ball almost 230 yards on No. 13.

"I got up and down on that hole for par," she said.

Andrew Lack of Northville conquered the Boys 15-18 field with 2-over-par 73. It marked the third time he has shot 73 on the Kensington Junior Tour.

Lack, multiple tour winner this summer, started off strong.

"I was hitting good shots and my putter was working, although I had a couple three putts," said the Novi Detroit Catholic Central High junior, who parred the front nine with 35. "I had two birdies, one on

the front and one on the back.

"I started off on the back nine with a par. I had a double-bogey on No. 11, because I had to punch it out from under the trees and then I three-putted. I bounced back with a birdie after that and parred most of the holes after that."

Wayne Memorial High incoming junior Andrew Aigeltinger hit a spectacular tee shot and drove the par-4 10th green to record a rare eagle.

Aigeltinger, who carded 38 on the back nine, was runner-up with 79.

"I was pretty accurate with my driver today," he said. "It felt pretty good. I started out pretty rough, but got better as I went on."

Novi's Khruv Kumar overcame "a lot of ups and downs" en route to 83 and a victory in

the Boys 12-14 division.

The 12-year-old challenged himself by shooting from the championship tees — tacking 437 yards onto the course — and still managed 40 on the front nine.

"I started with a double-bogey and then bounced back with a birdie on No. 2. I had a decent front nine," Kumar said. "On the back, I started out with a double-(bogey) again. I birdied the fourth or fifth hole, but I didn't close too good. I shot 83 because of that. I had some three-putts and some bad drives."

Howell's Chandler Hollister finished second with 101.

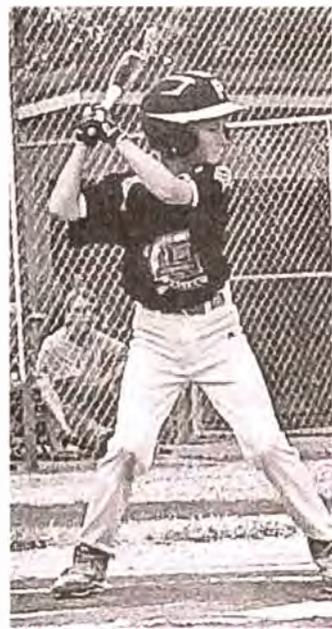
Gearing up for the Kensington Moose Ridge Junior Open on Aug. 8, Pinckney's Nolan Doersch shot 67 to capture the 11-and-under division.

Let's play ball!



PETER KUECHLER

It's game time for the Plymouth-Canton Little League Orange All-Stars (ages 9-10), getting set to take the field July 7 at the District 16 tournament. Tecumseh American prevailed in the contest.



PETER KUECHLER

Leading off the July 9 District 16 tournament with a walk for the PC Orange All Stars is Nathan Kuechler. He came around to score on a series of stolen bases.

Tryouts on tap for GC Gators fastpitch softball program

Tryouts are just around the corner for the Garden City Gators Fastpitch Softball Program.

Players from Garden City and other communities are welcome to attend the sessions, which will take place on the

lighted softball field at Garden City High School (corner of Maplewood and Hartel).

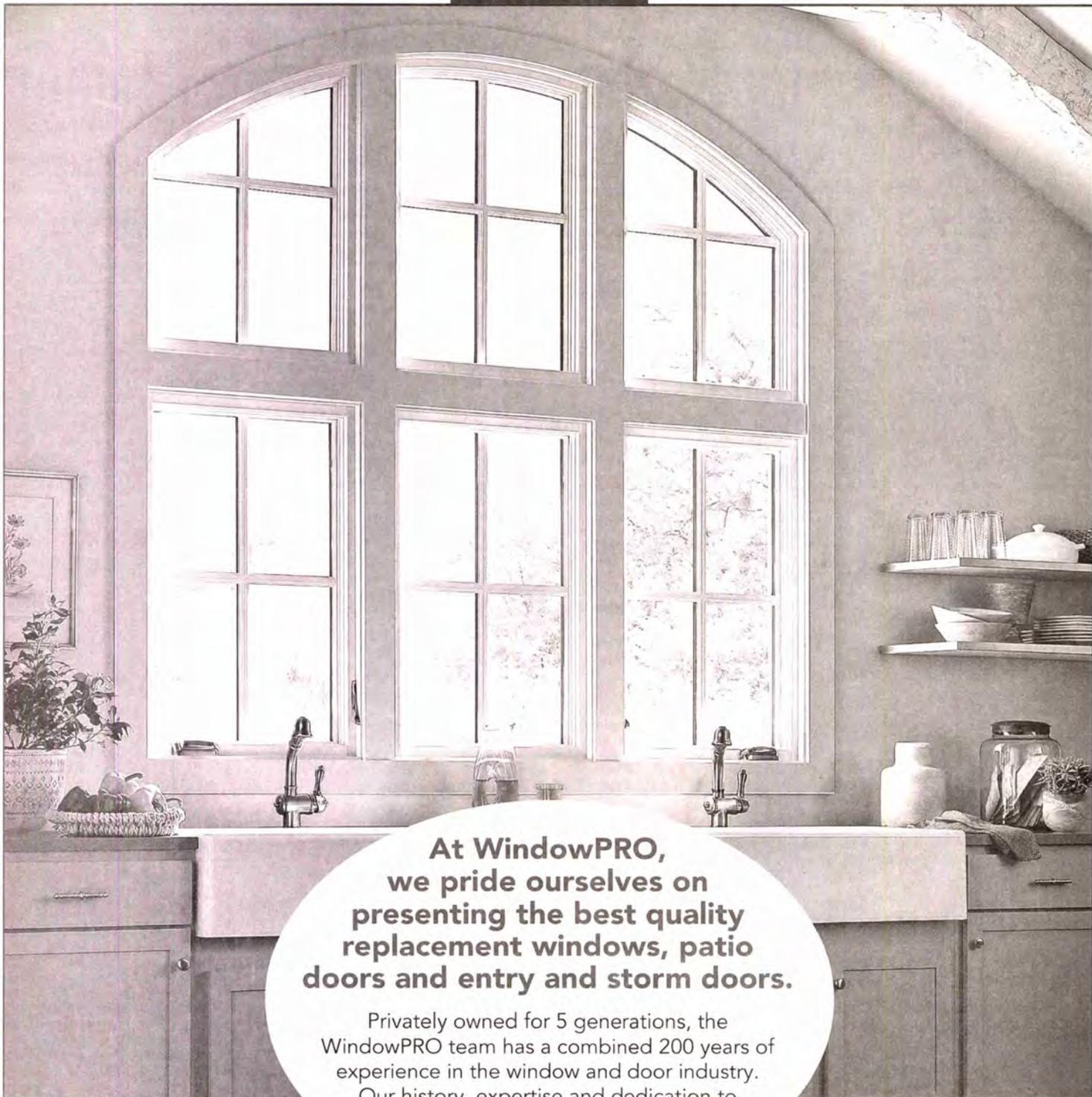
Coach Barry Patterson suggests players arrive 30 minutes before scheduled tryout times to check in and warm up. Patterson can be reached at

gcsoftball@mi.rr.com or 734-635-2388.

Tryouts are as follows:
Monday, Aug. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: 14-and-Under, 16U
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: 10U, 12U
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 6:30-

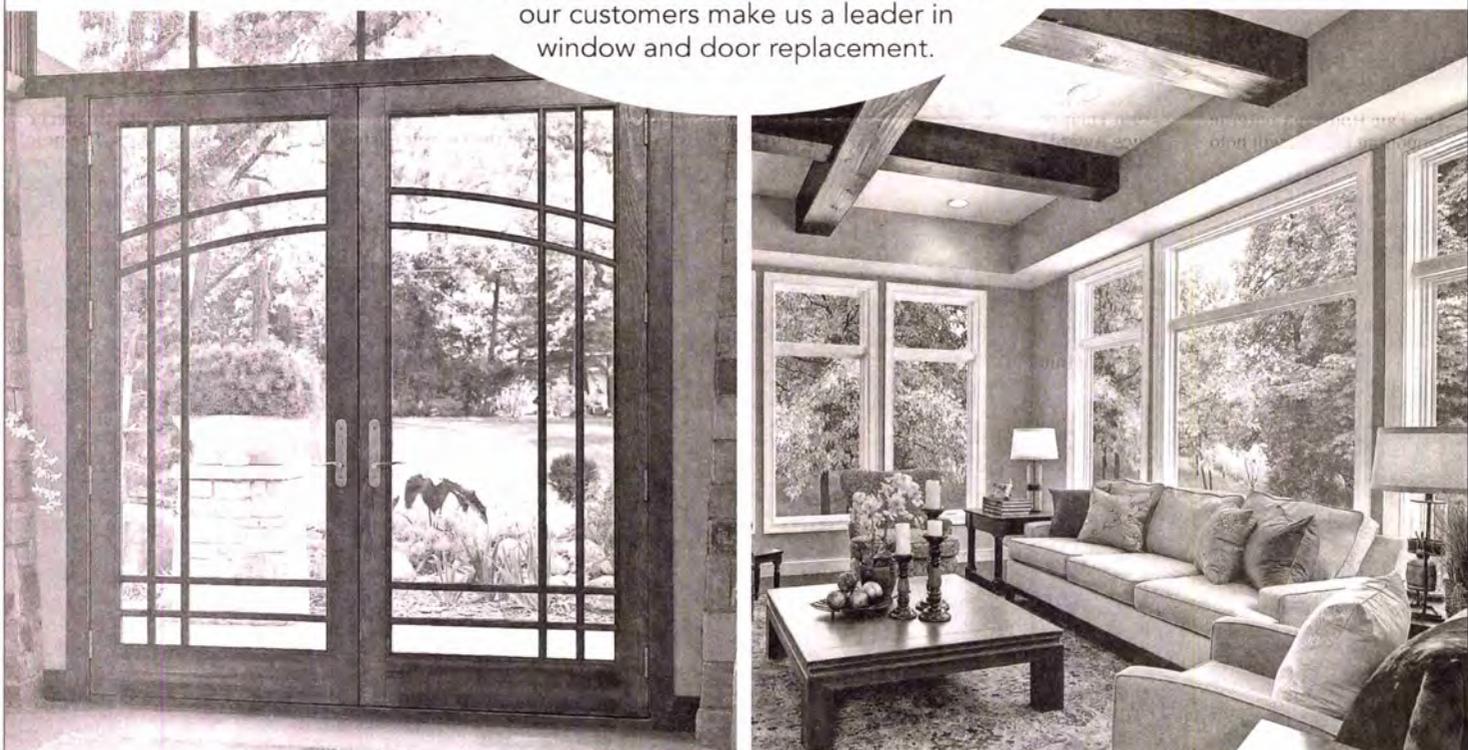
8:30 p.m.: 14U, 16U
Thursday, Aug. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: 10U, 12U
Saturday, Aug. 13, 9-11:30 a.m.: 10U, 12U
Saturday, Aug. 13, 1-3:30 p.m.: 14U, 16U
Sunday, Aug. 14, 9-11:30 a.m.:

10U, 12U
Sunday, Aug. 14, 1-3:30 p.m.: 14U, 16U



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The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit will hold its annual Housing Leadership Awards on Sept. 22.

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Fair housing director: 'We encourage people to participate in conversation'

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit will hold its 19th annual Housing Leadership Awards on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Federal Reserve Conference Center, 1600 E. Warren Ave. in Detroit. Advance sale tickets are needed to attend, with information available online at www.fairhousingdetroit.org.

The Fair Housing Center can be reached at 313-963-1274 or on Facebook. Photo ID will be needed for those attending the Sept. 22 awards dinner.

"We encourage people to visit us on our Facebook," said Margaret L.M. Brown, who's served as the center's executive director since 2013. "That's a good way for them to keep up to date. We encourage people to participate in the conversation."

Brown, who holds a law degree from the former Thomas M. Cooley Law School, now part of Western Michigan University, noted the website isn't updated as frequently as Facebook.

On Sept. 22, James Bush of the Detroit Metropolitan Apartment Association will receive the Leadership Award. Attorney Otto J. Hetzel and William Earle Jr. will receive the Clifford C.

Schrupp Award. Cheryl Bukoff will receive the Marvin Thomas Service Award.

"Its purpose is twofold," Brown said of the dinner, which is a fundraiser. "We strive to recognize people who have had a significant contribution." That includes civil rights and liberties, she said, including those active "who meant something to the whole area on a national scale."

Brown noted attorney Hetzel worked for the federal government, and was a key figure in the earlier fair housing efforts nationally.

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children, the website of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development notes.

According to the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit website, the evidence from the housing discrimination complaints filed with FHCMD by home seekers, from the "testing" conducted



Brown

by the FHCMD, and from the statements provided by many housing providers who support fair housing laws and are willing to step forward to help expose violations of those laws, demonstrates that practices of unlawful housing discrimination continue and the services of FHCMD are needed.

"We enforce housing discrimination law and train people on what the law is," Brown said. Of any improvements in fair housing awareness in the real estate field, she finds, "Generally, no."

Real estate industry staffers "seem to think it's a thing of the past and it is not. The need's still there. There's still a lot of discrimination. We get cases involving mortgage applications, mortgage refinancing."

She and center colleagues hear more about rental discrimination cases, "more obvious, I think, to the consumer," Brown said. She noted mortgage denial is harder to prove.

"You know that there's something wrong" if an apartment visited by testers is still advertised the next week, she said.

"There's a lot of work still to do," added Brown, noting the center served about 100 people last year. "We could have served more if they

knew we existed," she said.

On April 27, the Fair Housing Center hosted its annual Attorney Appreciation Awards at the Detroit Historical Museum on Woodward. This year's honorees were attorney John A. Obee and Judge Linda V. Parker.

Each April, in recognition of national Fair Housing Month, the FHCMD holds its annual bench and bar awards reception honoring both judiciary and trial lawyers. Those interested in attending next April's event should call 313-963-1274 or email info@fairhousingdetroit.org.

The FHCMD website says, by law, to rent, purchase or obtain financing or insurance for housing without discrimination based upon race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, marital, familial or disability status. Both State of Michigan and federal laws apply to the actions of owners, real estate brokers or agents, apartment managers, cooperatives, condominiums, mortgage lenders, appraisers or residential insurers, and they prohibit, with few exceptions, any differences in treatment based on any of the protected characteristics, the website adds.

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Home sales in U.S. climb a bit, including Midwest

Pending home sales were mostly unmoved in June, but did creep slightly higher as supply and affordability constraints prevented a bigger boost in activity from mortgage rates that lingered near all-time lows through most of the month, according to the National Association of Realtors. Increases in the Northeast and Midwest were offset by declines in the South and West.

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, inched 0.2 percent to 111.0 in June from 110.8 in May and is now 1.0 percent higher than June 2015 (109.9). With last month's minor improvement, the index is now at its second highest reading over the past 12 months, but is noticeably down from this year's peak level in April (115.0).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief

economist, says a solid bump in activity in the Northeast pulled up pending sales modestly in June.

"With only the Northeast region having an adequate supply of homes for sale, the reoccurring dilemma of strained supply causing a run-up in home prices continues to play out in several markets, leading to the last two months reflecting a slight, early summer cool-down after a very active spring," he said. "Unfortunately for prospective buyers trying to take advantage of exceptionally low mortgage rates, housing inventory at the end of last month was down almost 6 percent from a year ago, and home prices are showing little evidence of slowing to a healthier pace that more closely mirrors wage and income growth." Adds Yun, "Until inventory

conditions markedly improve, far too many prospective buyers are likely to run into situations of either being priced out of the market or outbid on the very few properties available for sale."

One noteworthy and positive development occurring in the housing market during the first half of the year, according to Yun, is that sales to investors have subsided from a high of 18 percent in February to a low of 11 percent in June. Yun attributes this retreat to the diminished number of distressed properties coming onto the market at any given time and the ascent in home prices, which have now risen year-over-year for 52 consecutive months.

In spite of the slight slowdown in contract signings from April's peak high, existing-home sales this year are still expected to be around

5.44 million, a 3.6-percent boost from 2015 and the highest annual pace since 2006 (6.48 million). After accelerating to 6.8 percent a year ago, national median existing-home price growth is forecast to slightly moderate to around 4 percent.

Regional breakdown

The PHSI in the Northeast advanced 3.2 percent to 96.0 in June, and is now 1.7 percent above a year ago. In the Midwest the index increased 0.8 percent to 108.9 in June, and is now 1.6 percent higher than June 2015.

Pending home sales in the South decreased modestly (0.6 percent) to an index of 125.9 in June but are still 1.8 percent higher than last June. The index in the West declined 1.3 percent in June to 101.3, and is now 1.8 percent below a year ago.

Pit bull as support animal may stand legal test

Q: I am trying to rent a unit in an apartment building and I told the landlord that I need an emotional support animal, which happens to be a pit bull. The landlord seems to be suggesting that his policy is not to allow pit bulls in the apartment. Do I have any standing?

A: Yes, you certainly do, if you can establish that you need an emotional support animal even though it is a pit bull. By way of example, a recent case out of New Jersey, on similar facts, found that a pit bull used as an emotional support animal may not be barred

based on the breed, but rather, the landlord must make an individual assessment of the specific service animal's conduct. In that regard, the court referenced the fact that whether an accommodation is reasonable is a question of fact determined by a close examination of the particulars of the circumstances.

The court further stated that whether the tenant's specific pit bull poses a direct threat that cannot be mitigated by another reasonable accommodation is distinctly a question of fact and that such factual assessment might determine that the dog has no aggressive or socialization issues. The court then acknowledged that allowing a pit bull to remain on the premises was a potentially reasonable accommodation.

In short, your landlord cannot base his decision on pure conjecture without a substantial evidential basis. You are best advised to retain an attorney familiar with this type of law to assist you in dealing with the landlord.

Q: We own a two-acre piece of property and our neighbor has been using a dirt road over our property for about 16 years. The neighbor is now selling his house and refuses to have an agreement with us in terms who is responsible for the maintenance of that roadway which he continues to expand. What can we do?

A: It is important that you iron out the legal details with your neighbor before he sells his house and give him or her notice that you will make a legal issue out of it, including the institution of legal proceedings to assert your rights as it relates to that driveway/roadway before he sells his house. You need to be concerned about adverse possession, an easement by necessity and other legal theories that he or his successor in interest may assert, and it is better to get the matter resolved now rather than later.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long, Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

Sponsored by: Changing Places Moving Company, Devon Title Agency, Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Bank of Birmingham. For more information, visit HallandHunter.com or call 248-644-3500.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

AUGUST CONCERT

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Aug. 18-19 and 25-26

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 La Muera, Farmington Hills

Details: Trinity and Friends choir presents "Let's Go To The Movies." Tickets are \$12

Contact: trinityinthetwoods.org

CONCERT CANCELED

Time/Date: Aug. 15

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28860 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Kim-Char Meredith's concert has been canceled

Contact: unityoflivonia; 734-421-1760

FAMILY TAO SUMMER CAMP

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21

Location: Michigan Zhong Shu Temple, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: The theme is "cherish life." The camp is for families with children, 6-12 and aims to help children develop character and learn to cherish all life with respect, joy and gratitude. Cost is \$30 per participant and includes a T-shirt and vegetarian meals. At least one adult from the child's family must attend the camp. Register by Aug. 10 at facebook.com/michigantemple

Contact: Brenda at 248-910-6608 or Rocky Chen at 734-890-2307

FREE YARD SALE

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia; Unity of Royal Oak, 2500 Crooks, Royal Oak; God Lan Unity, 22450 Schoolcraft, Detroit

Details: Shoppers can take whatever they want, including clothing, home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys, and

more, for free. The number of items a person takes may be limited during peak hours

Contact: Rev. Eileen Patra at 734-421-1760

GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21-Nov. 6

Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Grief support group provides help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Cost is \$20 and includes workbook.

Contact: 248-766-5977

HEARTBEAT OF PLYMOUTH

Time/Date: 12:30-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13

Location: Kellogg Park, Penn Theater, and The Gathering in downtown Plymouth

Details: Third annual festival features Christian speakers, music and activities for children and teens. Bob Dutko, a Christian radio show host, and Joseph Solomon, a Texas native

who started chaseGodtv, will speak at 12:30 p.m. at The Penn Theater. Tickets are \$10 and available at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, Plymouth First United Methodist Church, and Praise Baptist Church. Chosen, Kingdom Come Alive, and You Shine Through will perform from 3-7 p.m. in the park. Visitors can participate in a community service project from 2-5 p.m. at The Gathering. They'll paint tiles that will be placed on a wall in Clair's Home, a planned safe house in Detroit for human trafficking victims

Contact: heartbeatofplymouth.com

PICNIC

Time/Date: 12:30-2 p.m. Aug. 7, immediately following Worship in the Park

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, at Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

Details: Hot dogs, cookies, chips and water will be provided and a praise band will perform

Contact: 734-459-3333

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/dates: Week 1, 6-8 p.m. Aug. 1, 3 and 5; Week 2, Aug. 8, 10 and 12.

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Theme is Serengeti Trek - "Where kids are wild about God." The program, for grades K-6, will include games, Bible stories, snacks and music

Contact: Katelyn at 734-620-4778 or Melissa at 734-765-1827

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, through Aug. 21

Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse grounds, located at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, Canton

Details: St. Michael Lutheran Church holds outdoor services with childcare provided

Contact: 734-459-3333, connectingwithGod.org

YOUTH SOCCER

Time/Date: 1:30-3 p.m., Aug. 15-19

Location: Crossroads Church/Trinity Church Grounds, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Soccer camp for boys and girls ages 5 and up, any skill level. \$25 per student; non-refundable. Includes water bottle, instruction, snacks. Register at www.crossroad-snow.org

Contact: info@crossroad-snow.org, or Pastor Steve at 248-890-5718

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Drop in & Learn," which runs year-round, features lectures on DVD on Jewish history, culture, philosophy, and related topics, followed by brief informal discussion. No charge, no reservations required

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancylen879@att.net

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan
Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available

if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

ST. INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 23300 W. Chicago Road, Redford Township

Details: An informal and ongoing study of the Orthodox faith and life. RSVP to Subdeacon Joshua Genig at joshua.genig@gmail.com or 630-936-6386

Contact: facebook.com/stinno-centredford

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more information, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church.

Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for singing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows

Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

RISEN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Saturday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399

SUPPORT

Apostolic Christian Church
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday

Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connectionchurch.info or 248-787-5009

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems

Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: 248-433-1011

Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

Fireside Church of God

Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidechog.org; or email to adm@firesidechog.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday

Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: A twice-monthly drop-in Food Cupboard (non-perishable items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

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HELENE age 73 of Plymouth, passed away peacefully at home on July 29, 2016. Beloved wife of 51 years to Thomas; dear mother of Lauren (Jeff) Borenski and Brendon (Lyndell) Mastertson; proud grandmother of Jaidin, Olivia, and Jack; caring sister of Vicki Welch, Michael (Terry) Timko, Polly (Gene) Hager; sister-in-law of William Mastertson, Maureen (Jan) Dawson, Judee Reber. Helene was a LPN, loved working in the geriatrics field and she retired from the Plymouth Inn. She will be remembered for being a loving wife, mother and grandmother. At the request of Helene, cremation has taken place and the inurnment will be held Saturday, August 6, 2016, at 1 PM at Calvary Cemetery, 555 N. Ridge Road W., Lorain, Ohio 44053. Arrangements entrusted to the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth (734) 459-2250. To share a tribute of Helene, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MCGEAGH

ADELAIDE lived her life with extraordinary style. Her look, clothes and home filled with color, pattern, texture and antiques all reflecting a unique viewpoint. Her personal style was also her calling card, you knew Addie was near when you heard the jingle of the many sterling silver bangles she wore at all times. In later years, her striking silver hair matched the bracelets she had worn her entire life, a legacy passed on from her mother to her daughters, Adelaide and Gretchen, who continued the tradition with their daughters and onto a fourth generation, Addie's three granddaughters. Born in Los Angeles, California in 1927, Adelaide was the daughter of Donald and Esther Berger, the youngest of three children. Married to William D. McGeagh in 1946, Bill and Addie became parents of Kyle McGeagh Bowers and Kevin McGeagh. A resident of Birmingham since 1960, before moving to Carmel, Indiana, Addie was an active member of the First Church of Christ Scientist, Birmingham; a volunteer at the Christian Science Reading Room; and a volunteer at the Cranbrook house and garden. Her originality and style were seen in the interiors she created for many of her friends as well as the tablescapes fashioned for the Cranbrook Holiday Tables fundraiser. In addition to her decorating talents, she was an accomplished cook, and an avid reader with a deep interest in the American Civil War and military history. She never missed a New Yorker; clipping favorite cartoons to share with others. Adelaide McGeagh died July 24, 2016 in Carmel, Indiana. Addie is survived by her sister, Gretchen Simpson; her daughter, Kyle McGeagh Bowers (David) of Carmel, Indiana; and her son, Kevin D. McGeagh (Ellen) of Lake Orion, Michigan. Addie was the proud grandmother of three granddaughters: Alexandra and Claire Bowers and Allison McGeagh. Addie's constant grace in the face of adversity is an inspiration to all. Her family and friends benefit from her warmth, sense of humor, generosity of spirit, and her encompassing style, which continues to echo through their lives like the soft chime of silver striking silver. She will be missed.

VERESH

EDWARD of Northville, passed away August 1, 2016, at the age of 86. He was born in Detroit, on November 25, 1929, to John and Helen (nee Repka) Veresh. Edward is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years Irene (nee Matthews), his three loving children David (Janice) Veresh, Kathy Veresh, and Karen Veresh, his dear grandchildren Brad Toombs, Tim Veresh, Bethany (Dave) Harris, and Benjamin Veresh, his six precious great-grandchildren, and his two siblings Frank Veresh, and Ethel Wilson. Edward was preceded in death by both of his parents John and Helen Veresh, and seven of his siblings John, Joe, Steve, Helen, Al, Johnny, and George. Visitation for Edward will be Friday, August 5, 2016 from 5-8 p.m. at the Schraier-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, 48170. His Funeral Service will be Saturday, August 6, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth, 48170. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Community Opportunity Center, or Praise Baptist Church. To view full obituary, please visit schraier-howell.com

WERNETTE

JEAN KATHERINE (LAWLESS) who died recently after a very long and full life, passed away peacefully Sunday, July 24, 2016 at Porter Hills Village. Jean was born on a farm near Portland, MI, and earned a teaching degree/certificate from Central Michigan University during the Great Depression due to the generosity of a family friend with whom she lived and worked during college. Jean taught elementary school in Remus, MI, where she met her husband, Richard (Dick) Wernette, and they moved to Detroit and later to Plymouth, MI, where Jean continued to teach. She loved teaching and was a powerful, positive force in many of the students in her classrooms. Jean and Dick had two sons, Dee and Tim, and two grandchildren and two

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Garage-Tag Sale

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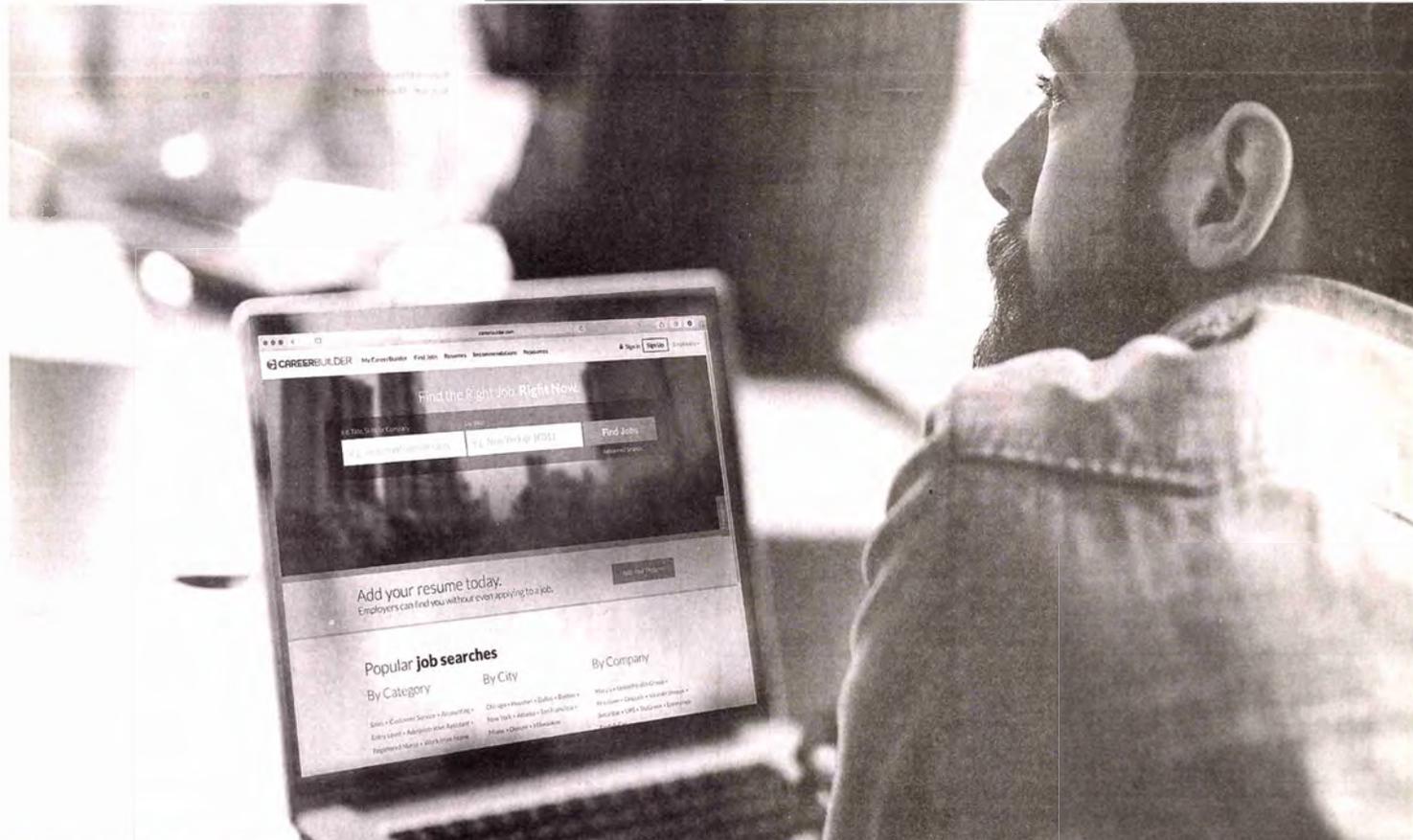
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THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER
CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 As a substitute
 - 8 Part of VCR
 - 16 Snow clearer
 - 20 Saint who converted Scotland to Christianity
 - 21 Informal "Leave it to me"
 - 22 Roll-call call
 - 23 Public speech
 - 25 Dictator Idi
 - 26 D.C. baseball team
 - 27 Dog pests
 - 28 On the — (in hiding)
 - 29 Gun-carrying
 - 30 — -devil
 - 31 Roster
 - 32 Canto or esprnt lead-in
 - 34 Big online dating site
 - 37 Japanese dancing girls being helpers?
 - 41 Shunned sort
 - 43 Hagen of the stage
 - 44 Former U.N. head
- DOWN**
- 45 Citizen of Muscat
 - 46 Don't leave the Hoosier State?
 - 54 Method converted
 - 55 Walk atop
 - 57 "Wow!" in a text message
 - 58 Get via logic
 - 59 Reeves of Hollywood
 - 60 Dandy guy
 - 61 Substitute
 - 63 Prefix meaning "both"
 - 66 Infant next to a famous British poet?
 - 70 Holders of holy tablets
 - 71 Observant
 - 73 French "yes"
 - 74 Atlanta university
 - 76 Carne — (Mexican dish)
 - 77 Method: Abbr.
 - 78 Feta, e.g.
 - 80 English article
 - 83 Route for some travelers headed for Ohio from Ontario?
 - 87 Housing at 74-Across, e.g.
 - 89 London vehicle
 - 90 Hawaii's Mauna —
 - 91 Style of many ski chalets
 - 92 Police officer in a certain military posture?
 - 100 Having several parts
 - 101 They may be parked at KOA sites
 - 102 Dark film genre
 - 103 Seattle-to-Phoenix dir.
 - 106 Weed B Gon brand
 - 107 Stable diet?
 - 109 Followers of Attila
 - 110 Like two peas in —
 - 111 Miles of film
 - 112 What DNA paternity tests provide?
 - 117 Shah's home
 - 118 Assumed control of
 - 119 Polar light phenomena
 - 120 To be, to Tacitus
 - 121 Fireplace log supporters
 - 122 Adolescents, informally
 - 33 Actor Morales
 - 35 Player of 45s
 - 36 "It's —" ("That's just wrong!")
 - 38 A, in Berlin
 - 39 Japanese sport
 - 40 Like bikinis
 - 41 "Smack!"
 - 42 Org. for drs.
 - 46 Of kidneys
 - 47 Digital book file extension
 - 48 Turo
 - 49 Drop down
 - 50 Mosaic piece
 - 51 Miles off
 - 52 Tie locale
 - 53 Eros' father
 - 56 Perfume
 - 60 Sticky-note initialism
 - 61 Juliet's flame
 - 62 Baseball's Slaughter
 - 63 At the drop of —
 - 64 "You've Made — Very Happy"
 - 65 Pooh, e.g.
 - 67 Cellist with 18 Grammys
 - 68 Total failure
 - 69 Marsh stalk
 - 72 Real admirer
 - 75 West Coast evergreen
 - 77 Hawaii achieved it in 1959
 - 78 Congeals
 - 79 Sun provision
 - 80 Take place
 - 81 "I wonder..."
 - 82 Suffix of nationalities
 - 84 Certain Vette roof
 - 85 Uttered
 - 86 Kingly Norse name
 - 88 PC user
 - 89 Drop down
 - 90 Mosaic piece
 - 91 In dispute
 - 92 Cheap flick
 - 93 Sirens, say
 - 94 Radicals
 - 95 Gas in fuel
 - 96 AFL —
 - 97 Strive to get
 - 98 Adequate, in dialect
 - 99 Skim, maybe
 - 104 Sub finder
 - 105 Films
 - 108 Gopher isao of —
 - 109 — d'oeuvre
 - 110 Elvis — Presley
 - 112 K-12 gp.
 - 113 Pal of Harry at Hogwarts
 - 114 Lacto —
 - 115 Marsh
 - 116 Lead-in to existing

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5		4	9		2	7		6
8	9		7	5		6	4	
3	5		6	1		8	9	
1		9	2	7	3		5	
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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Crossword Answers

1. AS A SUBSTITUTE
 8. PART OF VCR
 16. SNOW CLEARER
 20. SAINT WHO CONVERTED SCOTLAND TO CHRISTIANITY
 21. INFORMAL "LEAVE IT TO ME"
 22. ROLL-CALL CALL
 23. PUBLIC SPEECH
 25. DICTATOR IDI
 26. D.C. BASEBALL TEAM
 27. DOG PESTS
 28. ON THE — (IN HIDING)
 29. GUN-CARRYING
 30. — -DEVIL
 31. ROSTER
 32. CANTO OR ESPRNT LEAD-IN
 34. BIG ONLINE DATING SITE
 37. JAPANESE DANCING GIRLS BEING HELPERS?
 41. SHUNNED SORT
 43. HAGEN OF THE STAGE
 44. FORMER U.N. HEAD

Word Search Answers

INSTEAD CASSETTE FLOW
 COLUMBA I GOT THIS HERE
 ORATION NONENESS AMIN
 NATS LICE LAM ARMED
 SHE LIST BEL E HARMONY
 GEISHASASASSISTANTS
 PARIAM UTA KOFI
 OMANT REMANTIN INDIANA
 WAYNE STEPHEN OMG INFER
 AMBI NEARBY POP REPLACE
 AMBI NEARBY BYRON MARKS
 HEADFUL OUT MEMORY
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 TORONTO TOLEDO DORMS
 MULTIPLE RVS NOIR SSE
 BLUE COAT AT TENTION
 ORTHO HAY HUNS APOD
 VERA PROFOFOFFSPRING
 IRAN TOOKOVER AUORAE
 ESSE AND TRONS TEENERS