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GC actors bring Maria and Tony to life

Theater program staging 'West Side Story' this week

When the curtain opens Thursday night on "West Side Story" staged by the Garden City Theatre Program, the audience will likely be awestruck by the skilled singing and dancing that brings love-crossed Tony and Maria to life.

"It's a top-tier high school production. The dancing, acting and vocals are amazing!" said Chris Sears, a junior at Garden City High School, who was seen as Link Larkin in last year's production of "Hair-spray" and plays Tony in "West Side Story."

"The balcony scene is so iconic. There's also a balcony scene in 'Romeo and Juliet,' which 'West Side Story' is based on. I love the song vocally!"

"West Side Story" opens at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23. The production continues at 7 p.m. Friday, March 24, and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 25, and culminates in a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, March 26, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road.

All tickets are \$10 for reserved seating. The box office

is open 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, and 90 minutes before each show. Tickets may also be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/2ly7Scs>.

"West Side Story" has always been one of my bucket list shows to direct. The intensity, the emotional journeys, the music, the dancing; in my opinion it's the greatest musical of all-time. To be honest though, I was skeptical I'd ever get the chance to direct it because it is an incredibly difficult show to produce, especially for a high school," said Greg Wiklanski, Garden City



Chris Sears (Tony) and Jenna Wiebe (Maria) sing "Tonight."

LISA COON

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Sobriety court graduate Hannah Moss of Livonia hugs Judge Kathleen McCann, with state Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra looking on.

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Grateful for sobriety: 'This court has saved my life'

Matt Jachman
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The somber mood and hushed tones of the typical courtroom were crowded out last week by wide grins, applause and plenty of hugs as seven "graduates" of an intense probation marked their accomplishments.

The seven, all of whom had been arrested in the past for offenses linked to substance abuse, such as drunken driving, had completed Livonia's 16th District Court drug and alcohol program, informally known as sobriety court.

The 18-month to two-year stint requires daily participation in a 12-step addiction recovery program, substance abuse counseling, weekly visits to probation officers and regular testing for drugs or alcohol.

Participants are urged to confront everyday challenges, such as family and relationship issues and keeping steady employment, while clearing up the haze brought by their old habits.

"I think this is just the beginning of my journey and recovery," said Hannah Moss



Hannah Moss of Livonia shares her story during the sobriety court graduation March 10 in Livonia's 16th District Court.

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of Livonia, who battled a drinking problem. "There is no doubt in my mind that this court has saved my life, if not the life of someone else."

Moss spoke — to fellow graduates and family members, city and police officials and onlookers there for other business — in Judge Kathleen McCann's courtroom, where five of the seven graduates

each got a hug from the judge and from Lainie Morrison-Fryer, the court's probation director, along with a bamboo plant for good luck.

"I just want you to know I love all of you. You've done a tremendous job," McCann told the graduates. "This is my favorite part of my job: giving people their lives back."

Livonia's sobriety court was launched in 2006 and is one of more than 50 specialty courts in Michigan. The specialty courts focus on non-violent offenders who have underlying medical or social problems that contributed to their brushes with the law, according to Morrison-Fryer.

Kaz Czarnecki of Farmington Hills was one of the first Livonia sobriety court graduates. He now runs the court's Changes program, a once-a-month mentoring meeting for graduates and current participants. Sobriety court participants can trade a Changes meeting each month for one of their required probation visits.

"It's the best thing I do in my life nowadays," said Czarnecki, who beamed at being recognized by McCann for his volunteer efforts.

He wasn't always a team player.

"This young lady put me in jail three times" during his time as a probationer, because "I didn't do what I was supposed to do," Czarnecki said of the judge.

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Pets for Vets event set for March 25 in Westland

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It's called Pets for Vets, but the second annual event at the Wayne-Ford Civic League is actually open to anyone seeking to adopt a dog or cat.

The difference is that veterans will have their adoption fees covered through donations from local businesses and community organizations. Pets for Vets is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25.

"These are companion animals. They aren't specifically trained for anything. We pull dogs and cats from shelters over Michigan who are five days from euthanasia," said Terry Packer of Last Day Rescue. "We get a few surrender animals but we pull the ones about to be euthanized."

Last Day Dog Rescue and cats from foster homes where volunteers until adopted. "We don't take them from shelter, we take them from a shelter and have a foster home," Packer said.

Veterans can be approved for a dog by calling 734-469-3333. Donations will also be accepted at the event. The event can also get pre-approved for a dog by going to lastdayrescue.com and completing an application. There are no adoptions.

Last year, 10 dogs were adopted including by veterans. Nine applications were received of last year's event.

There will be training sessions and a question and answer session for animal owners.

Sponsored by the Dog Rescue and Civic League, Westland's representative Wayne Glenn will be at the event.

"This is a great opportunity to provide help to veterans and their families. We don't want to see any more animals euthanized. We want to see more animals adopted. We want to see more animals in homes. We want to see more animals in the hands of loving owners. We want to see more animals in the hands of loving owners. We want to see more animals in the hands of loving owners."



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Theatre Program director.

As any fans of "West Side Story" can probably figure out, the musical is challenging. "The complexities and vocal demands of the music, the heightened subject matter, and the dancing ... don't even get me started

on the dancing," he added.

So what about the high-energy choreography? Wiklanski looked to his wife Kristyn, who is a dance teacher and choreographer at St. Clair College in Windsor, Ontario, and is also a former three-time Radio City Rockette. "She was absolutely invaluable in this process," Wiklanski said. The director held auditions in December

and the cast of about 50 students has been hard at work for the past three months with rehearsals five days a week. "I could not be more proud of how dedicated the cast of almost 50 students has been and how hard they've worked," Wiklanski said.

Jenna Wiebe, a Garden City High School junior, takes on the role of Maria — a role made famous by the late Nat-

alie Wood. When asked what was most challenging for her, Wiebe said, "The emotional part. The content is very different and having to go to emotional places that I've never experienced."

And when it's her turn to be off the stage, Wiebe loves, "watching the Jets in their Officer Krupke number! They're so spontaneous and fun!"

Marianna Seal, a junior, who played Tracy

Turnblad in last year's production of "Hair-spray" and Black Stache in the fall production of "Peter and the Starcatcher," now plays Anita, a role audiences will remember was played by Rita Moreno.

"Anita is very different from roles you've played in the past," she said. "Singing 'A Boy Like That' — takes me away. I'm not thinking, I'm just going for it. It's

freeing to not worry about how I look or what other people see me as."

Wiklanski promises that Garden City's "West Side Story" is a production not to be missed. "I'm continually humbled by the support and dedication we receive from our parent volunteers. They have partnered with our student crew to build a truly impressive and unbelievably detailed set."

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There are veterans who delay getting benefits because they don't have their paperwork. People move and paperwork gets lost."

A veteran himself, Barra said that he has almost always had a dog and encouraged all veterans to consider adopting an animal.

"I have been blessed to find myself in a position to serve and support two causes near and dear to me — animal rescue/adoption and veterans needs and services," he said. "We are hoping that all veterans sign up and adopt one of these loving animals at this year's event. The adoption costs free for veterans."

Packer noted that Barra came up with the idea for the first Pets for Vets and immediately



Dogs get to visit with prospective new families at the Pets for Vets event. The second annual event is Saturday, March 25 at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

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after the event was ready to get organized for the second year.

"This was a great event last year" said Tim Bennett, president of Last Day Dog Rescue. "The veterans were so grateful as many of them expressed how much having a dog in their home changed their lives."

Last Day Dog Rescue and the civic league are both 501(c)3 charity organizations. All money raised from this event, which will include raffles and drawings, will help to cover all the adoption fees for local veterans who adopt an animal. Any remaining dollars will go toward Last Day Dog Rescue and Veterans

of Westland. Since 2007, Last Day Dog Rescue has adopted over 7,000 dogs and cats.

For veteran inquiries, contact Barra at 734-637-5579. To sponsor a dog or cat for a local veteran, call 734-765-8671.

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SUMMARY OF

ORDINANCE NO. 3024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 (FIREARMS AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS) OF TITLE 9 OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

This ordinance updates Chapter 94 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, to bring the City's Ordinance into conformance with Michigan law allowing for the prosecution of more offenses as ordinance violations rather than as state law violations.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 3024 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 3024 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, February 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash,
City Clerk

Ordinance No. 3024 was authenticated by me on the 28th day of February, 2017.

Dennis K. Wright,
Mayor

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SUMMARY OF

ORDINANCE NO. 3025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 88 (SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS) OF TITLE 9 OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

This ordinance will prohibit the sale of electronic cigarettes ("e-cigarettes"), nicotine, and nicotine products to minors.

This ordinance also increases the minimum fine for each offense from \$50 to \$100.

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Moss said she planned to become a mentor in the Changes program. Changes, she said later, showed her that "you're not alone and if they can do it, you can, too."

So far, McCann noted, Livonia's sobriety court has had 369 participants and 166 graduates. More than 81,000 drug and alcohol tests have been administered and more than 79,000 of those have come back negative.

Morrison-Fryer said figures from the state court administrative office show the recidivism rate for 2015 for Livonia's sobriety court was zero within two years of graduation and 3.7 percent within four years. That compares to statewide recidivism rates, for all specialty courts, of almost 4 percent within two years and 10.7 percent within four years.

"They are wildly successful," Michigan Supreme Court Justice



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Michael Williams of Farmington Hills, a sobriety court graduate, shakes hands with Judge Sean Kavanagh.

More than 81,000 drug and alcohol tests have been administered and more than 79,000 of those have come back negative.

Brian Zahra said in Judge Sean Kavanagh's courtroom, where two more graduates were recognized.

"It took being sober for me to realize I 'effed

up' real bad," said one of them, Farmington Hills resident Mike Williams, who struggled with an addiction to opiates.

"I was basically addicted for years," Williams told people in Kavanagh's courtroom.

Along with that, he added, came other life issues — work, money challenges, a divorce and parenting problems.

"They're a lot better to handle when you have a clear mind," he said.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Work truck stolen

Livonia police were called Thursday morning to Abbey Flooring and Design, 17200 Farmington, on the report of a truck belonging to the business that had been stolen.

Police spoke to one of the co-owners of the business, who said they last saw the work vehicle in the parking lot two days ago. When he arrived at the business the next day, he saw it was missing but believed his business partner had it out that day. He inquired about the vehicle the next day, which is when they discovered it was missing. The vehicle had the business name written on the side and rear, and the business had possession of both sets of keys.

Delivery vehicle taken

Police were dispatched Thursday

morning to Dunia Sweet Bakery, 15375 Inkster, on the report of a stolen delivery vehicle.

The owner said he arrived at the bakery that morning to find the vehicle missing. Police went to check exterior cameras in the area, though it appeared many of them were pointing away from the parking lot area. Police checked with the nearby gas station, who said they'd review their cameras and see if they saw anything on them. No broken glass was seen nearby and the car was locked.

Truck stolen

A victim of a stolen truck came into the police station Thursday morning to report what had happened at a business in the 32400 block of Schoolcraft.

The victim said the vehicle was parked at the business the night before, and came to the business that morning to

find it missing. He said he reviewed security footage and saw it was taken by an individual just after midnight that morning. He was unsure how the individual gained access to the car.

Retail fraud reported

Police were called Thursday evening to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

An employee said the suspect was seen concealing merchandise in bags that he took out of his pockets. He placed grocery items in them and pushed a cart through a closed register, not paying for the items. He was stopped and detained until police arrived, who issued him a citation and released him at the scene.

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Inspire Theatre in Westland stages Irish tale

"The Cripple of Inishmaan" is a story about how and why we tell stories. And as is often true with Tony-nominated Malcolm McDonagh, most of whose plays are set in provincial Ireland, it takes a village to tell a story.

Recently on Broadway with Daniel Radcliff in the title role, the forum for this fascinating story is Inspire Theatre, where "The Cripple of Inishmaan" opens Friday, March 24, and runs for three weekends.

This story is a deep dish — layered with malice and kindness, truth and conjecture, and all the mixed motives that make human beings such endlessly intriguing subjects of speculation.

When the play begins, in 1934, really big news is announced: a film director Robert J. Flaherty has arrived on the nearby island of Inishmore to shoot a movie, "Man of Aran." The island community, off the west coast of Ireland, reacts to a Hollywood blockbuster being made on its doorstep. This exotic visitation is a godsend.

Inishmaan is the kind of a place where a boy like Billy, played by Grant Marmaduke of Northville, passes the hours by staring at cows. This idle pursuit leads to surprisingly lively discussions among his fel-



Cast members Maureen Paraventi, Marian Busa and Grant Marmaduke.



John Donnelly and Brian Taylor in the "The Cripple of Inishmaan" at the Inspire Theatre.

low townspeople. But then from the moment he was born, with an irrevocably gnarled left arm and leg, Billy has been a fertile topic of conversation.

Johnypateenmike, the local busybody, played by Brian Taylor of Plymouth, notes that anyone who can inveigle his way on to the set and make it to Hollywood — and to "a life free of work, or anyways only acting work, which couldn't be called work at all, it's only talking."

While the audience laughs, on stage, Marmaduke has to work hard as Cripple Billy. Physically and emotionally, he has to do much more than just "talking."

It's work to bring to life the young man who finally manages to win acceptance and the right to be called just Billy, the boy who is regarded as least likely to succeed at pretty much anything in his God-forsaken rural Irish town.

For one thing, there's the mystery of his parents, who are said to have drowned themselves shortly after his birth. Billy has been raised by Eileen and Kate Osbourne (Maureen Paraventi of Redford and Marian Busa of Canton), who are forever fretting about the future of their much-loved, but

unlovable 17-year-old lad.

He is starting to take an interest in girls, specifically the hot-tempered Helen McCormick. "It'll end in tears," Eileen tells Kate, who answers, "Tears or death or worse." In Inishmaan, everyone expects disaster, usually with good reason. So when Billy, who has been plagued by a suspicious cough, runs away to Inishmore in hope of being cast in Flaherty's movie, everyone assumes he'll never return, at least not alive.

Directors Lisa Brawley and Richard Holland, both of Livonia, give their players sufficient

space to grow. As outrageously funny as it often is, the play aches with a subliminal sadness that stays with you. The tale that these characters spin, in the fine old tradition of wild Irish yarns, come from an awareness that life is short and dangerous and, perhaps worst of all, empty.

Of course, the odds are that the very next minute you'll be chuckling away, which doesn't mean you've forgotten that flash of pain. At one point Billy gravely tells his friend, the sweets-addicted Bartley (Calvin Garbacik, also of Northville), who has been making fun of a woman who

talks to stones, "You shouldn't laugh at other people's misfortunes." This greatly perplexes Bartley, whose answer is unrepentant: "But it's awfully funny." He's right, of course. It is. This gorgeously realized production has the wisdom to let us laugh until it hurts.

Inspire Theatre is in the Westland Center for the Arts at 33455 Warren Road in Westland. Tickets are available at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com. The Cripple of Inishmaan opens March 24 and runs for three weekends, Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday matinees.

REDFORD POLICE BRIEFS

Woman fends off purse-snatching try

A 69-year-old woman foiled a would-be purse-snatcher outside a Redford Township dental clinic on March 7.

The woman held onto her purse, and a punch from the man who was trying take it missed her, according to a Redford Police Department report.

As she tried to wrestle the purse away, she told police, the man let go of it and she fell to the ground, suffering a bump on the back of her head.

The incident occurred about 10:30 a.m. March 7 outside the clinic on Seven Mile west of Grand River, the police report said. The man ran westward on Seven Mile after letting go of the purse, the woman told police.

The woman refused medical treatment.

A male witness, who had just gotten into a vehicle that the woman was about to enter, told police he heard her screams, got out to chase the attacker but fell and scraped his knee.

Identity theft

A Redford woman reported earlier this month that a tax return

had been filed by someone who had wrongly used her Social Security number.

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2002	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KS54Y72U260555	SLS	ABANDONED	1606565	1
2006	GMC	SW	1GKDT13S662293254	ENVOY	ACCIDENT	1700637	2
2005	DODGE	SW	2D4FV48T15H668929	MAGNUM	ARREST	1700641	3
1998	PLYMOUTH	4D	1P3EJ46C6WN305297	BREEZE	ARREST	1700682	4
2002	DODGE	2D	4B3AG42G0E144557	STRATUS	ARREST	1700165	5
2002	CHRYSLER	1D	1C3ES46C32D546042	NEON	ACCIDENT	1700770	6
1988	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3BC56K0JF236088	LEBARON	ABANDONED	1700830	7
2003	LINCOLN	4D	1LNHM81W13Y695809	TOWN CAR	STOLEN RECOVERED	1700875	8
1996	HONDA	4D	1HGCD5633TA205330	ACCORD	ARREST	1700922	9
2007	HONDA	2D	2HGFG12807H578010	CIVIC	ABANDONED	1700926	10
2005	CHRYSLER	SW	2C4GM68425R381733	PACIFICA	ACCIDENT	1700959	11
2002	PONTIAC	4D	1G2WK65J12F123575	GRAND PRIX	ARREST	1700987	12
2002	FORD	4D	1FAPP55S2A115872	TAURUS	ACCIDENT	1701027	13
2002	PONTIAC	2D	1G2JB124727196019	SUNFIRE	ACCIDENT	1701029	14
2005	CHEVROLET	4D	2CNDL73F656023312	EQUINOX	ARREST	1701039	15
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2005	JEEP	SW	1JGR48K45C542932	GRAND CHEROKEE	ARREST	1701248	18
2007	FORD	4D	1FAPP34N07W102599	FOCUS	ABANDONED	1701336	19
2000	MERC BENZ	SW	4JGAB54E6YA179101	ML 320	ABANDONED	1701337	20
2003	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NW52E53C244518	GRAND AM	ABANDONED	1701355	21
2003	FORD	PU	1FTRX172X3NB94804	F-150	ARREST	SAT-337-15	22
2003	JEEP	4D	1J4GW48S93C549266	CHEROKEE	ARREST	SAT-016-16	23
1996	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3HC56F7TH248754	LHS	ARREST	SAT-013-16	24
1995	CHEVROLET		2G1FP22S652141486	CAMARO	STOL./REC.	SAT-107-16	25
2005	DODGE		2D4GV58295H669991	MAGNUM	STOL./REC.	SAT-105-16	26
2003	CHEVROLET	4D	1GNEK13Z73J274995	TAHOE	ARREST	SAT-133-16	27
2006	FORD	4D	2FAHP71W86X120414	CROWN VICTORIA	ARREST	SAT-118-16	28
2001	FORD		1FAPP34P31W122936	FOCUS	ARREST	SAT-145-16	29
1999	ACURA	2D	JH4DC4463XS010520	INTEGRA	ABANDONED	TITLE	30
2001	DODGE	4D	1B3EJ46X11N723358	STRATUS	ACCIDENT	TITLE	31
1996	MERCURY	4D	1MELM58S0TA642705	SABLE	FIRE	TITLE	32
2002	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1JS124927209776	CAVALIER	ACCIDENT	TITLE	33
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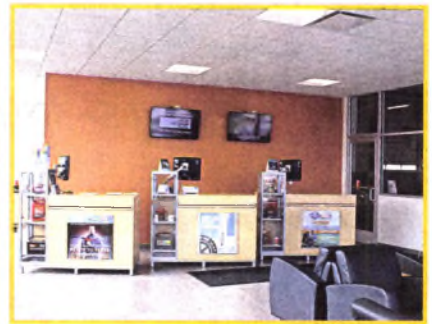
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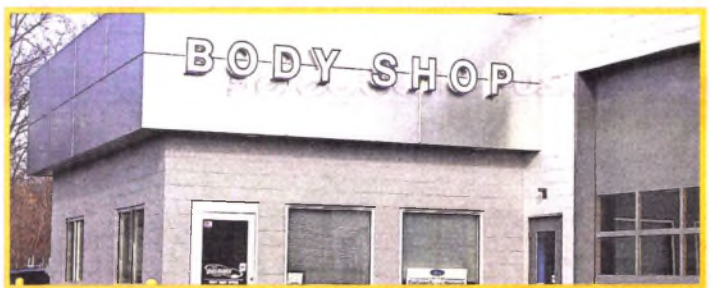


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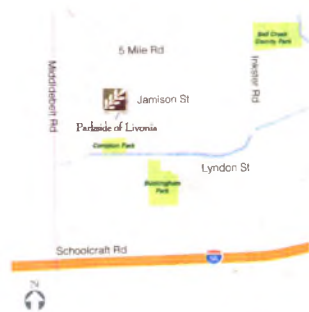
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WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Resident out money in Facebook scam

Police were dispatched the morning of March 12 to the 5200 block of Williams on the report of a resident who had been scammed by an account he believed to be owned by musician Kid Rock.

The man said he sent a friend request to an account he believed to be that of Rock, along with a message saying he wanted to go to his next show but was sold out. He requested a pair of tickets. The account responded, saying his "manager" would contact him about tickets. When the "manager" contacted him, they told him she could reserve two tickets with backstage passes for a total of \$600. She told him to go to a Walmart and do a Walmart-to-Walmart money transfer to a store in North Carolina. After sending the money, he never heard from the suspect again.

Identity theft

A Wayne resident filed a police report March 10, saying someone had stolen his debit

card information.

He said he discovered he was unable to use his debit card one day. He called his bank, who told him another card had recently been issued and was sent to his previous address in the 35800 block of East Michigan Avenue. He said one transaction for more than \$160 was recently charged at a Dick's Sporting Goods. The victim said he believed the resident living at his former residence may have used the debit card.

Vehicle damaged

A police report was filed online the evening of March 9 on the report of damage found on a vehicle parked at the Red Apple Restaurant, 32711 Michigan Ave.

The victim said they were meeting their son at the restaurant earlier that day. When their son got to the restaurant, he said there was a dent in the victim's car. The victim said the dent was not in the car when they went into the restaurant. They spoke to a manager, who said the cameras facing the parking lot had been turned because of the high winds.

Vehicle damaged

An individual filed a police report March 8 saying his vehicle had been damaged while parked in the 3600 block of Hannan.

He said he had driven to his girlfriend's residence the night before. When he came out the next morning, he discovered the front and rear car windows were smashed. The front window was in pieces, while the rear window was still partially intact.

Car theft reported

Police were called March 6 to the 34800 block of Glover on the report of a vehicle theft.

The victim said he saw his vehicle the day before. He said the car went missing the next day after he went to work and came home. He said he realized a different vehicle was parked in the same spot. The victim said he believes it was stolen via the suspect accessing the door lock through a large hole behind the driver door.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department.

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CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

BICENTENNIAL PARK PROPOSED DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION - PHASE I

Sealed bids for the BICENTENNIAL PARK PROPOSED DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION - PHASE I project will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., Local Time, on April 11, 2017 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Interested bidders shall congregate prior to the meeting time in the public parking lot on the North side of the proposed dog park location located at #35000 Seven Mile Road.

The City of Livonia seeks bids for the following:

Underground utility installation and earthwork associated with the construction of a proposed dog park including, but not limited to clearing and grubbing of existing vegetated areas, utility service leads (electrical, sanitary sewer and water main), grading and filling of proposed park site, trench drain installation, asphalt and concrete walkway paving and restoration of disturbed areas.

Instructions to bidders and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check.

All bids shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive."

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "BID - BICENTENNIAL PARK PROPOSED DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION - PHASE I" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the City of Livonia. Portions of this Contract may be deleted due to unforeseen circumstances without compensation. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Todd J. Zilincik, P.E.
City Engineer

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

Published: March 19, 2017

LO-000015147 3/17

CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED AND REFUSE ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, of the City of Livonia, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Livonia, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, by May 1 of each year and as many times thereafter as may be necessary. If any noxious weeds or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City so ordered to be cut down, destroyed or removed by May 1, as aforesaid, have not been removed by the owner or occupant of the premises, then the City of Livonia is hereby authorized to enter upon the land and destroy, cut down or remove said noxious weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City at the expense of the owner or occupant of said land. The City may cut down, destroy or remove noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches or any refuse or debris, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City as many times as is necessary and charge the costs to the property owner.

In the event the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land in any subdivision in which buildings have been erected on sixty percent (60%) of the lots included in that subdivision and where such subdivision has a residential zoning classification of R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6 or R-U-F, or the owners or occupants, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent to the aforementioned subdivisions for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation, having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent to any developed public park or any developed school or college grounds, whether public, private or parochial, for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, along all improved streets in common usage for a depth of two hundred (200) feet or the depth of the property, whichever is less, shall fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the above mentioned ordinance, the City shall cause said noxious weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City to be cut down, destroyed or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains of any natural streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses, shall be exempted from the provisions of this ordinance. All expenses incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law. The expenses incurred in cutting, destruction, or removal of all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthful growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property shall include, but are not limited to, an administrative charge of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars for each of the first two 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.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Jerome A. Hanna
Director of Inspection
City of Livonia

Published: March 9 and March 19, 2017

LO-000012962 3/17

Man pleads guilty, sentenced for stealing wallet in Livonia

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

A Redford Township man has been sentenced in a case where police say he stole a wallet from a Livonia office building last fall.

Police say they recently arrested Donald Driskell, 55, after putting his image on Facebook as a suspect in a larceny case from last fall. After his image was posted on the Livonia Police Department's page, they received word of who he was and arrested him. He was charged and recently pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to six days in jail, which



Driskell

were credited as being done before his sentence, according to 16th District Court records.

Police say on Oct. 21, 2016, Driskell entered the office building at 19500 Middlebelt between Seven Mile and Eight Mile and took a wallet belonging to a worker in one of the suites. The victim said she had stepped into her manager's office and heard the door open. She said she later saw a man leaving her office and walk out of the building. She then discovered her wallet, which contained cash and credit cards, was missing.

Security reportedly footage showed the suspect leaving the building with an item in his hand, and rode away on a bicycle.

Police released a security image on Facebook

on Feb. 23 and received a tip that led them to Driskell. Police later than arrested Driskell and interviewed him, where he confessed to taking the money, saying he needed it for rent, police said. He was later charged with larceny under \$200.

Driskell has a criminal record that dates back more than 30 years: Department of Corrections records show Driskell has served time in prison for offenses in both Wayne and Oakland counties for crimes such as home invasion, breaking and entering a building, and larceny in a building. He was paroled this past May and was set to be on parole until 2018.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3947 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the report of the City Planning Commission, dated December 14, 2016, setting forth its resolution 12-108-2016 recommending approval of Petition 2016-11-01-07, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on January 11, 2017, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2016-11-01-07 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 3.3947. Petition 2016-11-01-07 submitted by the City of Livonia is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from PL to C-1:

Land situated in the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as follows:

22C306A GRENNADA PARK SUB NO 1 L54 P77 WCR LOT 306 ALSO ADJ VAC ALLEY ALSO EXC N 47 FT

and the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the changes made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 963 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

Section 5. 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 6. 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, February 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk


The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 28th day of February, 2017.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor


Approved as to form:

Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: February 28, 2017

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM PL, PUBLIC LANDS TO C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS



PETITION NO. 2016-11-01-07
A PART OF THE N.W. 1/4 OF SECTION 22



AMENDMENT NO. 963 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 3023
Adopted by the City Council on 2/27/17

MAYOR
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Published: March 19, 2017



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AD EXEC GIVING BACK TO COMMUNITY

Floridian, 91, sees no point in retiring as long as volunteering is available

BRENT BATTEN
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onation.usatoday.com.

NAPLES, Fla. - When Myra Janco Daniels was young, her father asked her what she wanted to be.

Her answer: "In charge." For much of her life, Daniels has been precisely that, as a successful advertising executive, the driving force behind the creation of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples, Florida, now Artis-Naples, and most recently as a fundraiser for the Salvation Army's new Fran Cohen Youth Center in East Naples.

At 91, Daniels has no intention of giving up her habit of taking the lead in charitable endeavors. The completion of the youth center, which will serve children who would otherwise come home from school to an empty house, is just weeks away. Now she has a few other projects, which she prefers to keep under wraps for now, on her to-do list.

"I wake up each day with something on my plate," said Daniels, who moved to Southwest Florida's Marco Island in 1979 after working in Indiana and Chicago.

She later moved to Pelican Bay, near the performing arts hall that was the culmination of her vision for a permanent home for the Naples/Marco Island Philharmonic.

She has since moved twice, each time giving up some of the art from her collection. "I'd rather see a kid go to college than buy another piece of art," she said.

Staying active is a core belief. "I don't think people should retire. You have to use your mind to live," she said.

Having obtained everything she wants, Daniels now works on a volunteer basis. "There's nothing I want for myself. I just want to be useful." It's a lesson she learned from her grandparents, immigrants from Romania.

"They taught me when you give, you



Myra Daniels, 91, is the founder of the Naples Philharmonic (now Artis-Naples) in Naples, Fla. "I wake up each day with something on my plate," she says.

get back so much more."

Giving back is part of being an American, Daniels believes. "I've been blessed. Most of all I've tried to be a good citizen."

She has advice for people looking to emulate her success. "Analyze yourself like you would a product or a plan. What are your strengths?"

And she has no plans to slow down. And to be in charge for the duration.

Myra Janco Daniels

Location: Naples, Florida

Age: 91

Profession: Advertising executive, creative consultant

Mission: To do the most good I can with what I have

Q&A: MYRA DANIELS

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means the opportunity to help build our country, the opportunity to help others. It means the opportunity to work the way I want to work. It's a freedom. The freedom of America is very important to me. My grandparents immigrated from Romania. They came and they succeeded in America in every way. They learned the language. They worked. They gave as much as they got.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

Knowing how many children are on the streets in Naples after school. There are 10,000. They're latchkey kids. Their parents work. Knowing how much trouble they can get into. We have to support them. I think we'll take some of them off the street. We won't have all of them, but we'll have several handfolds. Some of these kids never get encouragement. You have to encourage kids. We're going to encourage them in the arts. We're going to encourage them in the classroom.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What concerns me is we have never had so much confusion coming out of Washington. I have hope, incidentally. I think we need to stand behind those we have elected until we see where they are going. We have to pull together as a country. We are the best country in the world, in my experience, but we have some flaws we need to fix.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I just hope I can add something to the community. I hope I can make it a better community, a happier community, a brighter community. When you look at these kids, you have the chance to mold minds. I have a lot of help, by the way. There are a lot of dedicated volunteers working on this.

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'GANDHI'S GIFT' premieres at Livonia library

The new documentary "GANDHI'S GIFT" will have its Michigan premiere at the Livonia Civic Center Library at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8. The Citizens for Peace will welcome writer/director Cynthia Lukas to share her inspiring four-year film making journey that she and co-pro-

ducer Kell Kearns traveled. She will highlight what it was like walking in the Mahatma's footsteps in India, South Africa and London, and 33 important sites in



Lukas

Gandhi's life. The film includes rare archival photographs and footage, with commentary by historians and those who knew him. The film highlights Gandhi's message of nonviolence, interfaith harmony and sustainability.

There will be refreshments and browsing

tables of peace organizations in the library atrium beginning at 1 p.m. A display of children's peace art from around the world with the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" will be available for viewing.

This event is co-sponsored by The Alliance to Halt Fermi 3, IHM Sis-

ters Peace Justice and Sustainability, League of Women Voters Northwest Wayne County, Michigan Coalition of Human Rights, Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, Pax Christi Michigan, Peace Action of Michigan, Veterans for Peace Chapter 74, Wayne State University

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The Citizens for Peace group invites everyone to attend this free event. For more information, go to www.citizens4peace.com.

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Town Hall speaker shares Manhattan Project stories

David Veselenak
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For many of the workers at the government facility at Oak Ridge, Tenn., during World War II, they had no idea what they were working on.

It wasn't until President Harry Truman got onto the radio after the atomic bomb had dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, that he credited the work of the bomb of those living in the settlement outside of Knoxville.

"Everybody was flabbergasted," said Denise Kiernan, an author who wrote "The Girls of Atomic City." "Now they find out they were actually part of it. They had sort of gotten used to not knowing what was going on. So suddenly, this very secret city all of a sudden had a bunch of media people show up."

Kiernan spoke Wednesday morning at the final Livonia Town Hall event of the season at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman. Kiernan discussed her book and the many interviews and talks with



Author Denise Kiernan speaks about her book "The Girls of Atomic City."

residents of Oak Ridge, a settlement created by the government that was a production site for the Manhattan Project.

She said it was not uncommon for people, especially women, to get offered positions at the newly-created area with very little details. Many came and worked in Oak Ridge without asking a lot of questions over what was taking place else-

where in the community.

Kiernan told the stories of several women she interviewed years ago who worked in Oak Ridge during the war and opted to remain in the city. She told the story of one woman named Katie, a black woman who moved with her husband to Oak Ridge from Alabama and faced much different challenges than her white co-workers.

Those challenges included being separated from their spouses in the camp, among others.

That sparked several letters being sent to officials, including the president, detailing the unfair treatment received.

"A lot of them were not told they were not going to be able to live with their spouses when they arrived in Oak Ridge," Kiernan said.



Pat Hutchison listens to Denise Kiernan's talk at the last Livonia Town Hall of the season.

"They were only allowed to visit at certain times of day.

"It was very disturbing."

Carolyn McIntyre said she had read "The Girls of Atomic City" several years ago as a part of her book club. She said it was a fascinating look inside of the women who helped with this huge effort to build the atomic bomb.

"There was a lot about the original creation. It was a field; there was nothing there when the first few women got there," said McIntyre, a Howell resident. "The

mud was everywhere."

After the war ended, Kiernan said there were plenty of workers who opted to stay in the town and made it their permanent residence.

"Some of the houses you will see in some of the pictures ... a lot of the houses are still there," she said. "There's still a lot of people there, fewer and fewer every year, who lived and worked there in WWII."

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ABLE program a good fit for special-needs grandson

This past Sunday, March 12, a column titled "Communication important in these divisive times" was inadvertently published in the printed newspapers and on hometownlife.com using my byline and photo. It was not my column. The column was the work of another author with the same last name and the Observer & Eccentric mistakenly attributed it to me. I just wanted to clarify that it was not my column or opinions and I am sorry about the confusion.

— Rick Bloom



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

to me. My question to you: Is there a program where I can invest money for my grandson and not have it affect his benefits or was it something that was proposed and it never went into effect?

A: First, you are smarter than finances than you give yourself credit for. I agree with you that, in this situation, an annuity makes no sense. In addition, you are correct that there is a program that allows you to invest money and, at the same time, preserves the government assistance program. The program you're referring to is known as ABE (Achieving a Better Life Experience).

ABLE programs are very similar to 529 plans, which are used to save for a child's college education. The ABE plan, also known as a 529(a) plan, allows you to invest money for a disabled individual. Just like in a 529 plan, all the income grows on a tax-deferred basis. When money is withdrawn, the with-

drawals are also tax-free if the money is used for a qualified purpose — basically, anything that would enhance the life of the disabled person. In other words, any expense that helps you improve or maintain health, independence or quality of life. Qualified expenses would include things such as education, housing, transportation, technology and personal assistance, as well as employment training and support. There is one caveat in opening these accounts and that is the person must have been disabled before the age of 26.

Unlike a 529 plan for college, where people can have unlimited plans, a disabled individual can only have one account, even though more than one person can contribute to the fund. The total contributions for the year are the annual gift tax exclusion, which is currently \$14,000. Just like in a 529 plan for college, the ABE plan contributions are invested in set portfolios which you select.

ABLE plans are established by the state and right now there are only about 18 states that have the program. Lucky for us, the state of Michigan

does have a plan. The Michigan plan is managed by Prudential and contains Vanguard and DFA funds. The plan does include certain costs, but they are very reasonable. To find out more information about the Michigan plan, go to www.miable.org.

For those with special-needs children, an ABE account is something you should consider. The money in the ABE account can be accessed at any time and can be used to enhance the life of a special-needs child without impacting most of their benefits. These plans are relatively new and the plans do differ from state to state. You're not limited to the Michigan plan but, by using the Michigan plan, Michigan residents who file a single return can deduct \$5,000 in contributions per year and joint filers can deduct \$10,000. Don't forget, like all investments, it pays to shop around to ensure you're getting the plan that fits your individual needs.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Q: I have a 5-year-old grandson with special needs. He has been diagnosed with a variety of issues and will need assistance for the rest of his life. He currently receives assistance from both the state and federal governments. I remember reading somewhere that there is a program where I can invest money for my grandson and that it wouldn't affect his benefits. I asked my financial person about this and he told me he was unaware of any program like that, but he recommended an annuity. I am not very good with finances, but when he explained to me how the annuity works, it made no sense



"Penniman House" pencil by Ronald J. Warunek.



"Sunny Daze" by Gwendolyn Roth.

Three Cities hosts 18 artists at annual exhibit

Three Cities Art Club will presents its fifth annual art exhibition featuring 18 artists who showcase more than 75 original works of art in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, ceramic, reverse painting on glass and photography. The exhibit is at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Attendees will have the chance to vote for their three favorite works of art that will enter them in a drawing for a chance to win one of four limited edition porcelain dolls, each in original packaging.

In addition to being able to purchase the works on display, there will be note cards, refrigerator magnets, matted and framed prints of the artist's work and more available for purchase. Enjoy refreshments during the exhibition. Exhibit hours are Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

To learn more about this free event or Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or marilynmeredith@wowway.com.

The club website is www.threecitiesartclub.org

Franklin grad completes basic training



Madden

U.S. Air Force Airman Kyle D. Madden graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive eight-week program that included training in military discipline and

studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Madden is the son of Jill and Terry Madden of Westland, brother of Amanda Madden of Garden City and nephew of Judith and Michael Flynn of Canton.

He graduated in 2013 from Franklin High School in Livonia.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

The following are programs offered at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2490 or email mhainsworth@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

Science Spectacles Presents: The Truth About Global Warming: WDIV Channel 4 meteorologist Paul Gross will discuss global warming,

offering causes for this debilitating condition and ways each of us can help the planet; 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21.

Tips to Avoid Running Out of Money in Retirement: Join attorney CPA and finance



Gross

columnist Rick Bloom from Bloom Asset Management as he presents this valuable seminar; 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 22.

Introduction to Hammered Dulcimer: Join members of the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society for a half-hour performance followed by a brief Q&A session. The second part of the program will teach pre-registered

participants how to hold the hammers and navigate the instrument while trying to play; 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 28.

Free Babysitting Class: For ages 11 and up. Learn how to entertain kids, how much to charge, first aid and how to keep kids safe. A certificate is given at the end of class. Registration is required. The event is 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

Livonia Archery Range opens for the season April 1

The Livonia Archery Range will open for the season at 10 a.m. April 1. The range, located on Glendale east of Farmington between Plymouth and Interstate 96, offers several target

lanes and one lane specifically for shooting broad heads to tune-in hunting bows.

The range is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays from April through October, and

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays from May through October.

An adult must accompany all children ages 10 and under. Daily fees for adults are \$4 for Livonia residents and \$6 for non-

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

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GRIEGER

AMY LOIS (SCOTT) died on November 30, 2016 at home in Novi, Michigan after a long illness. She was born on December 12, 1923 to Norman D. and Myrtle (Jobse) Scott in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Amy was preceded in death by Allen Grieger, her husband of 62 years; her three brothers and their wives, and her sons Richard and John. She is survived by her three daughters, Susan, Nancy, and Janet. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and great-great-granddaughter, Maisey, born a week after Amy's death to her namesake. A private family service is planned at her interment in June. Donations in her memory may be made to Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 or to a charity of your choice.



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PREP FOOTBALL

Anderson takes the coaching reins at CC

Defensive coordinator to succeed Tom Mach as Shamrocks head football coach

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Dan Anderson just recently celebrated his 48th birthday. Thursday morning, he got the ultimate present. After a month-long search, Novi Detroit Catholic Central High announced Thursday that 10-year defensive coordinator will succeed Tom

Mach as its varsity football head coach. Anderson was introduced as the Shamrocks new coach prior to the start of classes at the Robert Santello Gymnasium before current players, administrators and staff. Anderson succeeds the 69-year-old

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DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Defensive coordinator Dan Anderson succeeds Tom Mach as Catholic Central's varsity football coach.

PREP FOOTBALL

Trojans' new coach Irish comes full-circle

Clarenceville brings back coach for second stint with team

Brad Emons
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Ryan Irish has come full-circle after being named Livonia Clarenceville's new varsity football coach for the second time.

The 47-year-old Irish replaces Ken Fry, who stepped down recently after six seasons, citing increased family obligations.

Clarenceville athletic director Kevin Murphy interviewed three candidates for the vacant position before choosing Irish, who previously served as the Trojans head coach for five seasons (2005-09) and posted an overall record of 24-23, including a 9-2 record in 2008 while reaching the second round of the Division 5 state playoffs.



Irish

For the past three seasons (2014-16), Irish was the special teams coordinator and defensive line coach under Tony Patritto at Rochester Adams as the Highlanders went 15-13 during his stint as an assistant, finishing 6-4 in 2016 and reaching the Division 1 playoffs.

Irish, who teaches at Clarenceville, also served as the head coach for three seasons at Royal Oak (2011-13) going 6-21 overall, which included one season in the Oakland Activities Association Red Division and two in the OAA Blue.

"He had the most experience, eight years being a head coach, and it was pretty obvious to bring him back," Murphy said. "He's in the building and does our after-school weight program already and he's great for kids. He's good for football and he works hard at it and he's very passionate. It was a pretty easy choice when you get all those things."

In 2010, Irish resigned as Clarenceville's head coach to accept the job at Waterford Mott, but stepped down shortly after following a falling out with the school's administration.

"Ken came in and did a great job," Irish said. "I've absolutely loved Clarenceville from day one, not only from what they gave me, but also what they gave me was a lot of support that they've always shown me from the time my daughter was sick to even now. I certainly feel that it's a place I can call my own. And I felt with Ken stepping

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY



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Farmington's Megan Keller (right) and teammates reportedly will boycott the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship unless there is progress in contract talks with USA Hockey.

BOYCOTT WON'T ICE TOURNEY

Without fairer pay, U.S. women's national team players set to stay away from Plymouth event

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With about two weeks left before the United States faces Canada in the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship, nobody knows which athletes will don the red, white and blue at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Unless there is a thaw in icy negotiations between USA Hockey and players on the U.S. Women's National Team — including defenseman and Farmington native Megan Keller — the squad that plays in the March 31 contest and in at least two subsequent games will be composed of the next best 23 players.

"We will field a competitive and fun team to watch," Dave Fischer, senior director of communications for USA Hockey in Colorado Springs (Col.) said during a Wednesday afternoon telephone call. "The great news for USA Hockey is that we have a

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Because of an apparent boycott ahead of the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship in Plymouth, these players — shown congratulating each other during a December tournament — probably won't be anywhere near USA Hockey Arena between March 31 and April 7.

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PREP SPOTLIGHT



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Matt Malcolm proudly wears the same No. 33 his mom wore as a women's basketball player at Notre Dame. But he is carving out his own legacy at Plymouth Christian Academy.

FAMILY TREY

Basketball, faith and family all go together for Plymouth Christian's Matt Malcolm

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Matt Malcolm enjoys launching the basketball from well behind the 3-point arc when playing for Plymouth Christian Academy.

"I like deep threes, for sure," said the 16-year-old junior wing guard for the Eagles, who recently won a Class D district for the first time since 2010.

That's no surprise to anybody who knows the Malcolms, considering mom Annie (Schwartz) played Division I basketball for Notre Dame in the 1980s and played driveway basketball games with Matt and his older sisters Kristin and Jen.

Matt laughed about playing driveway hoops against her mom, dad (Greg) and siblings.

"Growing up, she'd always beat me in Around the World, P-I-G, whatever we played in the driveway," Malcolm said with a laugh.

These days, maybe he'd let shots fly from the lawn — or the street.

"I don't play him anymore because he's too good now," Annie Malcolm said. "But it's true that I used to beat him regularly in shooting contests when he was younger. When he was really young, I would sometimes let him win, but as he got older, he insisted that I try my hardest, so I did."

But basketball and family always have gone together like a hand in glove for the Malcolms — exceeded only by their faith, of course.

"My relationship with God is very important to me," Malcolm said. "And being in this Christian environment, where we obviously go to chapel and have Bible classes, is really important."

"Shapes me to be the person I am and in athletics. All my coaches have been wonderful and my teammates, I couldn't ask for any better."

Bracket fun

Matt Malcolm couldn't ask for a better family, either, especially one that puts a premium on basketball.

The March Madness college basketball tournament, for example, is as good an excuse as any for the family to hang out and watch hoops.

"I've been making brackets since I was probably 5, which is kind of funny," Malcolm said. "Always have a clipboard of all our brackets, very competitive."

Annie Malcolm said all but Kristin are at their Plymouth home this time around to watch the games and win bracket bragging rights.

"For the second year in a row, the opening weekend of the NCAA tourney coincides with Jen's spring break from college," Annie said. "So four out of five of us Malcolms will get to watch the first round of games together."

Is it a family expectation to root for Notre Dame, considering Annie's status as an alum?

"I don't know," Matt said with a shake of his head. "I like Kansas and Baylor."

Double threes

And then there is the rather cool fact that his mom is his basketball "idol."

As numerical proof, the youngest Malcolm's uniform is affixed with No. 33 on the front and back.

He asked for that number because it was the one 6-3 forward Annie Schwartz wore between 1986-90 with the Fighting Irish — fresh off an all-state high school career in basketball and volleyball at



MALCOLM FAMILY PHOTO
Family, faith and basketball are the spokes in the Malcolm family wheel. From left are Kristin, Jennifer, Matt, Greg and Annie Malcolm, pictured last summer on vacation in Harbor Springs.

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (where she met Greg Malcolm).

"The family was always fans of (Boston Celtics legend) Larry Bird, but I think that was just a coincidence," Matt said, about how he came to wear No. 33. "Freshman year (at PCA) is when I started wearing it. She liked it. When I brought (the uniform) home, she brought her jersey out, too, and we put them side by side."

"Basketball's a huge focus for the family and, besides God, I'd say it's one of our highest priorities."

That's sure to earn some points around the Malcolm household, especially with Annie (who is a game-day regular at PCA, working the scorer's table).

"When our kids were little, they observed our passion for the game and wanted to be a part of that," Annie said. "As they got older, they developed their own love, for not only playing, but watching it as well."

The sport perhaps was a consideration in the late 1990s, when the Malcolms looked for a Christian school to enroll young Kristin and Jennifer (ages 5 and 3 at the time) into.

"I checked out about six or seven different schools and the family joke is that I chose Plymouth Christian Academy because it was the only one that had a full-size gym with a wood floor," Annie Malcolm said. "We enrolled the



MALCOLM FAMILY PHOTO

Annie (Schwartz) Malcolm's late 1980s basketball jersey from her playing days at Notre Dame (left) and Matt Malcolm's Plymouth Christian jersey have something in common.

girls in the fall of 1999 and the rest, as they say, is history.

"We love the school and have been hugely blessed by having all three of our kids attend there."

Nod to genetics

When Matt was in middle school, his older sisters were tearing up the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, in both volleyball and basketball. His mom also was coach of the PCA middle

school boys basketball team, too.

Looking back at his middle school days, having his mom as coach could have been an awkward situation. But it couldn't have turned out better.

"She used to coach when I was in middle school and she'd take some shots and stuff," Matt said. "I think they (teammates) realized she was a good shooter and they also (heard) she went to Notre Dame on a full-ride. That's a D-I school."

The Malcolm kids obviously inherited good, athletic and competitive genes from both parents. Greg was a basketball player and ran cross country and track at Gabriel Richard.

"I get my athleticism from my dad and my shot from my mom," Matt said with a grin.

Kristin, who graduated in 2012 from PCA, was an all-conference basketball player in ninth grade. But she gave the sport up for the rest of her prep career to focus on volleyball.

That was the right choice, as she was first team all-state her junior and senior years before going to Hillsdale College on a combined volleyball and academic scholarship. She also was a National Merit Scholar.

Next in line was Jennifer, a four-year performer in both sports and a key member of three regional championship teams (two in volleyball, one in basketball).

"The highlight of both of their careers was making it to the state finals in volleyball in 2010, which was the first time a PCA team sport had ever advanced beyond the regional finals," Annie said. "Matt was in fifth grade that year and I'll never forget how excited and proud he was of his big sisters."

Gym dandy

Plymouth Christian has been nothing but a positive for Matt, where his own basketball career has flourished.

This season, which ended Wednesday in a Class D regional final loss at Lansing Christian, was a launching pad for the 6-4 Malcolm and PCA.

Despite being sidelined five games with injuries to each ankle, he was a scoring threat for PCA head coach, athletic director and family friend Matt Windle.

"I think he's 90 points away from hitting 1,000," Windle said. "He had a 38-point game (earlier this season) against Lansing Christian, he's had at least five other games with 20 or more points this year. He fills it up for us when he needs to."

Windle also describes Malcolm as a "gym rat," who possesses enviable traits of strong work ethic and leadership.

"He's had a couple ankle injuries, but he likes getting his work in," Windle said. "That's the mentality and culture we want to start building here, going to work and doing what you have to do for the team. He's doing what he has to do."

Malcolm said he loves going to PCA and being part of a successful basketball team is nothing but bonus points. "It's all been fun," he said. "These have been my friends, playing with them since fifth grade."

"For us to be playing in high school and meshing and doing some big things together, that's really been the highlight of my year."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Detroit Country Day returns to final four

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Detroit Country Day is headed to the final four of the girls basketball Class B state tournament for the third consecutive year.

The Yellowjackets earned that distinction by topping Mumford, 58-49, in the state quarterfinal Tuesday at Marysville High School. Country Day (24-1) was to play defending Class B state champion Marhsall (23-2) in a semifinal game Friday at the Breslin Center on the Michigan State University campus (after this paper went to press).

"I enjoy the fact that we battled tonight and worked our way back to Breslin," veteran DCD head coach Frank Orlando said. "We're going to have our hands full with Marshall, but it's a great opportunity for our program and a great thing for our kids to be playing in the semifinals."

Country Day was tested by a pesky Mumford squad that refused to go away.

The Yellowjackets held a seemingly comfortable 36-20 halftime lead. However, the Mustangs showed up strong in the second half.

DCD was outscored in the third quarter and led by just 12 heading into the final eight minutes. Mumford got to within seven points on a couple of occasions against the Yellowjackets, whose star player and Miss Basketball candidate Destiny Pitts fouled out.

Country Day managed to control the game and remained alive in the tournament with the hard-earned nine-point victory. It was the first time in five tournament games that DCD was held to less than a double-digit victory.

"It was a tough game for us," said Orlando, whose team advanced to the quarterfinal round of the state tournament for the 20th straight season. "We were cruising through the first half

and then the game kind of evened out. Destiny fouled out and I got a technical. Mumford played hard against us today."

Kaela Webb led Country Day's offense with a game-high 20 points. Pitts, a senior guard, finished with 14.

Mumford's leading scorers were Donette Colbert (15) and Shardaye Yarborough (10).

Country Day lost in the tournament's semifinal round last year to Grand Rapids South Christian. Two years ago, DCD captured the Class B state title with a tough 49-41 triumph over Haslett.

Friday's other Class B semifinal featured a pair of undefeated teams, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep (26-0), last year's Class C state champion, played Free-land (26-0).

The semifinal winners played Saturday for the state championship.



FILE PHOTO

Veteran head coach Frank Orlando guided Detroit Country Day to the girls basketball Class B state semifinals for the third straight season.

COLLEGE BOWLING

Ocelots teams come up big on national stage

Gury is national champion,
Jackson earns first team
All-America honors

The Schoolcraft College men's and women's bowling teams made their way March 24 to the NJCAA National Bowling Tournament in Buffalo, N.Y., and, similar to previous tournaments during the season, did not leave town empty-handed.

The Ocelots came away with a men's individual national champion (Matt Gury) and a women's first team All-American (Kayla Jackson).

As a team, the Lady Ocelots finished the two-day tournament fifth in the 16-team field, while the men came in sixth place out of 18 teams. The women finished with an overall pin count of 10,768, holding off Hudson Valley CC from Troy, N.Y., by 250 pins to be in the top five. The men scored an 11,960 total, just nine pins shy of fifth-place Mohawk Valley CC, located in Utica, N.Y.

"We fought hard. It was definitely a marathon, not a sprint," head coach Patrick Yelsik said of the tournament format, which combined 21 total games over a two-day period. "There were some very, very good teams there, but we showed that we were one of them."

Gury, a freshman, stole the show in the singles competition, rolling a 650 three-game series to take home the national title. Gury was 32 pins clear of the second-place finisher, who was from Erie Community College and was bowling at his home lanes.

"I didn't score as well as I wanted in the competition prior to the singles event," Gury said. "So I stopped analyz-



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Schoolcraft College's men's and women's bowling teams had plenty of success in 2016-17.

ing every shot and over-thinking it and, basically, just went out there and just had fun."

The bright lights of the national tournament didn't stop Jackson from what she has been doing all season long, which is knocking pins down at an eye-popping clip. The freshman from Flat Rock spun a 2,205 pinfall over the 12 games of the individual portion of the tournament, a 183.8 per-game average, which was good for third place overall and a spot on the All-America first team.

"Because I knew we were going to bowl a lot of games, it helped take the pressure off because I knew if I struggled a game or two, there was enough games to make up for it, so I was able to really relax," Jackson said. "Strikes

are flashy and that's what everybody wants, but in a lengthy tournament like this, spares are what keep you in the running."

Both Ocelots teams finish the season with six first-place finishes in eight tournaments entered, including a conference and regional championship for each to go along with their fifth- and sixth-place national finish, respectively.

"We're at a place with our program where we're not content just going and being a part of tournaments like these, we want to compete and perform well," Yelsik said. "We accomplished a lot this year and took a big step forward. All the credit goes to the kids, it shows that hard work pays off. I'm extremely proud of them all."



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Kayla Jackson (left) and Matt Gury enjoyed award-winning performances at the NJCAA National Bowling Tournament in Buffalo, N.Y.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cioroch takes over for Bechtel at Farmington High

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

Kory Cioroch loves his job both inside and outside Farmington High School - and both positions have at least one thing in common.

"As a special education teacher, you have to have patience," Cioroch says. "I love my teaching job. It was a calling for me to go into special education teaching and it's very rewarding every day."

Cioroch, just 27, takes over the Farmington football head coaching position from John Bechtel, who resigned following last season at the age of 60 after a 19-year career and 94-93 record. The Falcons were young last season and the team's 2-7 record was reflective of the lack of experience.

The Falcons will be young again this upcoming season and "patience" will be a common theme as Cioroch tries to rebuild a program Bechtel helped build into one with a lot of success over the past two decades.

"Patience certainly translates to the football field, especially with a young team," said Cioroch, who is excited about the challenge ahead.

A 2007 graduate of Berkley High School, Cioroch played linebacker for longtime coach Jim MacDougall, a member of the Michigan High School



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Kory Cioroch was named Farmington's football head coach, succeeding John Bechtel, who resigned following last season.

Football Association Coaches Hall of Fame. He then went to Western Michigan University where he earned a teaching degree in special education before landing a teaching job in the Farmington Public Schools district.

This coming season will be Cioroch's sixth with the Farmington football program. He started out as an assistant in the lower ranks before being named the head coach of the junior varsity. In

2015, he was the offensive and defensive line coach for the varsity team and was Bechtel's defensive coordinator last year on varsity.

A lasting impression

Bechtel didn't just leave behind a roster with plenty of young talent, he also left a lasting impression on his replacement.

"John Bechtel was like a father to me," Cioroch said. "He was one of the most knowledgeable football coaches in the area and will be very difficult to replace. I will miss coaching with him and just hope to live up to his standards."

For the first time since 2014, the Falcons will play in the Oakland Activities Association Blue Division. Cioroch doesn't see going from the White Division to the Blue as a demotion, but more of a different and even fairer challenge.

"It's not a positive or a negative," he said. "Our turnout hasn't been as high as it has been in the past. Our enrollment is more similar to other teams in the Blue Division. We were playing teams in the White that had a lot higher enrollment than us and now it's closer to our size, both in player turnout and enrollment. But we will play whomever is on the schedule."

In 2014, the Falcons went 7-0 in the

Blue Division before falling in a pre-district game to Oak Park. Their success pushed them up to the White Division in 2015, when they went 4-3 in division games and again lost in a pre-district game, this time to Livonia Franklin.

The Falcons' second year in the White Division last season didn't go as well. After an impressive 41-14 win over Walled Lake Western in the season opener, the Falcons lost five in a row before beating North Farmington. They lost their last two games to finish 2-7.

Farmington will open the 2017 season with Berkley, Cioroch's alma mater. The Bears have made the playoffs three straight years, including last season, when they went 6-4.

Cioroch doesn't plan any major scheme changes on either side of the ball.

"Defensively, we will look similar to what we ran last year," he said. "The defense here has been pretty successful over the years. We will still run John's 4-4 defense. On offense, we might try and spread it out a little bit, if we can."

Last year's defense struggled, allowing 38.5 points per game, including 56 points to West Bloomfield, 46 to Birmingham Groves, 42 to Oak Park, 41 to Walled Lake Western and 40 to Farmington Harrison.

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down that I was the right guy for the job, just because I know every kid. Not only that, but I feel I can make a positive presence and make that exchange within the high school. There were a lot of staff members coming to me saying, 'Hey, Irish, you got to make sure that we get the right guy to be able to fill this position.' So when my colleagues are telling me to do it, I just felt it was the right thing to do."

Fry posted a 27-32 record in six

seasons (2011-16), making the playoffs twice, highlighted by a 12-1 season in 2013 as the Trojans made a run to the Division 5 state semifinals. The Trojans also went undefeated in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division that season.

"My personal life kind of caught up and I just couldn't do it justice," Fry said. "Ryan is there. He knows everybody. He knows the routine. I'll miss the kids, that, and the competition. It was always fun to play the game itself and being around the kids."

Fry, who teaches special education at Clarenceville, coached previously as an assistant at his alma mater Livonia Franklin and at Northville as

well.

"Ken is a great man," Murphy said. "He was great for kids and accomplished some great things going 12-1 that year. He put Clarenceville football back on the map after having a little bit of a lull for a while. I wish him the best of luck."

The Trojans finished 3-6 in Fry's final season, including a 1-4 mark in the WWAC Red. Clarenceville has the lowest enrollment (569 students) in the 12-member WWAC.

"We're the small fish in the big pond in that Western Wayne Athletic Conference," Irish said. "We've got an uphill battle to go. By doing that, we've got to get back to winning foot-

ball games. Now that's easier said than done. But how we go about doing that, I think, that it really starts in the hallway and it starts in the classroom. The second time around, as a young guy when I was first running it, I feel I was a little out of balance of trying to win, win, win ... but we've got to win the day first. We've got to win in class and we've got to win in the community. We've got to start winning on those things first before we can take it to the football field. If we can do that, then we can win on the football field."

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Mach, who retired in early February after 41 seasons. Mach ranked third among all Michigan High School Athletic Association coaches in wins with 370, including 10 state championships.

Mach's win total ranks behind only Birmingham Brother Rice's Al Fracassa and Farmington Hills Harrison's John Herrington. In Mach's final season, CC went 13-1 and reached the Division 1 state finals before losing to Detroit Cass Tech.

"I'm overjoyed, excited, can't wait to get started," Anderson said. "My head is spinning right now and it has been since yesterday, when they told that I got the job. Just a lot of happiness right now."

Catholic Central's search committee, spearheaded by athletic director Aaron Babicz, interviewed a host of candidates. Anderson proved to be its No. 1 choice.

"I wanted to make sure that they understood the tradition that Tom Mach had created was going to continue," Anderson said. "There's going to be changes, obviously, because the program eventually needs to kind of reflect my attitudes and that sort of stuff. At the same time, you never replace a legend. You try and carry on the traditions that they started and I

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DAN ANDERSON
new Catholic Central football coach

think that's what I tried to convey to them, that I wanted to carry on the traditions that Tom started, the family atmosphere that we have here, the brotherhood that we have here. And a lot of that Tom promoted and I wanted to make sure that they knew that was going to continue."

Anderson said he plans to tweak a few things as CC football enters a new era.

"I don't see the defense changing a whole lot," Anderson said. "I'm an option guy. When I was an offensive coordinator, I was option guy. I like the flex bone and that sort of stuff. There's a lot of stuff we have to look at, though, as far as personnel and what we can and cannot do."

Anderson was born in Pontiac and lived in Michigan for eight years before moving to Dayton, Ohio, where he attended Kettering Archbishop Alter High School.

The former University of Pittsburgh offensive guard (1987-92), who played under Mike Gottfried and Paul Hackett, got his coaching start at Penn

Hills (Pa.), where he spent one season before going to Pomfret (Md.) McDonough High, where he served four seasons before returning to his alma mater as an assistant at Archbishop Alter.

Full-circle

Anderson was the head coach for three seasons at Alter, where he was named Greater Catholic League Head Coach of the Year in 1996.

"I felt like I came full-circle getting the job at my old high school," Anderson said. "Through a transfer, I got moved up to Michigan and then I applied to 30 different schools and Catholic Central was the first to offer me a job, so I took it and I've been here 18 years now."

He became the Shamrocks defensive coordinator under Mach in 2007 after being involved with the football program starting as a freshman assistant coach.

In 2008, he was recognized by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association as its Assistant Coach of

the Year.

In his 24 years of high school football, Anderson has coached a number of different positions.

"There was an extensive interview process for the position that provided the CC search committee the ability to interact with some great mentors and football minds from around the state, but when it came down to it, coach Anderson's connection to the Catholic Central community clearly set him apart from the rest of the field," Babicz said in the press release. "One of the key factors in the search for a new head coach was the factor of the Basilian charism of goodness, discipline and knowledge developed through authentic relationships between students and staff."

Anderson has taught and coached at CC since 1999, serving a variety of roles at the school, including social studies instructor, dean of students and freshman basketball coach.

"We see the athletics programs as an extension of our classrooms and coach Anderson has been living the CC mission for more than 15 years," Babicz added. "As a teacher and a coach, he will undoubtedly lead our program into the future with nothing but the best intentions for our school, our community and, most importantly, our young men."

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very deep player pool with a lot of talented players that can populate the ice to play on our women's national team."

But Fischer said the goal remains for "the players that we have previously announced be a part of that team and we'll see where it goes."

Fischer said plans are still in place to begin a training camp at Centre Ice Arena in Traverse City beginning March 22 before shifting March 29 to USA Hockey Arena.

It remains to be seen whether players such as Keller will take part or whether participants will be those selected from a "broad player pool" to essentially replace boycotting players.

Option B

"It's certainly not optimal, that's for sure," Fischer said. "But life is filled with many challenges and we will, again, make efforts to get to a good place with the players that we named to the women's national team and have them participate."

"But if that is not the case, for what



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ever reason, then we will make sure we have a team in the world championship."

Progress at the bargaining table reportedly is needed to avoid a player boycott of the long-awaited International Ice Hockey Federation tournament, which will feature teams from eight countries.

In the Detroit Free Press, it was reported Wednesday that players are looking to receive "appropriate compensation" for non-Olympic years.

According to a statement released by a law firm representing the players, USA Hockey only pays players \$1,000 a month during their six-month Olympic residency period and "virtually nothing" the rest of the time.

But Jim Smith, president of USA Hockey, said in a press release Wednesday that USA Hockey's role is to train and select teams for interna-

tional competition and "not to employ athletes and we will not do so. USA Hockey will continue to provide world-leading support for our athletes."

Meanwhile, players on the U.S. women's national team for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games will be supported during a six-month training camp to the tune of "additional support stipends and incentives for medals that could result in each player receiving nearly \$85,000 in cash over the Olympic training and performance period," the press release continued.

Still supportive

"There are differences of opinion in terms of what is an equitable way forward," Fischer said. "Those are what we're in the process of trying to resolve. We don't employ players, we don't pay players. Our role as a national governing body is to provide training and resources and select teams for international competition."

"We make efforts to help athletes, particularly the post-graduate athletes that are out of college, with a training stipend so they have some resources. Again, we support in many, many ways in terms of the best in coaching and strength and conditioning, resources for travel and training. There's much

done and the premise from the current group is that we're not doing enough."

Fischer emphasized that USA Hockey remains a strong supporter of girls and women's hockey.

"We've worked hard over the course of multiple decades in the development and growth of girls and women's hockey," he added. "When women's hockey was first introduced into the Olympics in 1998, we had 28,000 and change in terms of players that are girls and women and today we have more than 73,000."

In addition to the United States, other countries to compete at the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship include Canada, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany and the Czech Republic.

The opening game is Friday, March 31, when the Czech Republic and Switzerland square off at noon.

Preliminary round games involving the United States are slated for 7:30 p.m. March 31 against Canada, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, against Russia; 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, against Finland. Playoffs are set to take place April 4-7.

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Navigating today's job market is a daunting task. With so many apps and websites out there, it can be difficult to know where to turn for help when you're searching for a new position. And choosing the right resource is only half the battle. You must also use it the right way.

Here are a few proven resources to help you land your dream job.

Job boards

Online job boards are a great place to start your job search, says Beth Griffiths, a recruiting expert with Zest Education, a Birmingham, England-based recruitment agency. These sites usually allow you to search for jobs based on your preferences. You can also receive email alerts of new job postings based on those preferences so you never miss an opportunity.

College and alumni associations

One of the most overlooked job seeker resources is your college alumni office, says Carlota Zimmerman, success strategist, Huffington Post contributor and keynote speaker. "The diploma is only



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one reason you went to college," Zimmerman says. "Your alumni association is the true pay off. Most job seekers [don't know] how to put their alumni associations to work for them. Besides the data bank, many alumni associations nowadays offer free résumé and career coaching."

Local alumni events are also a great place to network and make connections, says Robin Sendrow, founder of Job-Sparker, a New York-based career counseling website.

Social media

While it's usually not a good idea to send friend requests to recruiters or potential employers, Facebook and other social media platforms are emerging as a reputable resource for job seekers. Facebook recently announced it is adding a feature that will allow you to apply to a position directly through a company's Facebook page, says Morea Pollet, a marketing specialist at Piedmont Avenue Consulting.

Twitter is also a great resource. Follow companies, job forums and industry leaders and join their conversations. Most companies don't get a lot of engagement from followers, so it's likely that your retweet, favorite or reply will be noticed. It's a great way to get on a company's radar.

Networking

"When it comes to finding a job, community has always been the job seeker's best tool," says Susan Joyce, owner and operator of Job-Hunt.org. "Your connections can provide you with information, introductions and advice that help you land a job. Now, thanks to technology and the internet, job seekers' networks are bigger than ever."

Begin by attending industry-specific engagements so you're meeting people in fields directly related to your areas of interest. A happy hour event offers a relaxed atmosphere that lends itself to the small talk necessary to start building a bigger network.

Networking doesn't always have to be done in person, though. Online professional networking is important too. While it may seem easier than meeting face-to-face, only a small segment of the population uses the online resource correctly, says Sendrow. She suggests using professional

networking platforms to build connections with headhunters, specifically.

"Ask your friends and trusted former colleagues how they found their new job," Sendrow says. "If they worked with a headhunter or recruiter, ask if they can introduce you through LinkedIn. Even if there isn't an opportunity immediately, it will help you get on their list if a good fit comes up in the future."

Career coaches

Professional career coaches can also be useful to help you determine your next career step. "Career coaches will help you figure out the best path for your career and life and how to go about achieving that," says Brittany Gunter, a content marketer and career coach at Faction, Inc. In addition to helping you craft and word-smith your résumé and cover letter, career coaches can help you understand why you want your dream job, Gunter says. This is important because it helps ensure the job you're applying for is the right one for you.

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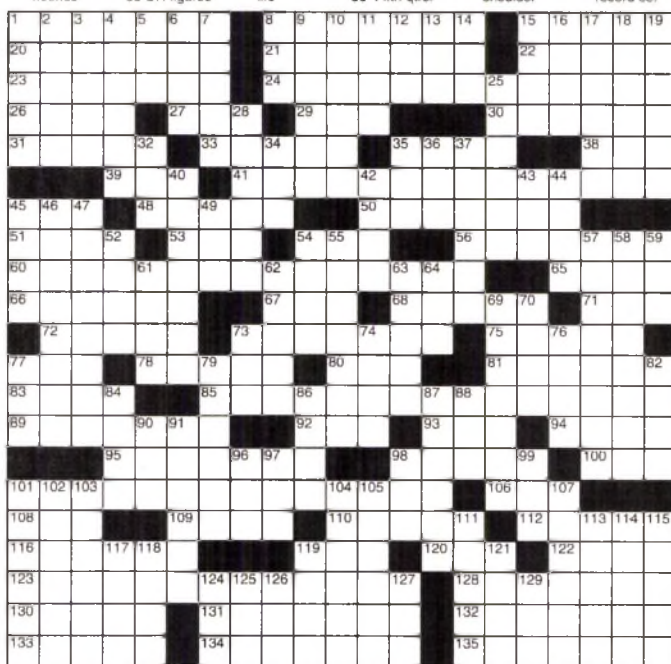
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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Arrange in steps
 - 8 Nova — (Halifax native)
 - 15 Suspect's excuse
 - 20 Sailor lurer near El Paso
 - 21 Texas city
 - 22 Tyke's hauler
 - 23 Totally dumb
 - 24 With 41- and 60-Across, question whose answer is hidden in this puzzle
 - 26 Primateologist
 - 27 Mister
 - 29 Ending for Nepal
 - 30 Dangerous African fly
 - 31 Baseball exec Bud
 - 33 Kind of navel
 - 35 Gallivant
 - 38 Drinking site
 - 39 — Paulo
 - 41 See 24-Across
 - 45 Tanning lotion spec
 - 48 Kind of navel
 - 50 Drooling hounds
 - 51 — Stanley Gardner
 - 53 Grassland
 - 54 Former Saturn SUV
 - 56 Roloids, e.g.
 - 60 See 24-Across
 - 65 Gossipy Barrett
 - 66 Low opera voices
 - 67 Debt slip
 - 68 Trompe — (visual illusion)
 - 71 The Andes, e.g. Abbr.
 - 72 Flamboyant flamenco entertainer
 - 73 Armada ship
 - 75 Heat's city
 - 77 Resistance unit
 - 78 Not active
 - 80 Oerter and Unser
 - 81 Lung-related prefix
 - 83 First step of progress
 - 85 With 101- and 123-Across, how to find the hidden answer
 - 89 Singer Flack
 - 92 Camping gear retailer
 - 93 OR figures
 - 94 Statistician Silver
 - 95 "The Barber of Seville" composer
 - 98 Desert plants
 - 100 The, to Henri
 - 101 See 85-Across
 - 106 Turn — dime
 - 108 Romania's basic currency unit
 - 109 Makes mad
 - 110 Spanish hero of yore
 - 112 Fur king John Jacob —
 - 116 Job follows it
 - 119 With 127-Down, China's —
 - 120 — lac-toe
 - 122 "You bet, amigo!"
 - 123 See 85-Across
 - 128 Detectives
 - 130 Hollywood's Eastwood
 - 131 — Obispo, California
 - 132 National dish of Korea
 - 133 Boundary bushes
 - 134 University life
 - 135 Response to news you already knew about
- DOWN**
- 1 Iris relatives, for short
 - 2 TV's O'Donnell
 - 3 Popular font
 - 4 Comics
 - 5 "Menace"
 - 6 Ring legend
 - 7 Kidie-song letters
 - 8 180 degrees from NNE
 - 9 Joint beneficiary
 - 10 Singer Ric of the Cars
 - 11 Carry along
 - 12 Roth — Petty
 - 13 Upper limb
 - 14 — -TURN
 - 15 Dazzles
 - 16 Pathetic
 - 17 "It's enough to live on"
 - 18 Potted tree
 - 19 Buries
 - 25 Actor Seagal
 - 28 Indonesia's basic currency unit
 - 32 Moo goo — pan
 - 34 — kwon do
 - 35 Sharp rival
 - 36 "Fifth qtrs." shoulder
 - 37 Look on one's face
 - 40 Sole male offspring
 - 42 Cain and —
 - 43 Sitcom cousin
 - 44 Old emperor
 - 45 Vojvodina native
 - 46 Direct a sermon at
 - 47 Seemingly spontaneous public assembly
 - 49 Snare
 - 52 "Frozen" heroine
 - 54 Cello's ancestor
 - 55 Howl in grief
 - 57 Public
 - 58 Private
 - 59 The, to Hans
 - 61 Actress
 - 62 Cow catcher
 - 63 "You win"
 - 64 Sine qua —
 - 69 Paint applied thickly
 - 70 Ding-a- —
 - 73 U. senior's test
 - 74 K-12
 - 76 Time on end
 - 77 Paddle's kin
 - 79 Slate clearer
 - 82 Bulling cnes
 - 84 Road's
 - 86 Wet blanket
 - 87 "Curse!"
 - 88 Kin of Ltd.
 - 90 Get rancid
 - 91 Jeans go-with
 - 96 Social finish?
 - 97 Denials
 - 98 Ozone-depleting compound, for short
 - 99 — bad way
 - 101 1985 Chevy Chase film
 - 102 Fix, as a shoe part
 - 103 Beat at eBay
 - 104 Federation
 - 105 God, in the Hebrew Bible
 - 107 In itself
 - 111 Spine parts
 - 113 Church gift
 - 114 Actor Milo
 - 115 Step part
 - 117 — Kong
 - 118 Kin of -trix
 - 119 Temperate
 - 121 Ad award
 - 124 She-bear, in Spanish
 - 125 Apple buy
 - 126 Viroid stuff
 - 127 See 119-Across
 - 128 Bulling cnes
 - 129 British record co.



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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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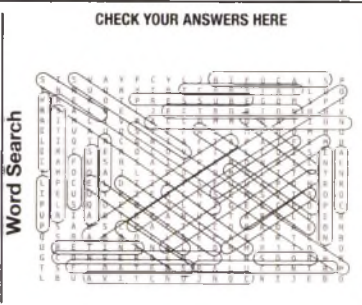
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HONDA PILOT IS WINNING IN THE LARGE-SUV DERBY BECAUSE IT BRINGS THE BRAND'S DISTINCTIVE DNA TO THE SEGMENT



By Dale Buss

I've always had a thing for the Honda Pilot, back to when the first version was introduced 15 years ago. A large, seven-seat SUV was such an un-Honda-like idea, I thought.

But when Pilot first hit the streets, I appreciated it as a very successful execution because it was so Honda-like: understated design, high functionality, great driveability like all of the brand's vehicles – and delivery on its raison d'être of big human and cargo capacity.

Fast forward to today, after a few iterations of Honda Pilot have come along including an all-new version a couple of years ago. Still sharing its platform with the Acura MDX as well as the Odyssey minivan and even the Accord sedan, Pilot remains one of my favorite vehicles in the



Pilot covers a lot of possibilities.

category. And I am not alone. Sales of Pilot in 2017 so far were about 15 percent below year-earlier levels through February, but its largest SUV remains Honda's second-best-seller, in deep second place after the CR-V, a best-seller among utility vehicles. So many mid-size and compact utility vehicle nameplates have become available these days that highly capable and even fuel-efficient larger SUVs like Pilot are suffering a bit. When Honda redesigned Pilot for 2016, the company made a lot of improvements to a platform that was pretty good in the first place. It enhanced exterior styling with more creases and other lines that

further reduced the original boxiness of Pilot and made it a more appealing form. Critics say this softer form is more reminiscent of a minivan than a hulking SUV, but it's an improvement nonetheless. Honda also lengthened and lowered the entire platform to further emphasize the streamlined look.

But Honda focused much of its attention in this third-generation Pilot on the interior. It's more modern than before, and more spacious, and offers much more visibility thanks to the lower beltline and the generous sunroofs. Honda also added extra leg room and head room in the third row, which made it more accommodating for passengers of all sizes. Honda also took maximum practical advantage of all the nooks and crannies in the vehicle with new spaces for personal belongings.

A new 8-inch touchscreen interface brings Pilot up to date in the crucial arena of connectivity and digital controls. There also are softer and improved materials all around and noise reduction via additional acoustic materials.

The addition of the top-of-the-line Elite model of Pilot for the new version was a brilliant stroke, something that helps elevate the



The 2017 Honda Pilot.

entire nameplate.

The Elite version comes loaded with all-wheel drive, leather, navigation, heated and ventilated front seats, heated second-row captain's chairs, two sunroofs, a Blu-ray rear-seat entertainment system with HDMI and RCA inputs, and Honda's full complement of driver-assist features: forward-collision warning with automatic emergency braking, lane-keeping assist, adaptive cruise control, blind-spot monitors and automatic high beams.

All versions of the new Pilot benefit from the fact that Honda improved ride and handling thanks to a stiffer structure made with more high-strength steel and a weight reduction of about 250 pounds. Although the performance isn't worthy of a luxury SUV, it's very reassuringly Honda-like: controlled,

steady, smooth and lending you a clear sense of control of a vehicle that after all is one of the largest mainstream utility vehicles now. There also are new transmissions and 30 extra horsepower to help with the effort.

Every Pilot comes equipped with a 3.5-liter V6 that's good for 280 horsepower and 262 pound-feet of torque. Front-wheel drive is standard, but there's an all-wheel drive optional system that not only sends power front and back but also between left and right wheels for improved handling.

Fuel economy is EPA-estimated at 22 mpg combined, with 19 in the city and an impressive 27 mpg on the highway. Leave it to Honda – whose DNA, after all, is engines – to provide mileage that impressive in a vehicle as large as Pilot is.



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