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Westland encouraging residents to fill out parks and recreation surveys

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

With only a couple of hundred people responding so far, Westland is pushing to get more residents to complete the city's recreation survey.

The deadline to finish the survey, which asks question about the services residents are interested in having — and paying for — is Aug. 31.

"The surveys can be filled out on-

line. We have hard copies in kiosks at city buildings," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "People are taking hard copies but they aren't bringing them back."

The survey itself should only take 5-6 minutes to complete, Wild said.

"We're really kicking up efforts to get as many surveys completed as possible," he said.

Before the online/paper survey got underway, the consultant handling the

survey for the city had already completed a 400-person telephone survey. Once the online/paper survey is completed, the consultants will compile the responses, prepare a report and present it to the city.

With the closing of the Bailey Recreation Center, which was recently demolished, Westland has seen changes in recreation offerings. For several years Westland and Wayne have offered a program letting residents in each city

use parks and recreation services at resident rates.

Wayne entered a management agreement with HYPE Athletics a year ago turning over operations at the Wayne Recreation Center removing the community center as a municipal service. Those resident rates still apply to remaining programs such as the H2O Zone sprayground in Tattan Park.

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Smashing good time



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Wayne-Westland Firefighter Jason Reeves begins a Jaws of Life demonstration by smashing the side windows on the Ford Taurus. It was part of demonstrations from firefighters at an event at Mark Chevrolet. For more on the event, see Page A5.

Westland: Goodbye, Ruby Tuesday

LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Ruby Tuesday announced it would be closing about 95 of its under-performing restaurants next month, but the Westland location closed over the weekend.

"We didn't receive any warning — there was just a note on the door," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

Located on Warren Road just east of Newburgh, the Westland Ruby on Tuesday was listed as permanently closed online and not included among Michigan locations in newspaper stories about the potential closings.

Tennessee-based Ruby Tuesday operates 724 restaurants in 44 states and 14 countries. Closing 95 restaurants amounts to about 13 percent of Ruby Tuesday locations.

"The decision to close restaurants is a difficult but necessary step as we take aggressive actions to strengthen our organization," officials at Ruby Tuesday's stated. "Performance at each of these locations, despite the loyalty of valued guests and the efforts of our dedicated employees, was not meeting expectations."

For Westland, it's the second major chain restaurant to close in the city's Shop and Dine District. Kitty-corner to the closed Ruby Tuesday is a shuttered Max and Erma's restaurant, a chain that closed in January.

The Ruby Tuesday closing came shortly after an announcement that Macy's would be closing stores. No specific locations were named but the announcement raised concerns about the future of the Westland Shopping Center Macy's — an original anchor store for the mall as J.L. Hudson.

"There has been talk about Macy's as well — it's an important part of the mall," Wild said. "Times are changing, things are changing. I think Ruby Tuesday ran into a buzz saw with quick casual dining. I don't think it was a reflection on Westland."

The property owner and the city are both actively marketing the Max and Erma's site, located on the southwest corner of Newburgh and Warren Road, Wild said.

"The millions invested in On the Border (located east on Warren Road) shows the market is strong but you need the product," Wild said. "We are looking at it as an opportunity for new restaurants in our Shop and Dine District. There are a lot of restaurants looking for market share. The same with Macy's."

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Westland Mayor Wild wraps up training at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government

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Westland Mayor William Wild now has Ivy League credentials.

Wild recently completed a three-week executive education program for senior executives in state and local government at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School.

"It was intensive with a diverse schedule. Overall, a lot of it was on

leadership, performance management, negotiation skills and media," Wild said. "There was a lot of discussion on community policing. Really, it was all facets of state and local government."

A lot of private sector people were brought in to teach negotiating techniques and other ways to evaluate value, he said.

"There was a lot of good information. A lot of time was spent breaking into smaller groups," Wild said. "We

were given challenges from across the country."

One topic that was covered for a couple of days were the municipal funding challenges faced by communities, Wild said.

The class of 64 included people serving at state and local levels, Wild said, state representatives, law enforcement officials and international

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Garden City schools rolls out pair of new programs

Diane Gale Andreassi
Staff Writer

As the new school year gets underway, Garden City PTA and administration are launching two big programs — one to support students and the other for the community.

Garden City Elementary PTA is hosting a Color Fun Run/Walk for elementary school students. Members are hoping business people will get involved by donating \$100 each by becoming color station sponsors and providing refreshments.

Color Run/Walks give participants a chance to pass stations where they are sprayed with paint. By the end of the track, the runner/walker is adorned in a rainbow of colors.

The event is free for Garden City Public School students kindergarten through sixth grades. Everyone else will be charged \$10. Students are also asked to solicit pledges for their participation.

It's the PTAs main fundraiser for the year and the money raised helps pay for a reading program, field trips, science nights, family evening nights and more.

The event is 2-4 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Garden City Middle School track. Sponsor names will be displayed at the color or refreshment

"It promotes exercising and being healthy and it helps raise money that in turns helps the children throughout the school year,"

JAIME BECCACCIO,
Garden City PTA president

stations.

Business people who would like to be present on the day of the event can participate by distributing refreshments or throwing the colored dye at the runners and walkers. Volunteering at the event is not required as a donation condition.

"It promotes exercising and being healthy and it helps raise money that in turns helps the children throughout the school year," said Jaime Beccaccio, PTA president.

Call 734-536-6626 to become a sponsor.

Going for the gold

Garden City Public Schools is also rolling out the Cougar Gold Card.

The card gives retired district employees, as well as residents who are at least 62 years old free admittance to home athletic events at Garden City High School and Garden City Middle School, as well as performing arts events at the two secondary buildings, including choir and band concerts, plays and

musicals.

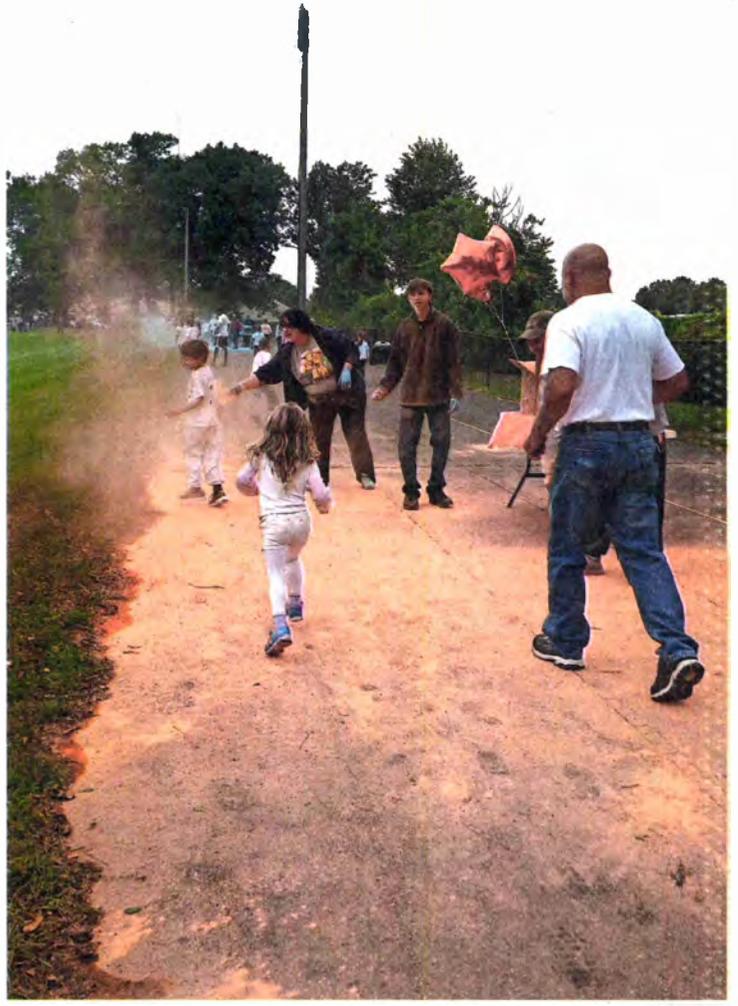
"We really wanted to do something special for the senior population of our community," said Derek Fisher, school superintendent. "These folks have continued to support our programs and our district. Many of them have had children and grandchildren go through and graduate from Garden City High School, so the Gold Card is a way for them to stay connected to district events."

Contrary to popular belief, the Gold Card is not gold, it is printed in the athletic program colors of Blue and Orange.

"We are really excited that we have sports back at Garden City Middle School," Fisher said. "The Gold Card will allow those that qualify to attend athletic events in both buildings for free."

If you are interested in a Cougar Gold Card, contact the superintendent's secretary, Cathy Duford, at 734-762-6311.

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Past Color Run/Walk participants got messy and they loved it.

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students, some holding positions equivalent to being members of Congress.

"We looked at different ways for holding a staff meeting and different staff reviews," Wild said.

During the program, Wild said he was home on weekends to spend time with family and take care of business. While he was gone, he said he kept in touch with emails and calls.

Wild attended the program courtesy of the Southeast Council of Governments Taubman Fellowship for 2016.

The Taubman Fellowship for Executive Excellence provides local public officials with demonstrated leadership an opportunity to broaden their awareness of effective approaches to pub-

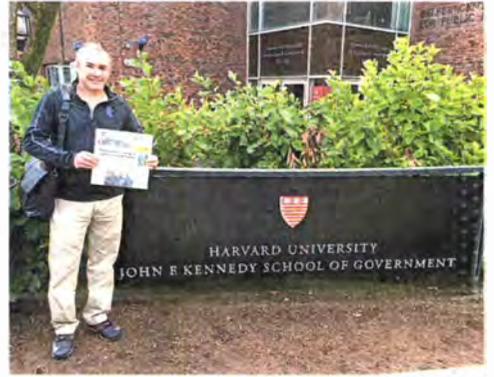
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WILLIAM WILD, mayor

lic-sector problems.

"This program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for local government leaders to broaden their perspectives by interacting with colleagues from around the world," said Robert Taubman, chairman, CEO and president of Taubman Centers Inc. "The experience truly enhances the way public officials serve the residents of Southeast Michigan."

Currently serving his third term as full-time mayor of the state's tenth largest city, Wild over-



Westland Mayor William Wild poses with a copy of the Wayne-Westland Observer while attending the Kennedy Government School at Harvard.

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sees the city's \$60 million operating budget and its approximately 300 employees.

"This is an incredible program. It's awesome that the Taubman Foundation funds state and local government officials to attend this each

year," Wild said. "It's a tremendous way to build leadership among current and future policymakers. And no tax dollars were involved."

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 080 OF TITLE 8, CHAPTER 40 (NOXIOUS WEEDS AND REFUSE) OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 080 of Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.40.080 Removal of weeds and refuse by City--Assessment of costs--Deposit of funds.

A. Whenever the Inspection Department or its authorized representatives enter upon any parcel of land in order to accomplish abatement of an existing violation, pursuant to provisions of this Chapter, the Director is authorized and directed to keep an accurate account or all expenses incurred, and based upon same issue a certificate determining and certifying the reasonable cost involved for such work with respect to each parcel of property. The Director is also authorized to add to such costs an administrative charge of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars for each of the first two (2) instances in a calendar year of cutting, destruction, or removal, which administrative charge shall increase to one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars for the third and each subsequent instance of cutting, destruction, or removal required in the same calendar year to cover the expense of administering the work performed, costs of publications, overhead, and other contingent expenses. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the certificate, the City Treasurer shall forward a statement of the total charges assessed on each parcel of property to the owner as shown by the last or current tax roll, and the assessment shall be payable to the City Treasurer within thirty (30) days from the date the statement was forwarded. Further, any delinquent assessments that remain unpaid after thirty (30) days will be entered on the City tax roll for collection and shall have an additional penalty of ten percent (10%) added to the amount of the assessment. The costs, fees and penalty so billed for the abatement of this nuisance shall also constitute a lien against the property and may be so assessed and collected as provided for in the City Charter.

B. Such amounts as are paid to the City under the provisions of this Chapter shall be deposited into a special-purpose fund to be known as the "weed and refuse fund," and these moneys may be drawn upon by the Inspection Department in compliance with the provisions of the Financial Ordinance codified at Chapter 3.04 of this Code, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Inspection Department or its authorized agents or representatives in the performance of such work as may be necessary to accomplish abatement of violations in the manner heretofore specified.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, July 25, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 3rd day of August, 2016.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney

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SURVEYS

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Officials from the Metro Detroit YMCA had recommended getting the survey as a method of figuring out what residents are interested in and also the economic sustainability of those programs.

Although currently

vacant, the city had also filled a vacant position as parks and recreation director as part of gearing up to look at programs.

The survey asks residents about their opinions on the convenience and usefulness of adding recreational facilities as well as specific programming and the costs associated. The department will take the information

obtained through the survey into consideration when planning upcoming recreation plans.

To complete the survey online, visit www.cityofwestland.com. Pick up paper copies from the kiosks at buildings.

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St. Michael hosts picnic to benefit CCH

Take one hot summer afternoon, add plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers, some games and a bunch of excited young boys, mix with several large cases of water balloons and popsicles and you have the makings of a memorable picnic such as the one parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia recently provided for the boys of Christ Child House in Detroit at Rotary Park in Livonia.

The picnic, sponsored by the church's Christian Service Commission and its Knights of Columbus organization, marked the group's first but — judging by volunteer reaction — not last event for these boys. A number of St. Michael Youth Group boys spearheaded the games and their involvement proved to be a much-appreciated asset to both the volunteers and the boys of CCH alike.

Christ Child House has been owned and operated by the Christ Child Society of Detroit since 1948 on a two-acre campus on Joy Road in Detroit as a licensed intensive residential treatment center for up to 31 boys, ages 5-17. Close to three-quarters of the



Sack races and other games were part of the picnic to benefit Christ Child House in Detroit.

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boys are permanent wards of the court whose parental rights have been terminated due to severe neglect, abuse or abandonment. A number of them have exhausted foster home resources, needing the routine and reliable structure such as CCH and its dedicated staff offers. As the founding philosophy at CCH suggests "It's

never too late to have a happy childhood" and this thinking is what guides the agency's mission. Nationally accredited by the Council of Accreditation of Service for Families and Children (COA) and named "Best Children's Home in Detroit" for the past four years by the US Commerce Association, CCH provides services

to boys of every race, creed and national origin. Children stay in care at CCH an average of 13 months, depending upon their individual treatment needs, which are determined by a highly trained professional staff of 60 full and part-time clinical therapists, recreational and education staff, registered nurses and

youth specialists who create a highly structured, personal treatment plan for each boy. Length of treatment, according to current Director of Education, Myron Dawson, is entirely dependent upon each boy's individual needs and circumstances. "We have boys who move on within six months or so, we have

others who have been with us as long as five years," Dawson said. "Following this individual and family therapy, some children are able to return to their homes; but, increasingly, the breakdown of family structure precludes a child's return to his family of origin."

In these chases, CCH seeks secure adoptive homes, and their adoption program strives to build a strong and loving bond between the child and his new family over a period of time following the initial placement. From pre-placement through the first year, counseling and support are available 24/7 to aid in a successful transition. During treatment, all of the boys attend traditional schools within the area, according to Dawson, and staff members act as surrogate parents, attending school activities with and for the child, including things like Parent/Teacher conferences and other academic functions.

"An important part of our goal for each boy is to show them that people can be trusted and that 'giving back' should be an important part of everyone's life," Dawson said.



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Inspire Theatre opens its 12th season with "Rock and Roll Heaven."

'Rock and Roll Heaven' comes to Westland's Inspire Theatre stage

Opening its 12th season, Westland's Inspire Theatre's latest offering, "Rock and Roll Heaven," is otherworldly. Inspired by the golden days of rock and roll, Inspire's managing director Len Fisher has collaborated with longtime IT member Courtney Nixon to create a "heavenly production."

Set in present day, this ethereal musical review opens with the cast as weary travelers en route home from a rock and roll review show when their bus careens out of control in danger of tumbling off a cliff at Deadman's Curve. The next hour and a half transports the cast and the audience to Rock and Roll Heaven, a nostalgic stroll down memory lane to a gentler time of soda shops and bobby sox, poodle skirts and ducktails.

Known for its review shows and original productions, this is Inspire's first such show in its present location, in the former WLND building on Warren Road, now known as the Westland Center for Performing Arts. Inspire Theatre is listed on Facebook as Westland's only live theater and has been located in Westland for most of its 11 years of existence.

Formerly housing the Westland cable TV station, the building has been refitted by IT for performances, classes and concerts. Playback rooms, studios, editing

rooms and office space have been revamped to theater space, dressing rooms, concession and ticket offices, a green room and a scene shop.

The production staff includes Fisher's daughter Elizabeth, of Wayne, who is both the musical director and the choreographer. Not a newcomer to Fisher's shows, Elizabeth and Courtney have been a part of IT even before there was an Inspire Theatre. When asked about the collaboration, Nixon said, "Len, Liz and I bring different styles, ideas and processes to help put together what is one of our best shows to date. The singing, dancing and acting is definitely something not to miss! Our talented cast," added Nixon, "comes from a variety of backgrounds and works well together to put on a fun show that people from all generations will enjoy."

The theater is located in the Westland Center for the Arts at 33455 Warren Road in Westland. The show opens Aug. 26 and runs for three weekends, skipping the Labor Day weekend and resuming Sept. 9 for the final two weekends.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door and can be purchased at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com.

For more information, visit www.inspiretheatre.com or call 734-751-7057.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING



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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2200, Proposed Land Division, 29105 Richard, Parcel #083-03-0192-301, South Side of Richard, East of Middlebelt Road, South of Annapolis Avenue, Christopher Garner

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Notice Is Hereby Given that on August 29, 2016, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services - Road Division, Central Maintenance Yard, 29900 Goddard Road Extension, Romulus, Michigan 48242.

The Day of Review is for the purpose of reviewing and revising the boundaries of the Drainage Districts below. Maps depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each Drainage District can be reviewed at: www.waynecounty.com/doe.

The Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries is an opportunity to review the Drainage District boundaries with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner, engineers and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review.

The Day of Review of Apportionments is an opportunity to review the apportionment with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the Drains will also be available at the Day of Review.

Drain assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the assessment period is greater than one year, you may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at (313) 749-8340 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundary to the Wayne County Circuit Court within ten (10) days. You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for each of the Drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed
Bailey	City of Westland	1	1, 2
Boice	City of Wayne	27, 28, 32, 33, 34	27, 32, 33, 34
	City of Romulus	3, 4, 5	3, 4, 5
	City of Westland	26	
Budlong	City of Westland	8	8, 17
Cummings	City of Westland	3, 4, 9, 10	3, 4, 9, 10
Christine / Christine West	City of Westland	16	16
Hanley / Hanley South	City of Livonia	36	36
	City of Westland	1	
Hunter	Canton Twp.		13, 24
	City of Wayne	29, 30	30
	City of Westland	29	17, 18, 19, 20, 30
Meldrum	City of Livonia	34, 35	34, 35
	City of Westland	1, 2, 3	1, 2, 3
Morgan Creek	City of Westland	4, 5, 8, 9, 17	8, 9, 17
North Branch of Meldrum / South Branch of Meldrum	City of Livonia		35
	City of Westland	2	2
Osband / Osband East	City of Westland	2, 3	2, 3
Slatton	City of Wayne	29	
	City of Westland	20, 21, 28, 29	20, 28, 29
Venoy	City of Garden City	10, 15, 16	10, 15, 16
	City of Westland	3, 4, 8, 9, 16, 17	3, 8, 9, 16, 17
Wilson / Wilson North / Wilson South	City of Livonia	35	35, 36
	City of Westland	1, 2	1, 2

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Stolen vehicle

An Inkster woman told police that she stepped outside to smoke at HYPE Center, 4635 Howe, Aug. 13 when she noticed someone in a vehicle who appeared to be tampering with the steering column. She said she ran inside to alert an HYPE employee.

The witness and employee went back to the parking lot. The employee said he walked closer to get a better look at the suspect when the 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe started and drove off.

The vehicle owner, a Belleville woman, told police she was attending her 30th birthday party inside the HYPE Center. She said one of the

guests alerted her to the vehicle theft.

Larceny from a vehicle

On Aug. 6, a Westland woman told police that someone broke into her car and stole her wallet while she was at the State Wayne Theater, 35310 Michigan Ave. She said the wallet contained expired identification and her Social Security card.

Larceny from a vehicle

A resident in the 4100 block of Winifred told police Aug. 9 that he came out to find papers on the ground by the door to his vehicle. When he opened the door, he said he found it wasn't

really closed. The ignition was damaged, he said, in an apparent attempt to steal his Dodge Cobra.

The hood and trunk on the vehicle had been opened, he said, but the suspect had been unable to find a secret shut-off switch. The owner, who wrote the report online, told police that switches to nitrous were turned on like someone was playing.

The man reported change and an empty nitrous bottle had been stolen. He noted he was getting a home/garage alarm system and security cameras, "so hopefully I can lead the police of Wayne in the right direction to bring these thieving punks down."

Larceny from a vehicle

On Aug. 10, a resident at the Park Hill Apartments, 33080 Park Hill, told police that someone stole two aluminum rims/tires from his Chrysler 300. The items were valued at \$450. A jack had been left under the vehicle and an attempt was made to remove all four tires/wheels.

Suspicious circumstances

A resident in the 4100 block of Cadillac told police Aug. 10 that she had taken her son to the hospital at 8 a.m. When she returned several hours later, she said she noticed two large hand prints on a rear window.

The screen was also slid down, she added.

The resident also noted her garbage can had been moved in front of her 6-foot privacy fence and a piece of wood had been detached from the frame.

Trespassing

A Westland man was arrested on a warrant Aug. 13 after police were called to an apartment at 32255 Michigan Ave., early Aug. 13 about unauthorized occupants inside an apartment. A call to the building owner confirmed the man and a Garden City woman weren't supposed to be in the apartment.

Police stopped the woman as she was trying to climb out a rear win-

dow. She said the building maintenance man had left them into the apartment and denied any illegal activity.

The man told police the same story but he was found to have an outstanding warrant and was arrested.

Community meeting

The monthly community meeting at the Wayne Police Department is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25. Everyone is welcome. The police station is located on Michigan Avenue just east of Howe.

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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Break-in

A resident in the 1300 block of Alvin told police Aug. 11 that in the morning he found someone had removed a screen from his garage window and entered the building. He reported his black Giant brand bicycle with a basket had been stolen. It was valued at \$300.

Larceny

A resident at the Waris Farms Apartments told police Aug. 14 that someone had taken an iPhone that had been delivered and left at her door Aug. 4. The phone was valued at \$150.

Vandalism

A resident in the 8600 block of Shari told police Aug. 10 that he was in the bathroom about 12:45 a.m. when he heard something crashing. Checking, he said he found that glass in his front storm door had

been shattered.

» About 2:30 a.m. Aug. 10, a resident in the 8400 block of N. Hubbard told police he was awakened by the sound of glass breaking. He said he found his front picture window had been broken, possibly by a BB or a small rock. The damage was set at \$500.

Vandalism

On Aug. 14, a resident in the 33000 block of Berville Court told police that overnight someone smashed two windows on her Dodge Caravan causing \$250 damage.

Vandalism

An employee working on a bank-owned vacant home in the 31000 block of Hazelwood told police Aug. 9 that he had arrived to find an air conditioning unit had been destroyed. The damage was estimated at \$4,000. The employee had last been at the house July 1

and found the damage Aug. 5. He said he contacted the bank and later was told to file the police report.

Vandalism

Twenty vehicles parked at Todd Wenzel Buick, 35300 Ford, were reportedly shot with paintballs overnight Aug. 11. The vehicles were all parked along Ford facing south. The employee said he was hoping a power washing company could remove the paint, which hadn't dried and hardened, without damaging the vehicles.

Fraud

» A Westland woman told police Aug. 11 that someone fraudulently opened a Lowe's charge account using her personal information. It was opened Aug. 3, she said, and was closed before any charges were made on the account.

» On Aug. 9, a West-

land woman told police that she received a notification from a collection agency about \$225 owed relating to the rental of an apartment in Dallas, Texas. The woman said she has never lived in Dallas and doesn't know anyone there.

Found phone

An officer working at the Westland Police Department, 36701 Ford, reported Aug. 9 that he found an iPhone at the front desk. He said after charging the phone, he found it was locked and he was unable to identify the owner.

The officer also talked with Apple Care and was assured that the phone owner couldn't be identified without gaining access to the phone. It was placed in evidence as found property.

Man charged with stealing cigarettes

Westland Police have made an arrest in the case in which a man allegedly stole two cartons of cigarettes from the hands of an employee.

Akram Al-Karim, 27, of Dearborn Heights, has been charged with one count of unarmed robbery in the theft of cigarettes from the Speedway gas station.

Police report that Al-Karim was arrested while committing a similar act at another Westland location and is a



Al-Karim

suspect sought in at least one other community.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Al-Karim as he was arraigned in Westland 18th District Court. Bond was set at \$15,000 cash/surety. Al-Karim is scheduled for a probable cause hearing on Aug. 25.

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Wayne-Westland Fire Sgt. Jeremie Schneider removes the rear driver's side door. Firefighters Dan Taylor and Jason Reeves stand by.

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Firefighters show off their skills

There wasn't much left with the Ford Taurus after Wayne-Westland Firefighters were through with it.

Firefighters demonstrated an extraction using the Jaws of Life for visitors at Mark Chevrolet, recently going to work on the Ford. It was probably no coincidence that the Chevy dealer provided a Ford to be demolished.

The Wayne dealership was hosting Cruze in for a Cause, which included demonstrations from firefighters.

Along with systematically dismantling the car for a crowd of onlookers, firefighters also provided a fire suppression demonstration and tips on fire safety.

The dealership provided hamburgers and hot dogs for guests throughout the day.



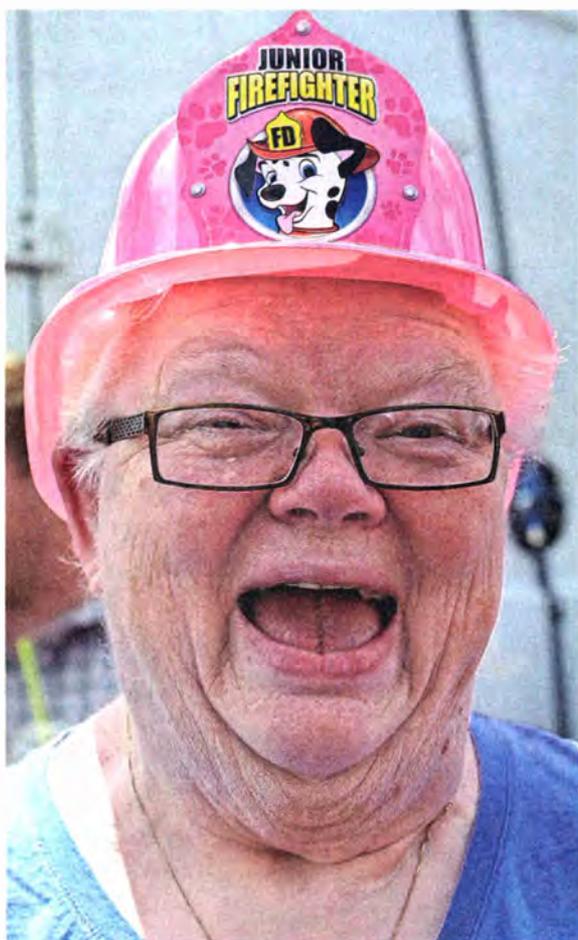
Firefighters Jason Reeves and Dan Taylor bend back the roof of the Taurus, giving clear access to any victims in the vehicle.

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Four-year-old Jayden Gordon watches firefighters demolish the Ford Taurus outside Mark Chevrolet.

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Watching the firefighters demonstration, Fran Lundell wears her helmet well.

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Firefighters use the Hurst tools to remove the driver's side front door.



The remains of the Ford Taurus, after the demonstration.

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Westland Police Department join in school supplies drive

The Westland Police Department has teamed with the Warren Road Church for a back-to-school backpack drive through Aug. 28.

This school supplies drive is to benefit local children whose families might not be able to afford to purchase their school

items. Donations can be dropped off at the Westland Police Department on Ford west of Carlson or at the church, 33445 Warren Road at Farmington Road.

Instructions for putting together a perfect Pack:

- » Backpack — basic backpack (no themes) with several pockets and a water bottle, (approximately \$11).
- » Kleenex travel packs.
- » #2 pencils.
- » Erasers — square pink or pencil topper styles.
- » Student scissors (blunt

- edged).
- » Crayons — 24 pack.
- » Colored pencils — 12 pack.
- » Ruler.
- » Wide-ruled spiral notebook.
- » Post-it-notes (three-inch by three-inch or three-inch by

- five-inch).
 - » Glue sticks.
 - » Pencil box.
- There is a donation box located in the lobby of the police department. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

An assets list helps when the unexpected happens

The other day, I saw a story on "60 Minutes" that was an update of a previous story. Basically, the story was about the insurance industry and how they were negligent of paying death claims. According to the story, life insurance companies were withholding hundreds of millions and even billions of dollars of death claims from beneficiaries. The companies' defense was that the beneficiary never put a claim in for the policy and thus, according to the insurance companies, they had no knowledge of the death. Of course, that proved to be false as companies clearly had notice and, in fact, in many of the insurance companies files it was noted that the person had died. Even more egregious, some companies who had life insurance policies and an annuity on an individual stopped making the annuity payment upon death but did not pay the death claim.

This poor behavior was just not the smaller unknown insurance companies but rather, included some of the largest insurance companies in the country. When regulators and government authorities began to take action, not surprisingly many of the insurance companies reached settlement agreements; unfortunately, not all of them.

You may ask why the beneficiaries didn't put a claim in for these policies. The answer is quite simple and that is they didn't know about it. You would be surprised how many people forget about life insurance policies. In



fact, in reality it's just not life insurance policies that people forget about. In many situations, people forget about bank accounts, brokerage statements and other valuable assets.

I bring this up because it is a reminder to people how important it is to maintain a list of your assets and where you keep your important documents. We all know that life is very unpredictable and having a document where you list what assets you own, including life insurance policies, can be invaluable in times of a family crisis or death.

This document that lists your assets should contain a variety of items. You also need to list where your legal documents such as will, trust, medical and durable power of attorneys are located. I also think that it would be smart to include in this document what professionals you have dealt with. For example, if you have an estate planning attorney, financial adviser or insurance agent, they should also be included in this list. After all, the purpose of this list is to provide a road map for your loved ones and a list of professionals you've dealt with can be extremely important to them.

I also think it is important on this list to include passwords and login information for any online accounts that you

may have.

It is important to remember why you are doing this document. Quite simply, it is because you love your family and you want to make things as easy as possible upon them. Death and family emergencies are always emotional and always occur at the wrong time. However, you can make life much easier on your loved ones by being prepared. That is why I strongly recommend that everyone sits down and compose a list of their assets, legal documents, professional advisers as well as login information for online accounts. I recognize this is not an easy task and it's not something that you do once and forget about it. Unfortunately, every so often you need to update your list. After all, everything in this world changes and so does your situation. That is why you have to get into the habit of constantly updating this information.

One last note and that is to keep in mind that you do need to let someone know where this information is being kept. You don't have to tell everyone, but the person you trust the most, the person who's going to be in charge of your affairs if you are unable to do so should be the person who has this information.

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



Boy and Girl Scouts from Jamaica and Ghana toured St. Mary Mercy Livonia before heading to the Michigan International Camporee.

St. Mary Mercy opens doors to international scouts

Every four years, boy and girl scouts from more than 20 countries travel to Michigan for two weeks of international friendship, fellowship and fun during the Michigan International Camporee.

Scouts spend one week with a local host family exploring southeast Michigan before heading to camp at Northwood's Scout Reservation near West Branch. In addition to partnering with Hart EMS to provide on-site medical and health care services for the camp, St. Mary Mercy Livonia hosted a tour for scouts from Jamaica and Ghana who were staying with local families in Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

"This is my first time to the United States and the first time many of our scouts have been out of Ghana," said George Mawulolo a Scout Leader from Ghana who was accompanying his daughter Princess. "Everything in the hospital is so new and very different from hospitals in Ghana. There are computers and monitors everywhere — in Ghana, there's only one monitor or computer in many places."

During the hospital tour, Jamaican and Ghanaian scouts visited unoccupied areas of St. Mary Mercy's emergency department, operating room and sterile processing department, where surgical equipment is cleaned, sterilized and



Michelle McLay, RN, Assistant Nurse Manager, St. Mary Mercy Livonia and Maurice Cox, Injury Prevention Specialist, St. Mary Mercy Livonia demonstrate a heart monitor in one of the hospital's trauma rooms to Boy and Girl Scouts from Jamaica and Ghana.

prepped for surgery. The scouts learned about the importance of a sterile environment and how to properly dress and enter those areas.

One of the boys was hooked up to a heart monitor while Michelle McLay, RN, assistant nurse manager, St. Mary Mercy, and Maurice Cox, injury prevention specialist, St. Mary Mercy, explained how the monitor works and what a normal heart rhythm looks like. The group also toured an ambulance and the hospital's trauma rooms before visiting the operating room.

"It's very different," said Godfred Konadlu Taum, another Ghanaian Scout Leader. "The operating rooms are very interesting. They are bigger and there's more equipment."

Cox, who is hosting

several Jamaican scouts in his home, organized the tour and served as the Health Director for the camp.

"It was fun to see how excited the boys and girls were during the tour," Cox said. "You could tell they hadn't seen anything like this before. They were taking pictures of all the equipment and asking questions."

St. Mary Mercy has donated first aid supplies to stock the camp's health center, including Epi-Pens, stretchers and other items, as part of the hospital's Injury Prevention Education program.

The Michigan International Camporee is open to the general public on Saturday, July 30, for international displays, activities and food. For more information, visit micamporee.org.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

MOD Pizza benefit

MOD Pizza announced it will partner with the Livonia Public Schools Education Foundation for an exclusive, two-day back-to-school benefit Aug. 22-23 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Livonia MOD Pizza, 13229 Middlebelt Road. TSFR Brand Leader of MOD Pizza Jake Schostak made the announcement.

As part of the benefit, MOD Pizza will donate 10 percent of all guests' food sales to the LPS Education Foundation. Guests will also be able to purchase MOD-branded back-to-school kits, which include notebooks, pencils and folders, for \$5. For every kit sold, \$3 will be donated back to the LPS Education Foundation to further aid the organization in its mission to provide financial support to the district for innovative programs and services.

"MOD was built on the vision of creating inspiring pizzas that bring people together to 'Spread MODness,' initiating a constant ripple effect of positivity throughout the community," Schostak said. "The LPS Education Foundation has been a champion for local residents, delivering creative initiatives to make learning fun and exciting. We are proud to partner with

them to kick off the new school year on a great note."

Dental award

The Academy of General Dentistry announced that Allyn Young, DDS, FAGD, of Livonia, received the association's Fellowship Award during the AGD 2016 annual meeting, which took place July 16 in Boston.

The AGD Fellowship Award is presented to dentists who seek to provide the highest quality dental care by remaining current in their profession. To earn this prestigious honor, Young completed 500 hours of dental continuing education, passed a comprehensive written exam and fulfilled three years of continuous membership in the AGD.

As a Fellowship Award recipient, Young joins nearly 7,000 active AGD Fellows who have gone above and beyond the basic requirements to care for their patients' oral health.

"We are proud to honor Dr. Young for her commitment in reaching this lofty goal," says AGD Immediate Past President W. Mark Donald, DMD, MAGD. "She has distinguished herself professionally among her peers and is a role model for both her fellow dentists and the Livonia community."

Young graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1986 and currently practices dentistry in Livonia. She and her husband Brian Jacobson, DDS, have two children, Clare and David.

Chief legal officer

Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs announced Christopher Boloven joined as chief legal officer as well as managing member of CND Law.

Boloven will report directly to the firm's managing partner overseeing and identifying the legal issues in all departments and their interrelation.

Prior to joining Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs, Boloven was an attorney at Strobl & Sharp in Bloomfield Hills where he focused on taxation, business planning and estate planning/administration.

Boloven has many years of experience in tax controversy matters assisting clients with audit matters involving the IRS. He also has experience through the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, the 35th Judicial District Court, and the Michigan Supreme Court.



Boloven

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thurston reunion

The Thurston High School Reunion Picnic for the Classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970 begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Island Lake Recreation Area, Hickory Picnic Shelter, 6301 Kensington Road in Brighton.

Bring your own food and drink.

For more information, email JJSerbay@gmail.com.

75th birthday party

The Livonia Fire Department is inviting residents to its 75th birthday celebration 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, in Rotary Park (Six Mile and Hubbard) in Livonia.

The event will feature games for kids, food and drinks, fire department giveaways, an obstacle course, a fire truck display and raffle drawings. Fire department officials are also urging visitors to bring bathing suits for fire hose fun.

Nerd Night

The Garden City Public Library announced Gabriel Kleinert, local writer and gaming enthusiast, will be visiting at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, to discuss the Survival Horror video game "Silent Hill 2." He will delve into the game's history, explain the story and the gameplay, and also discuss the psychological and metaphorical interpretations of the game's themes.

Gabriel has been an avid video gamer since his childhood, and "Silent Hill 2" is one of his favorites. This talk will hopefully encourage some new people to explore the game and its genre, as well as show that games can be more than just a way for children to mindlessly pass time.

Admission to the program is free. The perfect gaming food (Mountain Dew and Doritos) will be provided. To reserve a seat, call the Garden City Public Library at 734-793-1830.

Flu shots

Flu shots are coming to the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood in Garden City.

Walgreens will be on-site from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 17 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 28 and Oct. 26. Free shots will be available for those without health insurance courtesy of Walgreens. If you don't have health insurance and think you may qualify for the no cost Healthy Michigan Plan OR Qualified Health Plan (QHP) on the Health Insurance Marketplace, be sure to stop in the Community Resources Office after you get your flu shot. Trained health insurance application assistors are available to help from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Monday-Friday (evening and weekend hours are available by appointment).

For more information, call The Senior Department at 734-793-1870 or The Community Resources Department at 734-793-1857.

Colbeck hours

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck and District Manager Penny Crider will hold monthly office hours for August in Livonia from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 19. The office hours will be held at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center and will be open to the public.

No appointment is necessary. For more information or to contact

Colbeck, visit www.SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

Neighbors and friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, will kick off another year of fun and friendship with an ice cream social at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13. The event will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church on 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. New members are welcome.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May at 7 p.m. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. For more information, visit http://livonia-neighborsandfriends.tripod.com

Concussion program

The Livonia Civic Center Library hosts the program, "Concussions in Athletics - Know the Warning Signs," with Dr. Steven Karageanes at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 23 in conference room A.

Karageanes, Medical Director, Sports Medicine and MercyElite Sports Performance, St. Mary Mercy Livonia, is a distinguished sports medicine specialist who has treated concussions for almost 20 years. He assisted the Brain Injury Association of Michigan in writing the Michigan Concussion Bill, which became law in October 2012.

The program is scheduled at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

Flea market

The Greenmead Flea Market takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh in Livonia.

The event features historic tours (from noon to 3 p.m.). Visitors who have a wagon or cart are welcome to bring them to make shopping easier. No dogs are allowed, refreshments will be available and admission is \$2 (children under 12 free). Proceeds benefit the preservation of Greenmead Historical Park.

For more information, call 248-477-7375.

Makeover workshop

Zeal Credit Union is inviting women to attend a complimentary workshop designed especially for them from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren. This free event, which is open to the public, will be held in the Community Room on the Center's lower level and include a "women and money" seminar at 11 a.m.; make-up, hair and fashion tips at 11:30 a.m.; and lunch at noon. All workshop attendees will be entered to win gift cards and a \$50 VISA gift card provided by Zeal Credit Union.

To accommodate lunch guests at the Women's Makeover Workshop, registration is required by calling Jennifer Shelton of Zeal Credit Union at 734-466-6108.

Mom 2 mom sale

The St. Edith/St Collette Mom2Mom sale is set for 8:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 8. It will feature 74 tables of great deals on gently used maternity, baby and children's items.

Admission is \$3 from 8:30-9 a.m., and \$2 from 9

a.m. to noon. St. Edith Church is at 15089 Newburgh in Livonia. For more information, email m2msale@stecmops.org.

Cruise for a cause

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia is the new location for the "Cruise-in for a Cause" classic car show. The cruise will be held from 5-8 p.m. Mondays on Aug. 22 and 29.

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

Wish you were here



Annie Linda Feeley of Argyll, Scotland, holds her Dunoon Observer while her sister, Cathy Vanecek, holds her Livonia Observer. Between the sisters is their brother, Jerry Davis, of Ann Arbor. The trio are standing atop Calton Hill which overlooks Edinburgh Scotland.

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1751D, Public Hearing for Special Land Use Approval for Proposed Mini-Warehouse Storage Facility, Parcels #058-03-0001-000, -0002-000 and -0003-000, East Side of Manufacturer's Drive, South Side of Cherry Hill Road, Curt Molino and,

Case #1751E, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Mini-Warehouse Storage Facility, Parcels #058-03-0001-000, -0002-000 and -0003-000, East Side of Manufacturer's Drive, South Side of Cherry Hill Road, Curt Molino

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission



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OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Notice Is Hereby Given that on August 31, 2016, the Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries and a Day of Review of Apportionments from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Department of Public Services - Road Division, Central Maintenance Yard, 29900 Goddard Road Extension, Romulus, Michigan 48242.

The Day of Review is for the purpose of reviewing and revising the boundaries of the Drainage Districts below. Maps depicting the proposed revisions to the boundaries of each Drainage District can be reviewed at: www.waynecounty.com/doe.

The Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries is an opportunity to review the Drainage District boundaries with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner, engineers and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review.

The Day of Review of Apportionments is an opportunity to review the apportionment with the Drain Commissioner or a member of his staff. The Drain Commissioner and other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day, and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the Drains will also be available at the Day of Review.

Drain assessments will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the assessment period is greater than one year, you may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office at (313) 749-8340 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's decision to revise the district boundary to the Wayne County Circuit Court within ten (10) days. You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

A general description of the lands by section number proposed to be added or deleted from the Drainage Districts as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor for each of the Drains is as follows:

Drain Name	Municipalities	Portions of Sections Added	Portions of Sections Removed
Ash	Huron Twp.	29, 30, 31, 32	30, 31
Barton	City of Romulus	10, 15	15
Bathel	Sumpter Twp.	12, 13	12, 13
Boika / Boika East	City of Taylor	33, 34	33
Botson	Sumpter Twp.	25, 26, 35, 36	25, 26, 35, 36
Bradshaw	City of Belleville	27	
	Van Buren Twp.	34, 35	34
Brier Tile	Van Buren Twp.	29	28, 29
Brown	Van Buren Twp.	31	31
Brown and Rounds	Van Buren Twp.	31, 32	31, 32
Brower	City of Romulus	18	18
Cady	Van Buren Twp.	31, 32	32
Cole	Huron Twp.	18, 19	7, 18, 19
Carter	City of Taylor	8	8
East Lawn tile	City of Plymouth		26
	Plymouth Twp.	35	26, 35
Eaton	Van Buren Twp.	31	31
Gorman	Huron Twp.	20	17, 20, 21
Gumtow Storm	Huron Twp.	30, 31, 32	30, 31
Garling	City of Inkster	23	
	City of Westland	22, 23	22, 23
Handler	City of Gibraltar	36, PC 345	36, PC 345
	City of Trenton	25	
Harris & Curtis	Sumpter Twp.	2, 3	2, 3
	Van Buren Twp.	34, 35	34
Holland	City of Taylor	18	18
Huff	Northville Twp.	4, 9	4, 9
Helwig	Huron Twp.	20, 21, 28	20, 21, 28, 29
Judd Road	Huron Twp.	8, 17	8, 17
Lehigh	City of Dearborn Heights	33	32, 33
McBride	City of Romulus	17, 18, 19, 20	17, 18, 19, 20
Martin	Huron Twp.	7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30	7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30
	Sumpter Twp.	12	12
Moore Avenue Lateral	City of Allen Park	14, PC C	PC C
	City of Lincoln Park	PC C, PC B	
Mooren	City of Taylor	21, 22, 27, 28	21, 27, 28
Mooring No. 2	City of Taylor	22	22
Branch No. One Mosquito	Huron Twp.	30, 31	31
	Sumpter Twp.	25, 36	25, 36
Mary Street Branch of Snow/Holland Road Branch of Snow	City of Taylor	7	7
New Otting	City of Taylor	29, 32	29, 31, 32
Owens	City of Livonia	15	15, 22
Packard	City of Romulus	23, 24, 25, 26	24, 25
Presley	City of Dearborn Heights	33	33
Reynolds	Sumpter Twp.	5	5
	Van Buren Twp.	32, 33	32
Riggs	City of Belleville	27	
	Sumpter Twp.	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
	Van Buren Twp.	27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35	28, 29, 30, 31, 34
Stekette	Huron Twp.	32	32
Steward	City of Taylor	22, 27	22, 27
	City of Southgate	26	23, 26
Schomberg	City of Taylor	16	9, 16, 17
Taggart	City of Trenton	25	25
Townline	Huron Twp.	18, 19, 30	7, 18, 19, 30
	Sumpter Twp.	12, 13, 14	13, 24
Westfall	Van Buren Twp.	35	35

Kenneth M. Kucel, P.E.
Wayne County Drain Commissioner
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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF GARDEN CITY Wayne County, Michigan

To all residents and interested parties: The following legal notices are available for review on our website.

The minutes (including approved ordinances) from regular and special Council meetings are available at: www.gardencitymi.org/minutes

Current requests for bids and proposals are available at: www.gardencitymi.org/purchasing

You may also access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours, or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

OUR VIEWS

Team teaching: Parents have key role to play in starting school year strong

Sending a child off to school for the first time soon? It's a proud moment, to be sure, but can also be a stressful one. The National Education Association, a teachers union that includes the Michigan Education Association, has sound advice for jittery parents.

» Let your child do simple chores like setting the table at mealtimes or cleaning up toys after playing.

» Encourage independent toileting and hand washing.

» Let your child work independently on activities such as completing puzzles.

Communication skills are also important for children. Listening and speaking are the first steps to reading and writing in the preschool years, the NEA notes on its website. Through conversations with parents, teachers and friends, children learn about the people, places and objects that they will later read and write about.

To make sure that your child can communicate his or her thoughts and feelings in school, the organization notes you should, among other things:

» Have regular conversations with your child.

» Encourage your child to listen and respond to others when they speak.

» Answer your child's questions, even if the answer

is "no."

» Help your child learn and use new words.
» Explore language through singing, rhyming, songs and chants.

For Parent's Guides, visit www.nea.org/parents/nea-resources-parents.html.

The NEA notes for academic readiness, through play and interactions with caring adults, children can come to school with many skills that teachers can build upon. To get your child academically ready for school, you should:

» Read to your child daily and talk about what you've read.

» Visit the library. Check out books and attend story times.

» Sing rhyming songs and do finger plays.

» Put your child's first name on their clothing and toys to help him or her recognize their name in print.

» Encourage your child to write his or her name.

» Help your child learn basic colors by pointing and naming objects like "green trees," "red apples," or "blue coats."

Being able to get along with other children, follow directions, take turns, and say "goodbye" to parents are

skills that kindergarten teachers hope to see from incoming children. To get your child socially ready for school, you should:

» Set rules and give consequences for breaking them.

» Encourage your child to play with and talk to other children.

» Encourage your child to take turns and share with other children.

» Encourage your child to finish difficult or frustrating tasks once they have begun them.

» Encourage your child to consider the feelings of others.

» Model and discuss positive ways for your child to express his or her feelings.

Independence matters too as young children head into the classroom. Parents can help by buying shoes and clothes that are easy for kids to buckle, zip or fasten on their own.

Finally, don't hesitate to talk to the teacher about your worries, and do so courteously, keeping in mind the teacher is responsible for other children's education, too. For many teachers, email works best with their busy schedules.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crazy times

The last time I wrote in about Trump this newspaper edited out what I consider a major character flaw with the Donald: the military.

I called him a draft-dodging coward not for the sake of calling him a name or simply hurling an insult but because I truly believe him to be a coward and I still stand by those words. Case in point: he received four deferments for schooling

and one for bone spurs in his foot. In a videotaped interview he said his draft number was really late and that's why he didn't go to Vietnam.

That was a lie. Rich kid privilege is what I call it. As soon as your schooling is finished, Daddy buys a doctor to claim you're not physically able to serve. But that aside, here's the really important part: he says he will have no problem sending our children into war. The

man who was afraid to go himself, some tough guy.

He says our military is a disaster, they can't win anything. Earlier this year he donated a million bucks at a rally then had to be shamed into paying it out when he claimed he already gave it away months earlier but he really didn't. Trump supports the position of his (R) buddies in the Senate, Sessions, Corker, and Johnson, who claim expanding veterans benefits is an entitlement we can't afford, then the next day they vote for another \$630 million in tax cuts for the rich.

He said POWs aren't heroes but losers and in a stunning display of party and paycheck before country, the man who this humiliation was

aimed at, John McCain, still endorsed him. In Trump's despicable feud with the Gold Star Kahn family, the Donald, in trying to explain his bad behavior said, "I had to respond, they attacked me first."

Seems he forgot that slandering all Muslims with his "total ban" talk was the first shot fired. Trump still has not apologized to the Kahn family. At a Mike Pence rally, Republicans booed and heckled an Air Force Mom who asked about all of this. The list goes on and on.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

Welcome an exchange student

In this time of ongoing turmoil, student ex-

change is good medicine for a world torn by terror. We want to invite local families to help us combat international fears and prejudices by welcoming a foreign teen into their homes and hearts.

In recent weeks, all eyes have turned to Rio and the Olympic games. But as we cheer on Phelps, Biles and Le-decky, many of us quietly hold our breath: rumors of a potential terrorist threat are woven through the press and shared on social media. The result? Fear. "International," a word once celebrated as exciting and elite, now feels scary and oppressive.

In short: exchange students provide a much-needed way to let "glob-

al" be good again.

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They're great on the lake

Area sailors win fourth straight Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island race

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Chris Benedict and his team of sailors have done it again, adding to their impressive record of success in the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race.

The veteran crew aboard the Shape sailed to its fourth consecutive in-class championship and fifth win in six years July 16-18 during the annual event on Lake Huron.

Winning never gets old for Plymouth's Benedict, who co-owns the sailboat with long-time friend Win Cooper III of Fenton.

"It's an unusual stat to have four wins in a row," Benedict said. "There are very few boats that have ever done that. Part of me feels a little selfish.

"Should we back away from the race and let other people have an opportunity to win? The competitive side of me says, 'You need to go out there to defend and be the boat to beat.'

"I think the competition feels the same. The right thing to do is to stick my nose in there and go at it again."

A major advantage for the Shape is the consistency of the crew. Eight of the nine members have sailed in the last seven races and represent 222 years of experience.

The newcomer was Benedict's 21-year-old son Everett. His oldest son, Cameron, 23, participated in his 12th consecutive Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island event.

"Before the race starts, we have a team lunch down below," Benedict said. "We talk about strategy, team shifts and things that have been successful in the past.

"We didn't do any of that this year. It was like we were really comfortable with what we've been doing. We just went out there and said: 'Let's go at it.'

"Unfortunately for Everett, the first year he comes with us, we don't do it. He had to fly by the seat of his pants, but he adapted to it and did well on his first race."

The other members of the crew are Steven Bradley, Ed Ely, Dale McNabb, Richard Birdsall and Win Cooper Sr., who taught Benedict, 50, how to sail as a teen.

"The diversity in personalities among the crew is a good thing," Benedict said. "It stimulates a lot of debate. We don't

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Cameron (from left), Everett and Chris Benedict are about to set sail in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac race.

Blue Devil tops in U.S. Amateur

Duke University sophomore Alex Smalley of Wake Forest, N.C., fashioned a suitable Ben Hogan impression Tuesday to earn stroke-play medalist honors in the 116th U.S. Amateur Championship at Oakland Hills Country Club's North and South courses.

Smalley shot a 7-under-par 133 to tie for the second-lowest 36-hole score in the history of the championship.

He finished one stroke behind the championship mark of 132 shared by Hank Kim (1994), Gregor Main (2011) and Bobby Wyatt (2012).

"I'm kind of shaking a little bit, still; I'm not sure what to feel," Smalley said. "This is my first U.S. Amateur, so it's kind of cool. Medalist is nice, but we've still got a lot more golf to go."

Smalley posted a 2-under 68 to sit atop the leader board. He shot a bogey-free 65 Monday on the North Course.

"I just got off to a good start, had three birdies on the front nine and just kept it going," Smalley said. "Again, I didn't miss very many greens. I just hit the ball solid all the way around."

Playing in the rainy morning session, Dawson Armstrong, of Brentwood, Tenn., and Gavin Hall, of Pittsford, N.Y., finished one stroke behind Smalley, at 134.

Armstrong, a 20-year-old Lipscomb University junior, fired an even-par 70, and University of Texas senior Hall, 21, logged a 1-under 69 on the iconic South Course, which has hosted six U.S. Opens.

"The players that have won here are very highly renowned," said Armstrong, the 2015 Western Amateur and Dogwood Invitational champion.

"It's a privilege to get to keep on going and still have a chance to be in the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, just great players. It's a real honor."

Nick Carlson, a University of Michigan sophomore from Hamilton, Mich., was the only player from the host state to qualify for match play at 1-over 141.

Widzinski Golf at Tanglewood

The fourth annual David Widzinski Community Golf Classic will be played Sunday, Sept. 4, at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

The daylong event begins with a 9 a.m. Mass at Catholic Central High School in Novi.

Golfer registration starts at 11 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at noon. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by dancing until midnight.

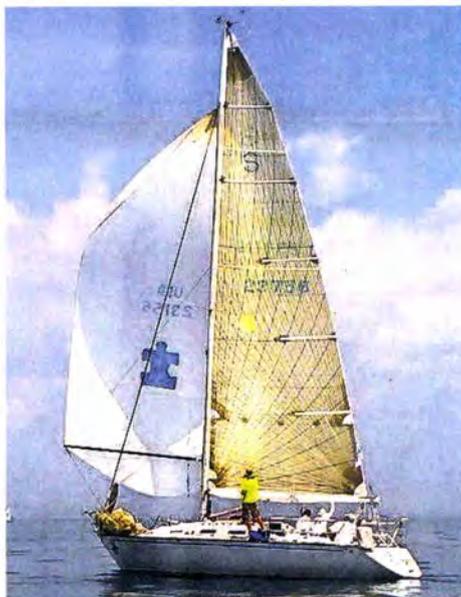
The cost for golf, dinner and dancing is \$100 per person. It's \$33 per person for dinner and dancing.

The event, which benefits the Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours, includes golf contests, raffles, auctions, cash bar and live band.

For more information and to register, visit www.davidliveson.com.

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CHRIS BENEDICT
co-owner of the Shape, which sailed to its fourth consecutive in-class championship and fifth win in six years



LAUREN HARJU
Co-owner Chris Benedict of Plymouth and the other members of the crew onboard the "Shape" sailed to a fourth straight Mackinac victory.



Dan Wanshon became a co-owner of Little Caesars franchises with his wife Brooke and in-laws Britt and Fred Julien.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

WINNING INGREDIENTS

Former Chief Wanshon making his mark in pizza industry

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Back in the day, when his hair was too long to be fully contained by his Canton Chiefs football helmet, Dan Wanshon was one of the most tenacious, focused and prepared linebackers to step on a high school gridiron.

It is not a stretch to say that once the opening kickoff ascended into the cool, autumn Friday night air, Wanshon was

hot and ready.

Some things never change. On Tuesday afternoon, as a steady stream of customers strolled into the Little Caesars store located on Sheldon Road in Plymouth, the 26-year-old Wanshon — his hair now business-like short and his 6-foot frame about 30 pounds lighter than in his playing days (more free safety-ish than linebacker) — elegantly reflected on

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PORTER-TOWN

Penguins' Porter visits Plymouth with cherished Stanley Cup in tow

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Every Stanley Cup champion has his day with the treasured silver chalice, whether superstars like Sidney Crosby or role players like Kevin Porter.

The latter, who hails from Plymouth, brought the National Hockey League championship holy grail to Kellogg Park on Sunday, where several hundred hockey fans stopped by to get a glimpse of Porter and the cup.

Porter signed autographs and greeted fans young and old, many sporting Pittsburgh jerseys, during the event which in part was sponsored by Westborn Market.

The 30-year-old forward received a hometown hero's welcome despite playing for a rival of the Detroit Red Wings. In 2015-16, Porter tallied three assists in 41 regular-season contests for the Penguins.

He is no stranger to metro Detroit, having played two seasons for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program (then based in Ann Arbor) in 2002-03 and 2003-04, before playing at University of Michigan from 2004-08. The NTDP currently is based out of USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Porter was the Hobie Baker winner with the Wolverines in 2007-08 (33 goals and 30 assists in 43 games) and so far has played parts of eight years in the NHL.

In addition to Pittsburgh, he has made NHL stops in Phoenix, Colorado and Buffalo, and has 58 points (29 goals, 29 assists) in 247 career games.

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Pittsburgh Penguins forward and former Wolverine Kevin Porter talks with young fans at Plymouth's Kellogg Park on Sunday. Porter posed for photos and signed autographs for a couple of hours for fans.



Kevin Porter of the Pittsburgh Penguins carries the Stanley Cup to Kellogg Park in Plymouth.



Fans lined up around the perimeter of Kellogg Park to meet Pittsburgh Penguins forward Kevin Porter.



The crew of the sailboat Shape receives the championship flag at the awards ceremony on Mackinac Island. The crew members are (from left) Ed Ely, Chris Benedict, Everett Benedict, Dale McNabb, Win Cooper, Win Cooper III, Steve Bradley, Cameron Benedict and Rick Birdsall.

SHAPE

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always agree. The diversity of opinion helps us make good decisions."

Bad weather hits

The experience factor came into play Sunday night as the Shape neared the Straits of Mackinac. A huge storm was blowing through the area, and the worst part was on the southern end.

"It nailed us," Benedict said, adding the wind reached 55 mph and overloaded the instruments. "We blanked out. The mast was shaking like made. You almost go into save-the-boat mode."

"The entire crew grew up on small boats as kids, so we were used to sailing without instruments. We went to work like a normal day of sailing. We emerged from that and gained on the other boats during the storm."

Up to the task

Benedict, who was in charge of the team sailing the boat at that time, loves the challenge of doing so in rough weather.

"We were enjoying the radical sail and the ride," he said. "This is what we tried to do as much as we could as kids. The harder the wind was the more we wanted to be out there in the beach boats. That's where we really learned how to sail."

"We were having the time of our lives in very bad conditions. It's an

opportunity to put your skills to work, and we've done it several times in those conditions."

As the Shape neared the north end of Bois Blanc Island, the storm abated about five miles from the finish line.

"It was raining and hailing so hard it hurt your face," Benedict said. "We were getting pelted. All of a sudden, the storm blows east of us. We can see Mackinac Island; we can see the bridge and the lights in the distance."

Late move is key

Benedict and his team were pretty confident of victory at that time, but it almost didn't happen. The sharp eye of Cameron Benedict helped to save the day — or rather the night.

"Cam says, 'There's a boat at the tip of Bois Blanc that's much better positioned, so we need to get to that end of the course,'" Benedict said.

"We tacked our boat and covered that boat. Cam informed us and thank goodness he did, because we wouldn't have finished first if he hadn't."

Makes good time

The Shape, a 35-foot Santana that was made in 1979, finished the race at 1:05 a.m. Monday with an elapsed time of 36 hours, 5 minutes and 35 seconds.

It was the fastest time in a long time, according to Benedict. Shape finished in 39:46:25 last year and 37:53:47 two years ago.

"Until about 6:30 or 7 o'clock that night, we were on pace to have one of the fastest races we've had," Bene-

dict said, adding his team would have reached the harbor about 8 p.m. if not for the storm and a period of light wind.

"There was a time we finished about 11:30 at night, which we like because you can still make last call at the Pink Pony. That's a very common first stop when jumping off the boat."

'Good camaraderie'

Shape reached the island less than two minutes ahead of the Avatar. Since all boats in the Shore Course Class K have the same handicap rating, corrected time becomes a moot point.

It was the 30th consecutive start for Shape, which has 12 in-class victories and also won the overall Division II Shore Course title in 2014. Shape was 19th among 88 boats this year.

"It's a boat-for-boat thing," Benedict said. "You know everybody in-class has the same rating. If you beat them, you win. We were really bunched in there well. There's a fun element to that."

"Yeah, you'd like to blow away your competition, but the reality is that shouldn't happen because the boats are so similar. When the race is tight, it's exciting. That means everybody is sailing well."

"It's a really good fraternity of guys in the boats. We all compete hard against each other and want to win, but there's really good camaraderie and friendship when we're on shore and talking about the race."

Staying fit to sail

Being serious sailors, Benedict and his crewmates are disciplined during the race, making sure they sleep, drink and eat enough.

"In good weather and bad, your body is consuming tons of energy," Benedict said. "Your body is constantly working to be balanced, so the core muscles are working. The motion is zapping up energy and dehydrating you. It's very easy to become dehydrated."

"If you can't fight it off, you make sure to hydrate beforehand. Water comes out easily, so you're not taxing your system if you do get sick. It's important to have something to give up. That's why we eat and drink as much as we can."

"We have it down to a science — the food and beverage we take. We don't want to carry any extra weight than is necessary."

Finishing tradition

Consumption of alcohol during the race is a no-no, but the crew is ready to unwind when it's over. Birdsall opens a bottle of cognac when the boat docks.

"It's a fun tradition he's brought to the boat," Benedict said. "Thank goodness we've had a pretty solid record in those years, so we don't feel the least bit guilty breaking it out."

Given the recent string of victories, that tradition is likely to continue, too.

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2016 ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Abby Krzywiecki, 1B, Mercy: Krzywiecki had an outstanding senior season, leading the Marlins to the Division 1 state title and being named Miss Softball Position Player.



In addition to setting a state record for single-season home runs (20), she led her team in batting average (.558), hits (82), doubles (18), RBIs (94) and runs scored (58).

As a pitcher, Krzywiecki was 12-1 with a 1.66 ERA. In 92 2/3 innings, she struck out 81 and walked 13.

Krzywiecki, who started at first base for four years, will play at South Alabama.

"Abby had a season in Michigan softball like no other player has had," coach Alec Lesko said, citing her great leadership. "She pitched, hit and played great defense all year.

"I think she has the ability to step in and contribute right away (in college). They're getting a player who is more than ready for the next level."

Andrea Elmore, P, Mercy: A repeat member of the all-area first team, Elmore was a central figure in Mercy's success as a two-year starting pitcher.



She compiled a 31-1 record and 1.34 ERA this year. She pitched 198 innings, striking out 235 batters and walking just 49 batters.

Elmore, who will play at Mississippi Valley State, posted nine shutouts, including a five-hitter in a 4-0 win over Macomb Dakota in the state championship game.

"It seemed Andrea always gave us a lift when we needed it," Lesko said. "Anytime things seemed to get tight, that's when Andrea seemed to get stronger.

"She threw four scoreless innings in the all-star game (July 20), and the other team was all all-stars. She shut 'em all down; she was rocking it."

Amber Swisher, OF, Garden City: Swisher graduated in June as one of the most outstanding defensive center fielders in the history of the Cougars' highly regarded program. Headed to Jackson College to play next-level softball,



Swisher was also accomplished at the plate, where she hit .417 with 30 RBI this past spring while helping lead GC to a DI regional title.

"Amber has shown an unbreakable determination during her four-year varsity career, and has developed herself into one of the top defensive outfielders in the area," GC head coach Barry Patterson said of his All-State player. "She has amazing instincts, a strong and accurate throwing arm, and covers as much ground in the outfield as anyone I've coached in my 30-plus years at GC.

"Amber was a force at the plate as well, delivering multiple game-winning hits throughout her career. Perhaps her best asset though is her unique ability to work hard, yet the attitude and personality that manages to keep the game fun for herself, her teammates and coaches. Jackson College has recruited an exceptional outfielder in Amber."

Kaylen Glenfield, SS, Garden City: A two-time All-State performer, Glenfield was a force at the dish for the Cougars this past spring, pummeling opposing pitchers to the tune of a .504 batting average, .798 slugging percentage to go with 103 total bases and 53 RBI. Headed to Western Michigan University with a softball scholarship, Glenfield is as accomplished in the field as she is at the plate.



"Kaylen has been an impact player for Garden City from the moment she first put on a Cougar uniform as a freshman, until her final game as a senior this year," Patterson raved. "She has rewritten our record books in almost every career offensive category we keep. Her passion, preparation and off-season work ethic has earned her recognition as a two-time All State shortstop and an opportunity to advance and play at Western Michigan University.

"The only thing that may surpass her play on the field is that she is just simply and truly a 'nice' young lady as well."

Morgan Overaitis, SS, Salem: Overaitis had another outstanding season for the Rocks, with an incredible .602 batting average along with 32 extra-base hits, 59 runs and 55 RBIs.



Her efforts were good for first-team all-state honors, not to mention all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and Salem MVP.

"Morgan is an amazing player and athlete," coach Bonnie Southerland said. "She has (verbally) committed to U-M."

She helped the Salem cause with a 4-0 pitching mark, and was part of the team's four-homers-in-a-row club with Kristin Mihalich, Maddy Rosiewicz and Kara Hutchison.

Sophie VanAcker, OF, Mercy: VanAcker, who moved from left field to center field this year, is another repeat member of the all-area first team.

She was tied with Krzywiecki for the team lead in hits (82) and led the team with five triples. Her last triple drove in the winning run in the state final.



VanAcker, who has committed to play college ball at Lehigh University, batted .532, scored 57 runs and had 24 RBIs.

"Sophie is the definition of a two-hitter," Lesko said. "She can move runners; she can drive in runs. She's very smart. She reads defenses and takes what they're giving.

"She's an amazing person to have at the top of the lineup in front of Abby. She took over the outfield and ran it for us."

Jenny Bressler, P, Plymouth: The Wildcats nearly won a Division 1 championship, and sophomore Bressler was a key reason.

Bressler was brilliant in the circle, going 19-4 and posting a 1.07 ERA in 179 innings, fanning 265 in the process.

She helped her own cause many times, batting .371 with 12 doubles, two homers and 23 RBI.



Accolades followed her. She earned Plymouth's top player award as well as selection to the all-conference, all-district, all-region and all-state first team.

"Jenny has great presence on the mound," coach Lauren Evans said. "She is a leader on the team and has been one with her performance since her freshman year. She has a passion to win and helps her team at the plate and on the mound to be in situations to win late in games."

Kara Hutchison, C, Salem: The heart and soul of Salem's KLAA Central Division championship team, Hutchison closed out an excellent four-year career behind and at the plate, collecting an all-state honorable mention selection.



She batted .504, finishing her prep career with a cumulative average of .459. She also was named to the all-conference, all-district and all-region teams while collecting Salem's offensive MVP award.

"Kara has called the pitches her entire four-year career," Southerland said. "She's a great blocker, smart player."

Hutchison will play softball next year at Davenport University.

Elizabeth Yager, OF, Canton: The fleet-footed Yager enjoyed another big year for the Chiefs, sparking the team to the KLAA South Division championship.



Yager batted .457, scoring 50 runs and tallying an OPS of 1.032. In addition, she was a defensive whiz in center.

"She was our spark plug; she makes us go," coach Al White said. "More than once she laid down a bunt and beat it out, then went to second. She couldn't get enough softball, always wanting to get better."

Yager, who will play at University of Detroit Mercy, earned all-conference, all-district and all-state academic honors.

Rachel Zerona, OF, Plymouth: The all-around player was a spark plug for the Wildcats as they nearly captured a state title, batting .438 from the leadoff spot while stealing 24 bases and catching everything in the outfield (.969 fielding percentage) and when called upon at shortstop.



Zerona was rewarded with all-KLAA, all-district and all-region honors, in addition to winning Plymouth's top defender award.

"Rachel is a natural born leader," Evans said. "... She has the motivation, drive and passion for the game that makes her a multi-tool athlete."

She will continue her softball career at Oakland University, where she will pursue a degree in exercise science.

Mackenna Payne, P, Canton: The senior was a standout in the circle and on offense for the KLAA South Division winners.

In addition to her pitching achievements, she sparked the offense with 10 homers, 55 RBIs and a .462 average.



Payne, who will go to Michigan State University, earned selection to the all-conference, all-district and all-state academic teams. She earned team awards for Most Outstanding Player and top offensive player.

"Mackenna came into her own this year, just an outstanding young lady," White said.

Cori Wilson, 3B, Stevenson: Wilson was the No. 1 catalyst for the Spartans' resurgent season as the captain and starting third baseman his .408 with 43 hits, 30 RBI and 32 runs. In addition to being selected to the KLAA all-conference team, the future Schoolcraft Ocelot softball player earned all-district and team MVP accolades.



"In my first year as head coach at Stevenson, Cori helped change the culture of the program," coach Kevin Hannigan said. "She was consistent, committed, valued her teammates and displayed a tremendous work ethic."

"She's a true leader, which made winning contagious. Cori put the time in when nobody was watching, and that's why she accomplished so many goals."

Alexa Flores, 1B, Ladywood: Flores was a lightning rod when it came to the Blazers' ultra-successful season, which didn't end until a Division 2 semifinal loss in East Lansing. In addition to serving as her team's primary lead-off hitter, she was a splendid defensive first baseman and reliable pitcher — both as a spot starter and reliever.



Erika Selakowski, 2B, Ladywood: Selakowski swung a potent bat in the middle of the Blazers' productive line-up. She also provided air-tight middle-infield defense and offered invaluable leadership qualities.



Rozlyn Price, P, Ladywood: Price capped her outstanding high school softball career in style as she led the Blazers to the D2 final four while earning first-team all-state, all-regional, all-district and all-Catholic League recognition. She also earned first-team all-state honors as a junior and all-state honorable mention accolades as a sophomore.



Robyn Banks, P, Farmington: A two-year starter, Banks led the Falcons to an OAA White Division co-championship with her hitting as much as her pitching.



In 162 innings, she struck out 221 batters and walked just 17. She was 15-11 with four shutouts and a 2.63 ERA.

Banks batted .377 with 11 doubles, two triples and a home run among her 32 hits. She also drove in 25 runs.

"Robyn had a tremendous year, being our sole pitcher as well as a power threat at the plate," coach Stefanie Volpe

2016 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

Abby Krzywiecki, 1B, Mercy
Andrea Elmore, sr., P, Mercy
Amber Swisher, sr., OF, Garden City
Kaylen Glenfield, sr., SS, Garden City
Morgan Overaitis, soph., SS, Salem
Sophie VanAcker, jr., OF, Mercy
Jenny Bressler, soph., P, Plymouth
Kara Hutchison, sr., C, Salem
Elizabeth Yager, sr., OF, Canton
Rachel Zerona, sr., OF, Plymouth
Mackenna Payne, sr., P, Canton
Cori Wilson, sr., 3B, Stevenson
Alexa Flores, sr., 1B, Ladywood
Erika Selakowski, sr., 2B, Ladywood
Rozlyn Price, sr., P, Ladywood
Anna Dixon, jr., C, Mercy
Mara Sczecienski, fr., SS, N. Farmington
Robyn Banks, jr., P, Farmington
Jamie Squires, sr., OF, Salem

SECOND TEAM

Nicole Belans, jr., 2B, Mercy
Haley Gagnon, jr., C, Plymouth
Alicia Ascencio, jr., 1B, Garden City
Brooke Garbarino, soph., C, Franklin
Mackenzie Hurst, sr., P, John Glenn
Cari Padula, sr., 3B, Mercy
Kristin Mihalich, jr., OF, Salem
Hannah Zajdel, soph., 3B, Canton
Shannon Gibbons, jr., SS, Mercy
Whitney Holden, soph., OF, Plymouth
Isabelle Dawson, soph., 1B, Canton
Mikaela Smolar, sr., C, Garden City
Maddy Rosiewicz, soph., P, Salem
Alexa Chemy, sr., P, N. Farmington
Danielle Petras, jr., C, Farmington
Sam Chemy, soph., 1B, N. Farmington

HONORABLE MENTION

Mercy: Mary Reeber; Farmington: Kacey Noseworthy, Lauren Johnson, Emily Moilanen, Abbie Radomski; N. Farmington: Sarah Fish, Ryan Walker, Drew Edwards; Harrison: Nora Battersby; Canton: Sydney Dawson, Nicole Dawson; Plymouth: Jessica Turci, Gina Barber; Salem: Jordan Hazel, Caroline Miller; Clarenceville: Claudia Moore, Emily Schmidt, Kylee Hammond; Garden City: April Rudolph, Alissa Turnbull; Stevenson: Alyssa Zahra, Sarah Mesack; Franklin: Miyah, Tara Trujillo; Churchill: Rachel Klisz, Paige Hanson, Brooke Hanson, Colleen McGowan, Haley Bennett; Thurston: Rachel Poguska, Ivory Mamo; John Glenn: Julia Michalowski, Megan Buford; Ladywood: Michaela Warner, Lauren Holdsworth, Cecilia Werner.

said. "She dominated teams that she was supposed to and stepped up in the big games against strong opponents.

"She will continue to be a force against teams in the OAA and the area for two more years with the goals she has set for herself."

Anna Dixon, C, Mercy: A two-year starter, Dixon moved from right field to catcher, replacing 2015 Miss Softball Award winner Alex Sobczak.



Dixon was a third in hitting with a .477 average as the leadoff batter. Her 72 hits included 13 doubles and three home runs. She scored 55 runs and drove in 34.

"Anna made the biggest adjustment of anyone on the team," Lesko said, citing her move behind the plate. "That's a huge task to ask anybody to do at any age.

"Now she's catching for Andrea. Her ball moves; that's what makes her so good and tough to handle. It was very trying in the beginning, and Anna settled in quite nicely.

"On top of that, we asked her to be the leadoff hitter, and she was as consistent as we could have hoped. She did an amazing job at the top of our order."

Mara Sczecienski, SS, N. Farmington: An accomplished travel player, Sczecienski had a successful first year of high school softball as the North leadoff batter.



She led the Raiders with a .449 average and had just seven strikeouts in 107 at-bats. Her 48 hits included 14 doubles and three home runs. Sczecienski also had 31 RBIs.

"Mara does everything really well," coach Dave Brubaker said. "She bats for a good average with a lot of power and is a smart base runner.

"At shortstop, she has a good sense of what the game is about and what needs to be done, making the correct plays and calls.

"Mara is driven to succeed at the next level. I have no doubt some Division I schools will be recruiting her in the very near future."

Jamie Squires, OF, Salem: Possessing a sterling combination of speed, skill and power, Squires capped off her four-year Salem career with all-conference, all-district, all-region, team defensive MVP and all-state honorable mention accolades.



She batted .459, clubbing four homers to finish with a school career record of 31 (Squires hit 17 homers in 2015) while catching everything in sight in center field.

"Jamie has a strong arm, has been a solid force in the outfield and has stolen many hits from players," Southerland said. "She dives, jumps, takes charge in the field." Squires will play softball next season at Oakland University.

How to avoid heat illness with summer exercise

Dr. Joe Guettler
Guest Columnist

From a medical standpoint, when it comes to the summer heat, it's not only about staying cool — it's also about avoiding things like heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heatstroke. Collectively, these entities are referred to as heat illness. The temperatures have really heated up lately and that makes it a good time to tell you how to avoid heat illness this summer when you are exercising, practicing, playing or simply working in the heat.

Many people think heat illnesses like heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heatstroke are problems that they will never have to face. However, as we have seen in the news over the past couple of years, summer time heat has the potential to affect any one of us during our outdoor activities.

On a hot, humid Michigan day, an active person can lose up to two quarts of fluid in an hour. The combination of

heat and humidity is particularly troublesome, because humidity hinders sweat from evaporating (this is the primary way our body temperature stays cool and under control). Believe it or not, heatstroke is the second leading cause of death among athletes in the United States. The good news is that most heat illnesses are treatable and preventable.

All heat illnesses are caused by dehydration and excessive loss of salt and fluids.

The mildest form of heat illness is known as heat cramps, which occur when athletes do not drink enough fluids while exercising. Heat exhaustion is a more serious condition that is triggered by excessive sweating and inadequate fluid replacement.

Heatstroke is the most serious heat illness and can be life-threatening. During heatstroke, the body's sweating mechanisms shut down, the skin becomes hot and dry and the body becomes depleted of fluids.

Preventing heat illness

» Drink plenty of water when participating in all sports activities, even if you don't feel thirsty. By the time you do get thirsty, it might be too late.

» Take many breaks during activities in hot weather.

» Participate in your activity in the morning or early evening, when the temperatures are cooler. It's important to avoid the sun's most potent heat rays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

» Eat citrus fruits or bananas, especially if you are participating for longer times, because they are rich in potassium and sodium. On the other hand, you should avoid drinking alcohol and sodas that contain caffeine, because they actually work to dehydrate you faster.

» Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing that is made of porous materials.

» Cool water is the best fluid to keep you hydrated during workouts or events that last an hour or less. Sports

drinks containing 6-10 percent carbohydrates are useful for longer events. Most sports drinks should be diluted with approximately 50 percent water.

» Drink small amounts of fluid frequently, rather than large amounts less often.

» Drink cold beverages to cool your core body temperature.

» If you have the opportunity, weigh yourself after exercising and drink two to three cups of water for every pound lost. Your body weight should be back to normal before the next workout.

» Pay attention to the amount and color of your urine. You should excrete a large volume that is nearly colorless. Small amounts of urine or dark yellow-colored urine can indicate dehydration.

Dr. Joseph Guettler is an orthopedic surgeon who specializes in sports medicine, as well as surgery of the knee, shoulder and elbow. His practice, Performance Orthopedics, is in Bingham Farms. He is active in teaching and research at Beaumont Hospital and OUWB Medical School.

GARY BALCONI INVITATIONAL

High-stakes tourney is good early test

Eight top-caliber soccer programs to collide at P-CEP

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Saturday's annual Gary Balconi Invitational brings eight of the area's top varsity boys soccer programs together for the ultimate in pre-Labor Day tests.

Yes, it is August on the calendar, but that won't matter 10 a.m. Saturday when Canton, Salem, Plymouth and five other area powerhouses step out onto one of four pitches at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

By the time the 3 p.m. championship tilt concludes on the varsity soccer stadium, squads will have upped their respective compete levels to mid-season form.

"They've been talking about it all day," Plymouth assistant coach Glenn Liguori said. "We've been doing two-a-day practices with conditioning and they're talking about winning that (Balconi), because they want to start the season off right."

The Wildcats will face Utica Eisenhower on the turf field at 10 a.m., with hopes of staying in the winner's bracket. Liguori said Plymouth never has won the Balconi, and the team has designs on ending that drought.

"It is about the competition," Liguori continued. "It's about playing against the other Park teams and getting their opportunity to show who's the best."

As for other 10 a.m. games involving Park teams, Canton (Division 1 finalist in 2015) hosts Saline 10 a.m. on the varsity soccer field while Salem faces Walled Lake Northern on the freshman field.

Other squads include Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Rochester Adams,



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Canton and Walled Lake Northern players compete during the 2015 Gary Balconi Invitational. The annual tournament is Saturday.

Walled Lake Northern and Saline.

The annual tourney is a way of honoring Gary Balconi, who during the 1980s as Salem athletic director was instrumental in soccer's growth as an interscholastic program.

Three decades later, according to Canton head coach Mark Zemanski, the tournament's high caliber proves that Balconi had plenty of foresight.

"Yes he did, the skill level in these players (compared to from) 15-20 years ago is significantly better, and so is their soccer IQ," Zemanski noted.

Because of MHSAA tourney rules,

the games will be 60-minutes long (two 30-minute halves) instead of typical 80-minute contests.

"They're pretty physical, everybody wants to win," Zemanski said. "It's a big tournament and everyone's out to win the game. Especially the first game."

The Chiefs won the Balconi Invite three years in a row (including 2014, the year Canton won the state championship) before falling short in 2015.

"It gives you a gauge of how good your team is, because you're playing a lot of good teams," Zemanski added. "But it's also a 60-minute game and a lot

of things can happen in only 60 minutes. It's certainly a good start."

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:
Game 1: 10 a.m., Plymouth vs. Utica Eisenhower, turf field.
Game 2: 10 a.m., Canton vs. Saline, varsity soccer stadium.
Game 3: 10 a.m., Plymouth vs. Utica Eisenhower, turf field.
Game 4: 10 a.m., Novi-Detroit Catholic Central vs. Rochester Adams, baseball field.
Game 5: 11:45 a.m., Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, varsity soccer stadium.
Game 6: 11:45 a.m., Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, turf field.
Game 7: 11:45 a.m., Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, freshman field.
Game 8: 11:45 a.m., Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, baseball field.
Game 9: 3 p.m., Championship Game (Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner), varsity soccer stadium.
Game 10: 3 p.m., Consolation Game (opponents TBD), turf field.
Game 11: 3 p.m., Consolation Game (opponents TBD), freshman field.
Game 12: 3 p.m., Consolation Game (opponents TBD), baseball field.

JUNIOR GOLF

Livingston County tops in Moose Ridge Ryder Cup format

Kensington Junior Tour ends summer season

M.B. Dillon
Correspondent

The Kensington Junior Golf Tour hosted its season-ending Ryder Cup tournament format on Aug. 8 at Moose Ridge Golf Club in South Lyon, while also staging its traditional county competition and expanding this year's tourney to include collegiate and caddy championship play.

Livingston County junior golfers seized the cup by edging Oakland County in the best-ball tourney with 31 points.

Trailing runner-up Oakland (30 points) were Wayne County (27) followed by 2014 and 2015 defending champion Washtenaw County (21).

Moose Ridge's capacity field of 88 competed in two- and four-person squads. Points were awarded on each hole based on lowest individual scores.

Austin Carter, 20, fired two rare eagles to propel Saginaw Valley State University to victory in the men's collegiate division. Teammate Mason Motte, also 20, turned in an impressive performance as well.

Virginia Gilton and Megan Baumgartner, both entering their junior sea-

sons, swept the women's division for Cleary College.

Austin Dillon, 22, and Michael Blaesser, 21, of Western Golf & Country Club in Redford shot an even-par 71 to capture the Kensington Tour's Caddy Championship.

Blaesser, who like Austin hails from Redford, birdied the par-3, No. 6.

"I hit my 8-iron and landed above the hole," Blaesser said. "Austin gave me a good read and I tapped it in from 8 feet. It felt good. We were even par at the time, so it was good to get it going."

Dillon, who birdied a par-3 on the back nine, enjoyed the format.

"It's fun, because if you or your partner aren't having a great hole, you don't necessarily have to keep playing," he said. "He can carry you through for that hole and you can step up on the next one and make up for it. The event was well-organized and all the golfers had fun. Meeting kids from other clubs and talking to them was another good part about playing in it."

Northville's Sara Haupt, who spent her 13th birthday on the course, experienced just that contributing to her Wayne County squad's total and ending her season on a high note.

"It's been fun playing this summer to see if I do OK," she said. "I started out with 140 and at the Whispering Willows



M.B. DILLON

The Caddy Division winners at the Kensington Junior Golf Tour Moose Ridge event included winners (from left) Austin Dillon and Michael Blaesser of Western Golf & Country Club, and runners-up Travis Tubbs and Alex Opitck of Walnut Creek C.C.

tournament I went down to 115."

Winning closest-to-the-pin honors in their divisions were Michael Hermann, 11, of Canton; Kristen Szabelski, 16, of Livonia; Blaesser; and Gilton.

The KJGT division champions also stood out.

Northville's Andrew Lackswept three of the Boys 15-18 age titles (Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw), while Brighton's Brendan Britz conquered the Livingston County championship.

In the Girls 15-18, Howell's Alyssa Snider earned both the Livingston and Washtenaw crowns. Livonian Madison Maurier captured the Oakland County title, while University of Detroit Mercy-bound Kendall Payne (Livonia Franklin grad) captured the Wayne County championship.

In the Boys 12-14, Novi's Dhruv Kumar captured the Wayne County championship, while Ashrith Mummadi, also of Novi, topped the Oakland division.

Other county champs include Ypsilanti Township's Vimal Alokam (Washtenaw) and Highland's Zach Piroli (Livingston County).

Ann Arbor's Ieuan Jones dominated both the Livingston and Washtenaw 9-hole divisions. Ypsilanti's Vibhav Alokam took the Wayne County title, while Westland's Damo Watson was the Oakland winner.

To support junior golf, the charitable Livonia-based Dinan Foundation offers academic college scholarships in conjunction with the tour. For more information, visit kensingtonjuniorgolf.com.

WANSHON

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the compelling road that led him to become the co-owner (along with his wife Brooke and in-laws Britt and Fred Julien) of three Detroit-area Little Caesars franchises.

It is a road paved with perseverance, determination, intelligence and, yes, \$5 pizzas.

Full circle

"It's kind of surreal knowing that 10 years after I worked in this exact store, I'm a franchisee now," Wanshon said, smiling. "My first job out of college (Grand Valley State University) was as a franchisee consultant for Little Caesars. The job entailed helping the franchisees maximize their profits. I oversaw about 150 stores out west (including in San Diego and Salt Lake City), so I learned a lot."

"During the close-to-five years I did that, several of the franchisees I worked with told me that if I ever got a chance to own stores, take the leap of faith."

Which is exactly what Wanshon did last fall when he meticulously drew up a game plan, then huddled up with his wife and her parents to discuss his dream of owning a string of Little Caesars franchises.

"When Dan approached Fred and I about his idea, he was very passionate about it," recounted Britt Julien. "Fred and I both have full-time jobs (Britt is a dental hygienist, Fred is a sales rep), so we were very comfortable and established in our routines. But we loved the concept of being involved in a family-owned business in the community we



FILE PHOTO

Dan Wanshon is a former linebacker for the Canton Chiefs football team.

lived in, so we agreed to join the team.

"Dan is wonderful in this role, especially for his young employees. He's a trainer, he's a mentor ... and he's only 26 years old, so he's relatively young to be a franchisee. He worked for Little Caesars in high school, in college and after college, so he's a natural at what he does now."

There are no typical (or dull) days for Wanshon, which is the way he likes it.

"The only constant every day is when I wake up, I have my coffee," he said, grinning. "Back when I played

football, it was probably energy drinks instead of coffee.

"I try to get to all three of the stores (in addition to the Plymouth location, he co-owns a Little Caesars on Canton Center in Canton and one on Ann Arbor Road in Livonia) every day, and I'll stay at each store two or three hours — or however long I need to be there. I'll never be accused of being an absentee owner. I absolutely love rolling up my sleeves and working side-by-side with my employees."

Having played football at a high level has helped him beyond measure in the business world, Wanshon admitted.

"I think the biggest thing is that football helped me understand how important it is to be dependable and how to play for a team," he said. "Obviously, my competitiveness comes into play, too. I always strive to be the best."

All-American couple

Wanshon and Brooke met during their sophomore year at Canton High School, where he starred as a linebacker and wrestler, and she excelled as a member of the pom team.

A sideline-to-sideline, ball-seeking missile, Wanshon overcame his modest speed — "I think the fastest 40 (yard dash) I ever ran was 7.2 (seconds)," he joked — with tenacity and toughness.

"I wasn't the fastest or biggest guy out there, so I had to be smart," he said. "I learned at Canton that if you practice something 100 times at 100 percent, you're going to be in the right position to make the play."

Wanshon racked up 86 tackles and six quarterback sacks as a junior while playing a pivotal role in the Chiefs' 12-1 season before piling up a team-high 113 tackles as a senior.

Despite compiling an impressive high school football resume, college recruiters weren't knocking down Wanshon's door — so he knocked on theirs, so to speak.

Following one year as a football walk-on at Eastern Michigan University, Wanshon decided to transfer to Grand Valley, the university Brooke attended straight out of high school.

"One day toward the end of my freshman year at Eastern, I sat down and wrote an email and sent some of my highlights to the Grand Valley coach," Wanshon said. "About 25 minutes later, he called me, told me he liked my stuff and invited me to walk on."

Working his way up

After red-shirting his first year at GVSU, Wanshon earned playing time on special teams and eventually as a linebacker for the nationally-ranked Lakers.

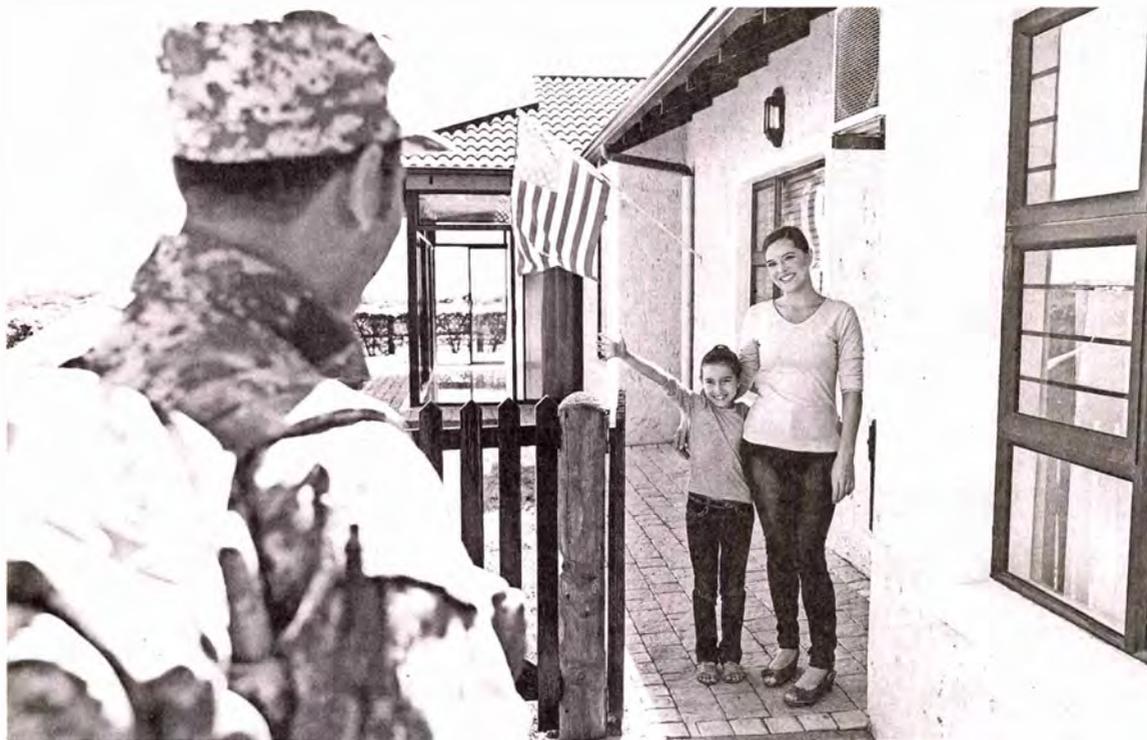
"Each year, during the postseason exit interview with the Grand Valley coaches, I told them how I wasn't playing football to earn a scholarship, I was playing because I loved it, and I know they appreciated that," Wanshon said.

"They told me they liked the way I took care of myself, stayed out of trouble and got along with my teammates. The next thing I know, I'm playing some linebacker for a very good college program, and having a lot of fun."

Equally impressive was the way Wanshon excelled in the classroom at GVSU, where he earned a degree in bio-medical science, which normally doesn't lead to a career at Little Caesars.

But Wanshon's life isn't normal — it's extraordinary.

And it's only the first quarter.



"When you get the right lender, VA loans are actually exceptional," says Rich Eisiminger of RichRealty Group of Plymouth.

Plymouth Realtor, Livonia mortgage lender: Veterans can get loans, move into homes

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

In his 25 years in the real estate field, Rich Eisiminger of RichRealty Group of Plymouth has handled many Veterans Affairs loans.

"When you get the right lender, VA loans are actually exceptional," Realtor Eisiminger said. "They are a great way to help out our military people."

He's seeing veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan service come home in need of mortgages for home purchases. Eisiminger handles double digits of veteran loans annually along with colleagues at RichRealty Group, and also does seminars on the topic.

"Understanding them is the best thing, obviously, continuing education," he said. In the past, military veteran apprais-

als were handled differently from other buyers.

RichRealty Group was founded in 2005, and in his career Eisiminger has seen VA loans improve. "They sure have. More streamlined. They're there to help veterans get in the home, contrary to a lot of old thought processes," he said.

The time frame to get approval may be a bit longer, he added, but not much. Appraising for veteran loans is now done the same as others.

"You would get an appraisal that came from a pool," Eisiminger recalled of past days with the VA certifying certain ones. That's changed now with all buyers using a pool.

"The conventional loan is done the same way," Eisiminger said. "Sometimes it's nerve-wracking and it's frustrating, but it's to the good."

He cites time frames and ease. "Communications are much better," Eisiminger said. "Lenders that are versed in it know it well."

Agreeing is Bruce Piper, Livonia branch manager for Ross Mortgage, based in Troy. "The VA loans are not really any different," Piper said. Ross Mortgage is a VA-automatic lender, as most are, he noted.

That means underwriting and processing are done by Ross Mortgage, with appraisal also out of VA hands. "It's probably the very best way to buy a home," said Piper, noting it's zero-percent down for a qualified veteran without mortgage insurance.

The VA guarantees the loan, Piper said, unlike other buyers who purchase the PMI private insurance with the 20 percent down payment.

Noted Piper of veterans, "There's a very big demand, absolutely. We're doing a lot of VA loans."

Ross Mortgage has been in business since 1949, with Piper having 31 years of experience. He finds too often military veterans don't know they can qualify, with no cost for asking on pre-qualification.

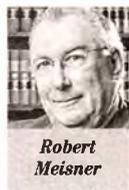
"If they don't (qualify), we'll advise them what to do on getting into a home," Piper said. "I think a lot of people don't check because they think they won't qualify."

Back in Plymouth, Realtor Eisiminger said of veterans buying homes, "I think it's just a great thing. We should do all we can to protect our freedoms. I treasure our freedoms."

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Condo association treasurer vexed over audit request letter

Q: I am the treasurer of our condominium association and received a letter from a homeowner requesting to conduct an independent audit of the association's books and records. The homeowner is claiming that the association has refused to give him the documents he needed. He is threatening to sue the association but has not given an identification of exactly what records he wants to look at. He has also made previous requests for records but they have been vague. What do you think?



Robert Meisner

A: I think that he is obviously looking to require you to produce records for an improper purpose. In a recent case out of Texas, the Appeals Court agreed with the trial court that the homeowner's request on similar facts had not been specific enough as to which records he wanted.

However, in that case, some of the requests were verbal, were either unclear or sought records that had already been provided to the person. It may also be relevant as was in this case that the homeowner was angry with, and rude to the members of the Board of Directors and refused to acknowledge that he lost his position when another treasurer won that seat on the board after election. Frequently, people who are disgruntled use a request for documents as an excuse to punish the association. Your lawyer should be able to lead you through this problem successfully.

Q: I read about a recent case concerning riparian rights on artificial bodies of water. Can you clarify that for me?

A: The black letter common law rule is that riparian rights do not attach to artificial bodies of water. So if a pond was created artificially, for example, in a case where the prior owner had installed a dam, the court has held that there were no riparian rights. The court in that case said that the dam turned the natural water course into an artificial one, defeating the claim of riparian rights. To be sure, you should review your case with an experienced real estate attorney.

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National Association of Realtors: Inventory of homes issue decreases affordability a bit

Home prices maintained their robust, upward trajectory in a vast majority of metro areas during the second quarter, causing affordability to slightly decline despite mortgage rates hovering at lows not seen in over three years, according to the latest quarterly report by the National Association of Realtors. The report also revealed that for the first time ever, a metro area — San Jose, California — had a median single-family home price above \$1 million.

The median existing single-family home price increased in 83 percent of measured markets, with 148 out of 178 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) showing gains based on closed sales in the second quarter compared with the second quarter of 2015. Twenty-nine areas (16 percent) recorded lower median prices from a year earlier.

There were slightly fewer rising markets in the second quarter compared to the first three months of this year, when price gains were recorded in 87 percent of metro areas. Twenty-five metro areas in the second quarter (14 percent) experienced double-digit increases — a small decrease from the 28 metro areas in the first quarter. A year ago, 34 metro areas (19 percent) experienced double-digit price gains.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says a faster pace of home sales amidst languishing inventory levels pushed home prices higher in most metro areas during the second quarter. "Steadily improving local job markets and mortgage rates teetering close to all-time lows brought buyers out in force in many large and middle-tier cities," he said. "However, with home-building activity still failing to keep up with demand and not enough current

homeowners putting their home up for sale, prices continued their strong ascent — and in many markets at a rate well above income growth."

The national median existing single-family home price in the second quarter was \$240,700, up 4.9 percent from the second quarter of 2015 (\$229,400), which was previously the peak quarterly median sales price. The median price during the first quarter of this year increased 6.1 percent from the first quarter of 2015.

Total existing-home sales, including single family and condos, rose 3.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.50 million in the second quarter from 5.30 million in the first quarter of this year, and are 4.2 percent higher than the 5.28 million pace during the second quarter of 2015.

"Primarily from repeat buyers moving up or trading down, existing sales increased each month last quarter and could've been even higher if not for a few speed bumps," Yun said. "Closings were slowed a bit by meager supply levels and home prices in many areas that are still rising too fast."

At the end of the second quarter, there were 2.12 million existing homes available for sale, which was below the 2.25 million homes for sale at the end of the second quarter in 2015. The average supply during the second quarter was 4.7 months — down from 5.1 months a year ago.

According to Yun, without enough new construction being built, existing inventory seriously failed to keep up with the growing demand for buying. As a result, homes typically stayed on the market for around a month throughout the second quarter, and over 40 percent of

listings sold at or above list price, with June being the highest share since NAR began tracking in December 2012 (43 percent).

"Many listings in a majority of markets — and especially those in lower price ranges — had multiple offers and went under contract quickly because of severely inadequate supply," Yun said. "This in turn dented affordability and without a doubt priced out a segment of buyers attempting to seek relief from fast-growing rents."

Despite falling mortgage rates and a small increase in the national family median income (\$68,774), swiftly rising home prices caused affordability to decline in the second quarter compared to a year ago. To purchase a single-family home at the national median price, a buyer making a 5-percent down payment would need an income of \$52,255, a 10-percent down payment would require an income of \$49,504, and \$44,004 would be needed for a 20-percent down payment.

The five most expensive housing markets in the second quarter were the San Jose, California, metro area, where the median existing single-family price was \$1,085,000; San Francisco, \$885,600; Anaheim-Santa Ana, California, \$742,200; urban Honolulu, \$725,200; and San Diego, \$589,900.

The five lowest-cost metro areas in the second quarter were Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, Ohio, \$85,400; Cumberland, Maryland, \$94,900; Decatur, Illinois, \$95,600; Binghamton, New York, \$105,500; and Rockford, Illinois, \$109,000.

Metro area condominium and cooperative prices — covering changes in 59 metro areas — showed the national median existing-condo price

was \$227,200 in the second quarter, up 4.8 percent from the second quarter of 2015 (\$216,700). Forty-four metro areas (75 percent) showed gains in their median condo price from a year ago; 14 areas had declines.

NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida, says Realtors in most areas say market conditions have remained competitive well into the summer.

Regional breakdown

Total existing-home sales in the Northeast jumped 7.6 percent in the second quarter and are 11.3 percent above the second quarter of 2015. The median existing single-family home price in the Northeast was \$273,600 in the second quarter, up 1.6 percent from a year ago.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales leaped 10.4 percent in the second quarter and are 6.6 percent higher than a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the Midwest increased 5.1 percent to \$191,300 in the second quarter from the same quarter a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the South inched forward 0.3 percent in the second quarter and are 4.2 percent higher than the second quarter of 2015. The median existing single-family home price in the South was \$214,900 in the second quarter, 5.9 percent above a year earlier.

In the West, existing-home sales climbed 1.4 percent in the second quarter but are 2.2 percent below a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the West increased 6.5 percent to \$346,500 in the second quarter from the second quarter of 2015.

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 Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. For more information, email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com.

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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

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

RUMMAGE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20

Location: Sacred Heart Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Bicycles, furniture, antiques, lamps and light fixtures, tools and hardware, kids games and toys, sporting goods, home decor, kitchenware, books, music, movies and more. All proceeds will go toward church utility bills

Contact: Sacred Heart church office, 734-522-3166

T-SHIRT COLLECTION

Time/Date: Aug. 15-Sept. 15

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church is collecting T-shirts in bright colors for adults and youngsters in Zimbabwe. Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, a Farmington Hills-based charity, will send the donations to Africa next month. A donation box is accessible 24/7 and is stationed at the church's front door

Contact: kenwoodchurch.org

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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY GALA

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24

Location: St. Nicholas Event Center, 760 Wattles, Troy

Details: Gala celebrates Bloomfield Hills-based Manresa Jesuit Retreat House's 90th anniversary. The Rev. Leo Cachat will celebrate Mass. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent auction and dancing will follow. Marie Osborne of WJR 760 AM radio will emcee. Tickets are \$100 and \$20

Contact: 248-644-4933; manresa.sj.org

GRIEFSHARE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning Sept. 19

Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Grief support group will meet for 13 sessions. Each week participants will watch a video seminar featuring experts on grief and recovery subjects, and will spend time in discussion. Workbooks will be available for personal study of the grieving process. Register at christoursavior.org

Contact: Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 or Mike McGrath at 248-505-8894

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; nancyel-len879@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. INNOXENT 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

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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

Recycling

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, 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, 1/4 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 (nonperishable 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

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (optional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/desserts), Thursday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebratercovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church

Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month

Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted.

Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149; www.solanuscenter.org

WORSHIP

Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible classes

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chaverim

Time/Date: Services are held 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Liberator

Contact: www.Facebook.com/betchaverim or email to betchaverim@yahoo.com

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Northville Estate Furniture Sale! Sat. 8:20 only 12pm-5pm No early birds! Mostly large items, 3078A Cheshire

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Events & Fairs

MOM-2-MOM SALE Taylor Town Trade Center 25255 Creste Rd 10-3p Sat Aug 20th Christine 313-779-8241 Christinescraabooks@yahoo.com

Garage-Tag Sale

YARD SALE
 Dearborn Heights, Hugh Yard Sale for Doe Rescue, 4433 Cornell, Michigan, 48125, Aug 18-20, Thur-Sat 9-5. Everything you can imagine. Great Stuff!!! Great Cause!!! Dir: Two blocks east of Telegraph on Annapolis, Left at Cornell.

Livonia Moving Sale, 28772 Minton CT Fri & Sat Aug 19 & 20th 9-3p Coke Cola items, beer signs, household goods.

Livonia Super Sale-32723 Ohio Street Aug 18-20th 9-4:30pm Dining table, hutch, microwave, storage cases, luggage, glassware, Elvis memor, books, VHS, DVD, CD, paintings, toys, more.

Milford - Garage & Antiques Sale 615 S Main St. Fri Sat Aug 19-20th Primitives, kitchenware NO toys/clothes.

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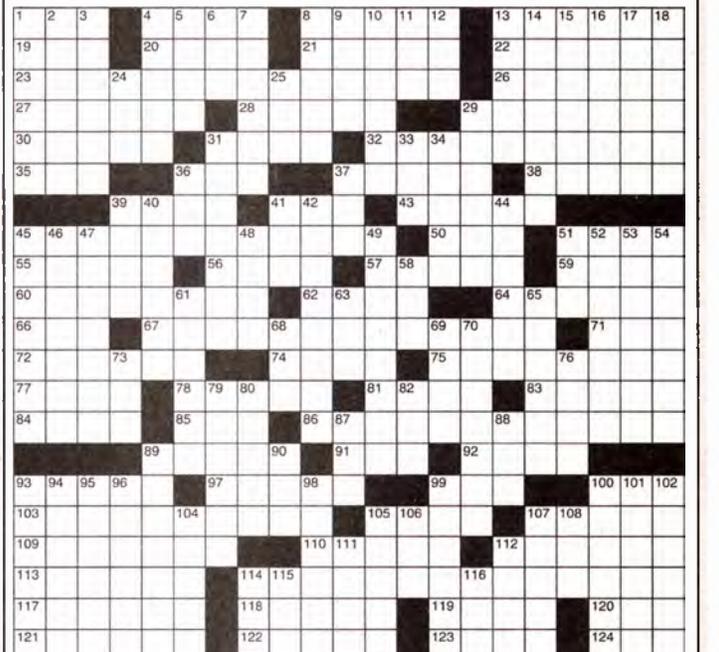
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- ACROSS**
1 Last letter, to Brits
4 Peave
8 Family car
13 Scenic views, as of sea or land
20 State boldly
21 Pul forth, as energy
22 Nook
23 All-points bullet.
26 Little laugh
27 Bits
28 Pulitzer Prize category
29 "Great" little film role for Robert Duvall
30 Politico Kelauger
31 Pellets of precipitation
32 Raising false alarms
35 Low grade
36 Barnyard feed
37 CEO's "C"
38 Broadway honors
39 Candid
41 Mer liquid
43 San (California county or city)
- DOWN**
1 Gave an electric jolt maker
2 "The River" actress
3 Backspace over, say
4 Spiked clubs
5 Currier's art partner
6 Grazed, e.g.
7 TGIF's "F"
8 Neighbor of a petal
9 Quiz's cousin
10 Cut off, e.g.
11 Bow shape
12 Indefinitely large
13 The enemy below?
14 Hold firmly
15 Second play section
16 Magical drink
17 Fair way to divvy things
18 Small letter flourishes
24 Drink cubes
25 Lanka lead-in
29 Strained
31 Sham-faced types
32 Top of a cup
34 Pine (for)
36 "You there!"
37 — de-sac
- ACROSS**
45 Distinctive barnyard sound
50 Stephen of "Angie"
51 Cal's gripper
55 28-Across set to music
56 Actress Maryam or Olvia
57 Makes whole
59 Facts and figures
60 Snail as food
62 — Bator.
64 Dangler on a grad's cap
66 201, to Ovid
67 Storm flash
71 Antique
72 Soapbuds
74 Brain flash
75 "The Creation" by Haydn, e.g.
77 Spots in ia Seine
78 Boogie, e.g.
81 Warty animal
83 Rear — (car crash)
84 Iksome sort
85 Adam's madam
86 Decorative cloth laid atop a bureau
89 Wide-ranging
- DOWN**
91 Lyrical verse
92 Per-unit cost
93 Big foil maker
97 See
89-Down
99 Sneaking
100 Needlefish
103 A team often punts on it
105 Really slow
107 Berry of "X-Men" films
109 Emu and ostrich
110 Hopping mad
112 Indemnified
113 Sneaker part
114 Richard Beizer's "Homicide: Life on the Street" role
117 Lined the roof of
118 15% taker
119 1492 ship
120 AFL partner
121 Actor James of "Gunsmoke"
122 Sapheads
123 Not hidden
124 What the ends of 23, 32, 45-67, 86-103 and 114-Across are
125 synonyms of
- DOWN**
39 Gumbo soup
40 Big name in eye care
41 Die away
42 Was plentiful
44 Neighbor of Boyle Hts., California
45 Bicycle pedal add-on
46 Affluent
47 Lists orally
48 Cussword
49 Arose (from)
51 They made vinyl passé
52 Former Dodgers manager Tommy Muppet
53 Artist's workplace
54 Statter's Muppet sidekick
58 Leeds loc.
61 Building beam
63 Big fish story
65 Vanity
68 Habitual idiosyncrasy
69 Snake types
70 Tidy
73 33rd U.S. prez
76 In time past
- DOWN**
79 Eschews
80 "Groovy!"
82 Sugar suffix
87 Turn bad
88 Sunshine bit
89 With
97-Across, has a huge light
90 — Jones
93 Benin locale
94 Auto shop
95 Interrupts
96 Blue Jay rival
98 As one
99 Flying flocks
100 Look quickly
101 Keys of song
102 Fiery
104 Is mindful of
105 Alliances
106 Homer hitter
107 Macho type
108 "The Simpsons" storekeeper
111 City with lots of slots
112 Painter
113 Magritte
114 Pops
115 Self-esteem
116 "Est la —"



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

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

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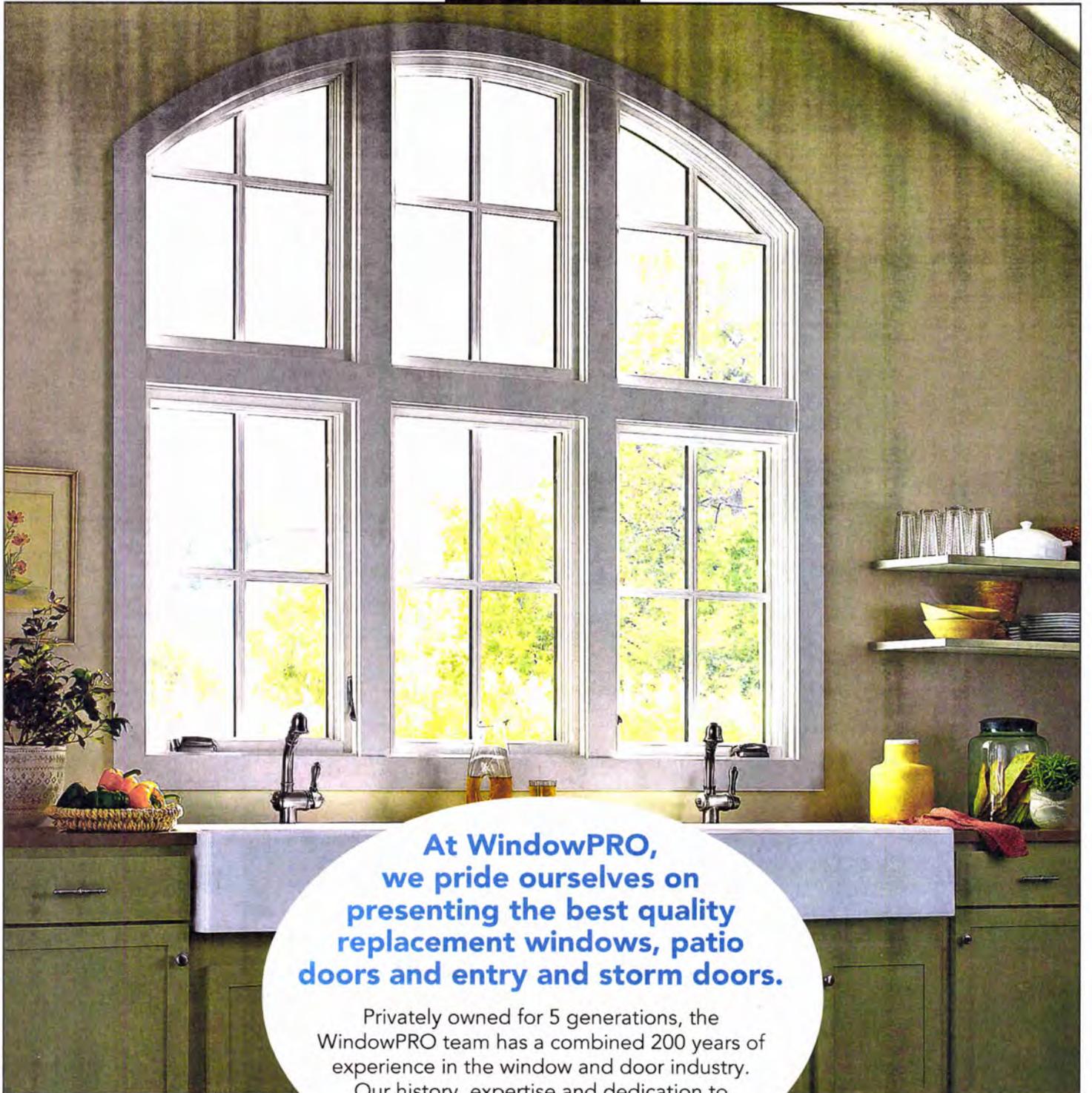
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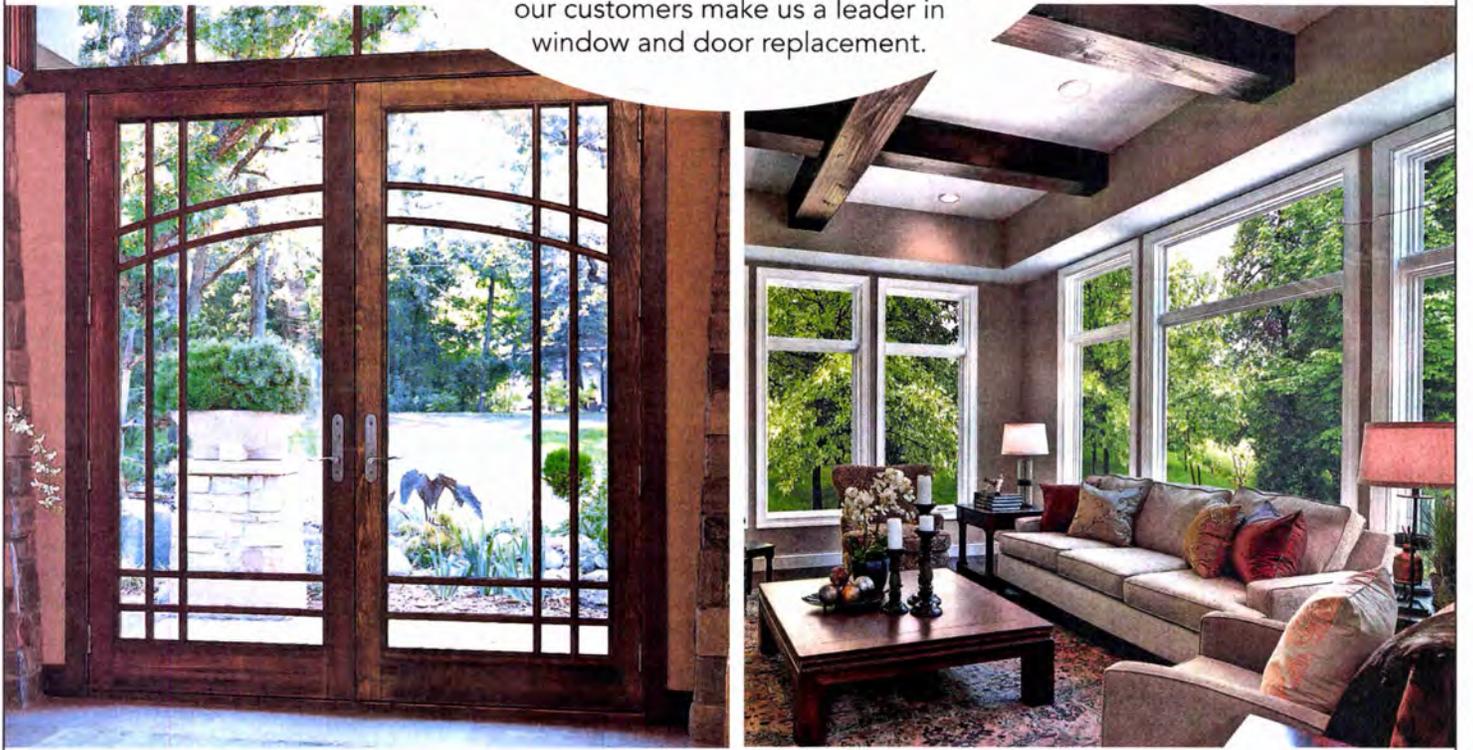
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