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Construction near school about to start

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Construction crews will be arriving in the area around Elliott Elementary School this spring.

The \$950,000 project will include installation of a new water main, drainage system improvements, a new concrete street and driveway approaches to individual homes in the project area.

The work will take place on Bennington and Parkwood between Merriman and Berkshire.

"The project will be done in two phases. It's long overdue. It's an area with multiple water main breaks," Westland Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El Gharib said. "This is a 60 or 70 years old subdivision."

Due to poor drainage the roads have been breaking up, he said, putting this project at the top of the city's list of road projects.

The work in this project is scheduled to take place between April 24 and Aug. 29. The existing water main will be left in service until the new

main is ready to go into service. However, El Gharib said residents may experience water service interruption during construction. The contractor will provide 24-hour advance notice via a door hanger to each residence, notifying them when the water will be shut off.

Roads will be accessible to local traffic and emergency vehicles at all times, except during concrete placement when residents won't have access to their driveways for



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The Elliott Elementary project is underway.

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Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress congratulates Elis Sholla. At right, Director of Student Activities Todd Stowell, is also the adviser to the Phi Theteta Kappa honor society. Sholla is president of the Schoolcraft chapter.

Coleman to challenge Wild for Westland mayor

Joined Wednesday by friends, family and supporters outside Westland City Hall, Councilman Kevin Coleman announced that he is running for mayor.

Incumbent Mayor William Wild has already filed to run for re-election. If any additional candidates file to run for mayor, there will be primary run-off during the Aug. 8 primary election to narrow the field to two candidates. If only Coleman and Wild are on the non-partisan ballot, the race will be decided during the Nov. 7 general election.

Coleman, 33, has lived in Westland for more than 20 years. He is completing his last year of a four-year term on city council. He is a Westland Veterans Association committee member, a former Westland Festival committee member and has held fundraisers for Alzheimer's Association and Juvenile Diabetes Research. Coleman said he opted not to run for re-election on council, citing "a need for change and strong leadership to move the city forward."

Westland Councilman Peter Herzberg, Coleman's cousin, who filed for re-election, was also there in support.

Coleman stressed his priorities for the city, including roads, safe neighborhoods and rebuilding the Westland Police Department, which has staffing that is down 26 percent in the last 10 years and is slated for further cuts in staffing.

"I am the get-tough-on-crime candidate in this race," he said. "Westland has been hit with crime unheard of 10 years ago and we have to make police a top priority in the budget again. We absolutely have to and we have to work within our means (and) not raise taxes. High water bills, taxes and cuts to services like the library and curbside leaf pickup haven't helped. Residents have to ask themselves why they're paying more and more for less and less."

Referring to widespread nepotism at city hall, Coleman took aim at double-dipping on pensions and salaries and scandals. "This shows us that they don't care, they're not willing to clean up their act," he said. "Running to replace a



Coleman

SCHOOLCRAFT STUDENT EARNS \$40K SCHOLARSHIP

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Elis Sholla was prepared to walk away from his dream.

After hearing several of his peers that had competed for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship had received word that they had won, the Canton resident and Schoolcraft College student said he was resigned to the fact he wouldn't go to the University of Michigan to earn his bachelor's degree and eventually get into a graduate program for quantum computing. He was ready to move on.

That was, until he came down to the Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center on April 13 for what he thought was a meeting with fellow Phi Theta Kappa members. There, he was greeted by school administrators and a cake with his name on it. He had won the prestigious scholarship and the \$40,000 a year for his education that comes with it.

"I can't believe this," he

said. "This is crazy."

Sholla, a native of Albania who moved to the United States several years ago to pursue opportunities in science education, is the sixth Schoolcraft College student to receive the award, which was given to about 60 students across the country this year. The last Schoolcraft College student to win was Efua Crentsil, who received the scholarship in 2015.

Laurie Kattuah-Snyder, the college's associate dean of advising and partnerships, said Sholla winning the scholarship continues to show the level of high achievement Schoolcraft College is committed to. "It's a wonderful honor, because it just underscores what we've been saying for years: that the academic rigor that we provide our students is worthy of all these Jack Kent Cooke scholars," she said. "We've had these scholars because of who they are, plus our academic rigor."

Sholla said he was ready to



Associate Dean of Advising and Partnership Laurie Kattuah-Snyder reacts to Elis Sholla's comments.

attend a four-year school elsewhere, as he believed he hadn't won. He even told his mother he hadn't won and that he needed to plan a new course for his academic future.

"I had to redesign all my plans because things were not working out that well for me right now," he said. "And this is crazy. I applied at Wayne State (University) and every-

thing. I was going to go. And I had to jeopardize all my dreams, because Wayne State doesn't even offer quantum physics, quantum computers and research in those fields.

"I'm going to have such a good sleep tonight."

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current mayor who's in his 11th year in office, it will take a true grassroots effort to be successful. Residents have

been demanding change and that's why I'm stepping up to run. We have a lot to be proud of as a city, but we must work harder to make sure we're headed in the right direction, keeping tax rates and crime down so that these vacant busi-

nesses and storefronts can get filled back up. It's time for a change."

People who want to volunteer or donate to the campaign can reach Coleman through email at KevinColemanCC@gmail.com or phone at 734-751-6321.

He is also available on Facebook as "Councilman Kevin Coleman." There will be a campaign kickoff that is open to the public 2 p.m. Saturday May 20, at Token Lounge, 28949 Joy Road.

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Bid packages can be obtained at the Wayne Housing Commission, 3355 S. Wayne Rd, Wayne, MI 48184. Telephone number (734)721-8602 and email address klindsay@ci.wayne.mi.us.

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approximately a week. The city is asking residents to park their vehicles on the adjacent streets when access to their house is not possible.

Garbage pickup and mail services will not be affected during this project.

Project stages

Stage 1 of the project, approximately April 24 to June 15, will have Parkwood closed from Merriman through the Bennington intersection. The posted detour is Avondale to Berkshire or Palmer to Westchester.

Stage 2 of the project is expected to be June 15 to Aug. 29. Bennington will be closed from Parkwood to Berkshire. The posted detour will be Westchester to Parkwood or continuing on Parkwood.

Anyone with specific project questions can call Mitch Masters, field project manager, OHM Advisors, at 734-855-9876. For general questions, contact the City of Westland's Department of Public Service at 734-728-1770 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Westland welcomes new police officer



Officer Deandre Plear with Westland Deputy Mayor Michael Reddy.

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On Monday, April 17, the Westland Police Department welcomed a new officer, Deandre Plear, at a swearing-in ceremony. Plear, 24, is a lifelong resident of Westland. He is a graduate of John Glenn High School and served in the Air National Guard Reserves for six years. Plear has served as a Westland police service aide for three years.

Police service aides are part-time employees who are typically college students pursuing careers in law enforcement.

The police service aide position is intended to supplement the back-desk police position and duties include answering non-emergency phone calls, supervising and processing prisoners. This allows for the police department to add two additional police officers to the road daily.

"The aides are trained with the techniques that Westland officers receive and the program allows us to train and evaluate potential new officers," Chief Jeff Jedrusik said.

"We have hired a number of service aids as Westland police officers over the years and they have also been hired by a number of other departments."

"We welcome Officer Plear as a full-fledged member of the Westland Police Department," Mayor William Wild said.

"Plear's three years with Westland PD have given him insight into the way our department works and the high level of professionalism that we expect from our officers."

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Assault at Atwood Park reported

Wayne police were dispatched the evening of April 15 to Atwood Park on Howe, near Annapolis, on the report of an assault that had taken place.

The victims said they were walking to their vehicle when they were approached by two males about borrowing a lighter. One of the victims reached for a lighter from the car and was punched by one suspect. The other male was struck by the other suspect with a skateboard. Both victims then ran away and called police. They said they did not know why they were targeted.

Identity theft reported

A victim who lives in the 2900 block of Tanglewood filed a police report April 10 to report their credit card information had been stolen.

The victim said they attempted to use the credit card while on vacation in Florida, but was told someone had used the card in Indiana to make a \$1,500 purchase, but was denied. Later, the suspect used the victim's info to apply for a new card, which was approved. The suspect then charged \$500 at a jewelry store in Chicago. The victim said they called the credit card company and put a freeze on the account.

Burglary of business

Police were called to a business in the 5600 block of Cogswell on the report of a burglary that happened overnight.

When police arrived, they saw it appeared the suspect had accessed the business by crawling under the gate and entering the warehouse. Several items were taken, including vehicle batteries. The garage door leading to the warehouse was also damaged. An employee said he entered the warehouse that morning and saw damage to the door.

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HOSPITAL STAFF GIVES EASTER TREATS TO YOUNGSTERS



Easter gifts donated by Beaumont Hospital Wayne staff to local children.

Dozens of children in the Wayne/Westland community had a happier Easter, thanks to the staff at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne.

The Employee Advisory Group at the hospital coordinated a drive to collect donations for Easter treats for young people in the community. When it came time to gather them up, staff and

physicians had donated enough toys, treats and other gifts to hand out about 100 Easter gift bags to students in the community.

"When I saw how much everyone had donated, I nearly cried," said Laura Mano, a department secretary in the lab at Beaumont, Wayne who helped coordinate the event.



In the foreground, Sandra Neu, LPN, in the medical-surgical unit at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, and Sandy Wright, manager of Respiratory Therapy at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, put together Easter gift bags to be distributed to students in the community.

The bags contained everything from Easter candy to toys, coloring books, fitness accessories, stuffed animals and more. They were distrib-

uted to Taft-Galloway and Hoover elementary schools last week.

Sandy Wright, manager of Respiratory Therapy at Beaumont,

Wayne who has worked at the hospital for more than 40 years, said the hospital donated 100 gift bags last year, too, and the generosity of physi-

cians and staff was no surprise to her.

"We have a giving staff here at Wayne," she said. "We always have!"

Westland police seek Kroger robbery suspect

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Westland police said they hope residents can help them identify a suspect accused of stealing cash from a Kroger grocery store on Easter.

Police say a suspect entered the Kroger at 200 S. Merriman on Sunday at about 10:50 p.m. and assaulted an employee. The suspect reportedly then grabbed cash out of the employee's register and left the store on foot, leaving the employee with minor injuries.

Store employees believed they saw the sus-



WESTLAND POLICE
Westland police are looking for this man.

pect in the store earlier that day, leading them to believe the suspect may be from a nearby area.

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WOODHAVEN
AT HOME

Westland partners with Livonia YMCA on summer camp

Although it isn't quite summer yet, this is the time of year parents begin to plan for summer child care. Parents in the Westland area have a new option available to make sure their children are both in a safe environment and have their best summer ever. The city of Westland and Livonia Family YMCA have partnered to provide 11 weeks of summer day camp, offering a variety of programs and

activities that stimulate both mind and body. "It's important for children to be active and to continue learning new skills throughout the summer months," said Brian Wolverton, executive director of the Livonia Family YMCA. "Day camp at the Y provides kids with adventure, healthy fun, personal growth and new friendships that can create memory and relationships that last long

past the summer." The week-long themed day camp sessions run from June 19 to Sept. 1, and are open to children ages 5-12. Children must be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2016, to attend. Held at Central City Park, inside the Farmers Market Pavilion, the summer programs will take advantage of the parks many amenities, including playsets and pool, as well as provide fun activ-

ities that develop character and teach new skills. Children will travel up to three times a week to explore the outdoors, participate in field trips and go swimming. "This is the first year that the city of Westland and the Livonia Family YMCA have partnered to offer summer day camp," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We believe this is a great opportunity for families from Westland and the

surrounding areas to provide their children with a great summer experience, in a safe nurturing space. YMCA day camps provide a welcoming environment for kids where they can belong, build friendships, develop character and simply have fun. This is a win-win partnership for both the Y and the city of Westland." "The Y supports all children in the community and helps them dis-

cover their potential," Wolverton said. "For families who cannot afford camp, the YMCA offers financial assistance programs so they can participate as well." To find out more about camp programs or financial assistance, contact Kelly Plocharczyk, youth development manager, at kpllocharczyk@ymcadeloit.org, call 734-261-2161, ext. 216, or go to ymcadetroit.org/livonia/programs/camp.

Dispose of unused, expired pills at Garden City Police Department

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29, the Garden City Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 13th opportunity in seven years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to Garden City Hall parking lot at 6000 Middlebelt Road. The department cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This event will be joined by the bi-annual Community Shred Day

hosted by the city of Garden City. More than 19 million Americans have been the victims of identity-related fraud over the past two years. Bring up to 5 paper grocery bags or cardboard banker's boxes of sensitive paper documents to be disposed of securely. This service is for Garden City residents and businesses to shred at no charge. Cars must be in line by 12:45 p.m.

Volunteers will also be at the Community Shred Day to collect non-perishable food items for the Garden City Our HOME Pantry. Residents are encouraged to bring as many food items as they can spare to help out those residents in need of a

little extra help putting food on their table for their families.

Last October, Americans turned in 366 tons (more than 730,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 12 previous take back events, DEA and its partners have taken in more than 7.1 million pounds — more than 3,500 tons — of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of

prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines — flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash — pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 29 take back day event, go to the DEA Diversion website or call your local drug-free communities coalition (Thrive) at 734-793-1868.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To submit calendar items email Joanne Maliszewski at jmaliszewski@hometownlife.com. Submission deadline for Thursday newspapers is the previous Friday. For the Sunday papers, submit items the prior Wednesday.

Garden City used book sale

Friends of the Garden City Library will host a used book sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 24-25, at the library, 31735 Maplewood Street, Garden City. Children's Books and small paperbacks, 25 cents; large paperbacks, 50 cents; hard cover books, \$1. Bag Day is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. The first paper bag full is \$5; second bag, \$1. For more information, go to www.gardencitylib.org.

Lighthouse Mission hosts yard sale

Lighthouse Home Mission pantry will have a yard sale from April 28 through May 6, at the mission, 34033 Palmer Road. Proceeds to be used to buy food for families and individuals in need. Volunteers needed for set-up from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, and for tear down from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 6. Donations of gently used items of any type will be accepted. Donations may be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day. To volunteer, call 734-334-3104. For more information, go to www.fgtonline.org/lighthouse/

Walk for Autism

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' 10th Annual Autism Walk will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Plymouth High School. The walk will be outside on campus ground. No registration needed. The walk will be held rain or shine. Donations will be accepted and baskets will be raffled. Proceeds will be used for Plymouth-Canton autism programs.

'Barefoot in the Park'

The P-CEP Park Players Theatre Co. will present Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" at 7 p.m. April 21-22, 28-29 and at 2 p.m. April 29 at the Dubois Little Theater in Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road. Tickets are \$10 and are available at tpactbooktix.com or at the door. Credit card purchases are available online only. Tickets purchased at the door must be paid for with cash or check made to The Park Players Theatre Co.

Kindergarten Readiness Night

MacGowan Elementary, 18255 Kinloch, Redford, will host Kindergarten Readiness Night 5:15-7 p.m. April 27. All registered incoming kindergartners and their parents are invited to come to the school, have a pizza dinner and engage in activities intended to prepare them for kindergarten. Parents will receive materials to take home to practice skills with. At 6-7 p.m. April 28, MacGowan Elementary will also host Family Cardio Drumming Night.

Annual stamp show arrives

The West Suburban Stamp Club presents the 48th annual Plymouth Stamp Show from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 29 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Thirty-seven dealers from 11 states and Canada will sell stamps, postcards and other related items. Nineteen exhibitors will place nearly 2,000 pages of rare and intriguing material on exhibit to be judged, with the grand award winner qualifying to participate in the World Series of Philately national exhibition. Admission and parking are free. Seminars for youth and adults interested in learning how to collect and store stamps are offered at no cost. Stamps in Your Closet is an opportunity

to bring items you have inherited for a complimentary evaluation. The United Post Office will be present on Saturday, April 29. The United Nations Postal Administration and Nordic Postal Agents will be present the entire weekend. The West Suburban Stamp Club meets twice each month at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Go to www.thewssc.com, www.plymouthshow.com, email mywssc@msn.com or call 313-533-7737.

EMS education

The Huron Valley Ambulance will host an open house for students, teachers and parents to explore careers in emergency services 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at HVA, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor. Tours will be offered of the education and ambulance centers. To register, email oajackson@emergenthealth.org

Plus-size clothing

The Michigan Bariatric Institute will host an upcoming community plus-size clothing sale in the south lobby of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road. Gently used clothing for both women and men will be on sale, including sizes 40-60 and up to 5XL. The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

Annual jewelry, purse sale

Canton Club 55+'s Annual Jewelry and Purse Sale returns May 2-3 to the Summit on the Park. Area residents are encouraged to stop by and discover new-to-you handbag and trinkets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parkview Room in the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Donations of gently used purses, totes, clutches, wallets and jewelry are being accepted. Drop off these items purged from your closets during spring cleaning at Canton Club 55+ before April 26. All proceeds from this popular sale will go toward supporting future programming at Canton Club 55+. For more information, call the Canton Club 55+ front desk at 734-394-5484 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

Trinity House folk-blues concert

Award-winning songwriter Jon Shain will perform at 8 p.m. May 6 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The songwriter and acoustic picker is touring in support of his latest CD release, "Crow the Dawn," which was recorded with fellow North Carolina songwriter and frequent Prairie Home Companion guest Joe Newberry. Shain will be accompanied by ace upright bass player F.J. Ventre. Expect to hear some serious finger-style guitar-picking and spontaneous riffing.

Divine Mercy celebration

AWAKEN Ministry, a grassroots ministry of lay Catholics from the Archdiocese of Detroit, will offer its first ever Divine Mercy celebration at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia at 7 p.m. April 23. The evening will include the traditional AWAKEN elements of praise and worship, preaching and Eucharistic Adoration coupled with the Divine Mercy components of confession and singing of the Divine Mercy chaplet. The evening is open to all area Catholics. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman roads. For more information, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

Youth arts fair

From 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 28, Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, will host a Youth Arts Fair. The free event will feature art, music, drama and dance. Fair participants must be ages 5-19 and register by April 24 at www.crossroadsnow.org or by calling the church office at 734-338-5149.



Madonna University students play with rescued dogs.

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Madonna students collect, donate pet supplies

Madonna University's Graduate School, Center for Humane Studies and Animal Awareness Student Group hosted a collection for pet supplies April 3-13. Affectionately named PETS (Protect, Enrich, Teach, Save) the donation drive was deemed a huge success. On Thursday, April 13, representatives from three area animal rescue organizations came to Madonna to pick up all of the toys, food, bedding

and treats that had been donated, and they each brought along a rescued dog.

"Madonna was very generous in hosting an event to collect dog and cat supplies," said Carol Snodgrass from Last Day Dog Rescue in Livonia. "We really appreciate everything." Started in 2007, Last Day has rescued 7,000 animals from high-kill shelters. The animals are placed in foster homes while they

anticipate adoption. Learn more at lastdaydogrescue.org

Stephanie Center, a student in Madonna's humane studies master's program, and a representative from Happy Days Dog and Cat Rescue in Livonia, happydaysdogandcatrescue.org/ hopes to be invited back for future events. "This event was wonderful! The students and staff were very generous."

Burglary suspect escapes in high-speed chase

David Veselenak
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Livonia police say they are still on the lookout for a burglary suspect that fled police in a high-speed chase the afternoon of April 15 along Five Mile.

Police say they received a call of a burglary of a garage that took place that day at a residence in the 33100 block of Perth. Police say the suspect walked into the home's garage and grabbed a leaf blower. The homeowner saw the suspect and followed him back to his vehicle, demanding he return the leaf blower. The homeowner walked toward the car and grabbed the keys out of the car being driven by the suspect.

The suspect demanded the keys back, which is when the homeowner threw the keys toward

the street. The suspect dropped the leaf blower and grabbed the keys. A neighbor saw what was taking place and came over, pinning the suspect against the car. The suspect then began jabbing him with the keys in the stomach, though several people in the area told him to let him go since the leaf blower had been recovered. The suspect then got into the vehicle and drove off.

Police later saw the vehicle, a red Mazda with some damaged windows, and pulled it over in the parking lot of O'Malley's Bar and Grill, 15231 Farmington. While the car was parked, a woman jumped out and left the vehicle. The woman, a 31-year-old Oxford resident, was arrested after being located nearby. She later told police she wanted out of the car if the

driver was planning on fleeing.

After she got out, the car, the vehicle pulled out of the parking lot and went westbound on Five Mile, traveling in the eastbound lanes. The chase took police down Five Mile at a high rate of speed, going at least 85 mph. The suspect dodged at least one vehicle while fleeing police on Five Mile. The suspect then turned onto Levan going southbound, which is where the police called off the chase.

The suspect was described as a male between 30-35 years old with short or buzzed hair, a dark complexion and has two scars on his head.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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Audition for Garden City High Summer Theatre comedy

Following the success of last year's inaugural production of "Fiddler on the Roof," Garden City High School's Summer Community Theatre will hold auditions for its upcoming production of "The Drowsy Chaperone."

All current Garden City students ages 10 and older, Garden City alumni and Garden City residents are invited to audition for the show billed as a "musical within a comedy."

Auditions are at the O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School from 2:30-8 p.m. Friday, May 12, and callbacks are Saturday June 4, with a yet-to-be-determined time.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10-12, and 2 p.m. Sunday Aug. 13.

Tickets are \$10 and all seating is general admission. The box office will open 90 minutes before curtain call.

"I started this program because I believed Garden City alumni and residents who participated in theater in high school were missing that experience and community," director Greg Wiklanski said. "There's something uniquely special about being a part of a cast. I wanted to provide that creative outlet to people who might be missing it."

"I also wanted my current students to be able to continue honing their craft over the summer. Our program has tremendous momentum right now and my students just absolutely love being on-stage!" said Wiklanski.

For more information, contact Wiklanski at wiklang@gardencityschools.com

Livonia Montessori School holding open house today

Families with children entering preschool or kindergarten are invited to attend an open house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at Livonia Montessori School, 31840 W. Seven Mile. LMS teachers and staff will provide classroom tours and enrollment information for the 2017-18 school year.

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trained. "The open house provides families an up-close tour of our classrooms and opportunity to explore the hands-on, multi-sensory Montessori materials specially designed for children in this age group," said Patty Porta, the school's administrator. "Our

teachers and staff are also readily available to answer parents' questions." For more information about the open house or to schedule a personalized tour, call 248-474-4764, email livoniamontessori@att.net or go to www.livoniamontessori.org.

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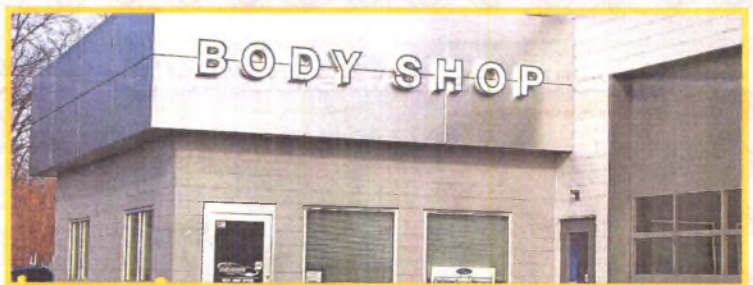


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WEST BEND, Wis. - Art museums sometimes have reputations as lofty, elitist, even unapproachable institutions.

Graeme Reid thinks art should be accessible to everyone.

As director of collections and exhibitions at the Museum of Wisconsin Art, Reid trumpets the talent and dedication of artists in Wisconsin. He judges art competitions and gives tours of the museum on the Milwaukee River.

He believes beauty, in the form of paintings, sculpture, drawings and other artwork, can bring people together.

"Art offers you a different view or a different take. Maybe it makes you change your mind," said Reid, 55. "Museums tend to unite rather than divide. Museums elevate rather than denigrate. Museums are more relevant now than ever."

Reid is an American by choice. He grew up in Scotland and was a student at the University of Glasgow when he was offered a scholarship and graduate assistantship at Indiana State University. He worked weekends as a security guard at Swope Art Museum in Terre Haute, Indiana, and began giving lectures and tours before eventually getting hired as a part-time curator.

In 2001 he moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to work at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center. Two years later was hired by the Museum of Wisconsin Art.

Reid believes in getting involved in his community. Though he curates professional art exhibitions and has judged competitions on the state and national level, Reid volunteers as a judge for an annual VFW patriotic art contest, home-schooled art competitions, a duck decoy



Graeme Reid, director of collections and exhibitions at the Museum of Wisconsin Art, grew up in Scotland and came to the U.S. in 1990 on a scholarship to Indiana State University.

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GRAEME REID

Q&A WITH GRAEME REID

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To be an American means I am a citizen. Originally being from the U.K., I was a subject. But I'm a citizen here, and I get to participate in every facet of life, political life, and I can vote for the dogcatcher to the president. Being a citizen was something that was very important to me.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

What motivated me to be part of the Museum of Wisconsin Art was to get in on the opportunity to give Wisconsin its own museum that focuses on the art and artists of Wisconsin. To be a part of bringing that to not just the people of Wisconsin but also to be part of bringing that to a national audience as well was just a tremendous opportunity.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What concerns me I think is the political division and a coarsening of culture. But what gives me hope is the role an institution such as the Museum of Wisconsin Art can do. I think museums provide more unity than division. It also provides an elevation of culture rather than a coarsening of culture.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope that the art and artists of Wisconsin will appreciate what we do for them. But I think the public will hopefully appreciate what we do for them in terms of recognition of the talent within this state. Not just talent from the past, but current talent and future talent as well.

decorating contest and the Lakefront Festival of the Arts in Milwaukee.

After 18 years in America, Reid decided to become a citizen. America had become his country; he wanted to pledge his allegiance. He became a citizen on a Thursday, and the following Tuesday he voted in the 2008 presidential election.

"Without sounding awfully cliched, America has been very good to me," Reid said.

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"It is extremely important that Michigan continues to come up with innovative energy solutions in the future," Kosowski said. "The legislation I worked on last session not only does this, it also preserves the right for schools to continue buying energy at a lower cost."

"As the Minority Vice Chair of the Appropriations School Aid budget this session, I know the



State Rep. Robert Kosowski and Legislative Liaison David Zuhlke.

money schools will be saving on providing energy can be put back into the classroom for the benefit of all students. I can think of nothing more important than investing in our kids for Michigan's future.

"Receiving this award is a true honor, and I am committed to continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure Michigan has a comprehensive plan for electric reliability moving forward."

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Gotts-Lamb

Jennifer Ann Gotts and Benjamin Victor Lamb will be married May at the Grecian Center Park in Southgate.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Debbie and Robert Gotts of Livonia. Jen is a 1999 graduate of Franklin High School and is employed at Salon Techniques in Livonia.

The prospective groom is the son of Rosanne and Davie Lamb also of Livonia. Ben is a 2000 graduate of Churchill High School. He is owner of his own company, "Integrity Builders," which does residential and commercial work.



Jennifer Ann Gotts and Benjamin Victor Lamb of Livonia will marry in May.



Livonia scouts earn Eagle rank.

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Boy Scout Troop 1539 of Plymouth recently recognized five new Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor in January.

William Gardner began his scouting career in first grade when he joined Cub Scouts, during which he earned the Arrow of Light and the Super Achiever award, the two highest honors in Cub Scouts.

Gardner then joined Boy Scout Troop 1539 in Plymouth. In Boy Scouts, he has served as quartermaster, assistant senior patrol leader and is currently the senior patrol leader of the troop. In addition to his work within the troop, Gardner has served in the Southeast Michigan Regional Contingent of the Mackinaw Island Scout Service Camp for the past two years. Gardner also attended Northern Tier National High Adventure in 2015.

For his Eagle Scout project, Gardner raised money and purchased supplies for the creation of 60 boxes of non-perishable food for St. Christine's food pantry in Detroit. Each box consisted of five ready to eat meals.

Outside of scouts, Gardner is a junior at Churchill High School in Livonia. He participates in the math, science and computers program and he plays trumpet in the Churchill Marching Band and Wind Ensemble. Gardner plans on attending college for aerospace engineering and is considering attending Purdue University or Georgia Institute of Technology.

Zachary Beculheimer first joined scouts with Cub Scout Pack 852 before earning his Arrow of Light and crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 1539. Beculheimer made the most of his time in scouts, taking part in countless camps and adventures during his time with the troop,

including serving as a part of the Governor's Honor Guard on Mackinac Island, and attending Northern Tier, a week-long high adventure canoe and portage trip. Beculheimer also grew as a leader, serving in positions such as patrol leader, junior assistant scoutmaster, senior patrol leader and several others.

For his eagle project, Beculheimer worked with Frost Middle School to build a deer enclosure and plant more than 100 white pine saplings to help preserve the school's small forest. With the help of countless volunteers Beculheimer constructed a 10-foot tall, 45- by 45-foot fenced enclosure to preserve a small section of the forest and act as an educational tool. Inside the gated enclosure is a diverse array of plants from the area and several of the hundred white pine saplings planted that day.

Beculheimer is a senior at Churchill High School and enjoys staying involved as a National Honor Society vice president, a four-year tutor with Success Strategies and a bassist in the school orchestra. He plans on studying economics and political science in the fall and is waiting to hear back from several colleges. So far he has been admitted to the James Madison Program at Michigan State and Ohio State University.

Evan Zobel began his scouting journey in Cub Scout Pack 852 of Livonia, before advancing to Boy Scout Troop 1539. He has enjoyed many years of scouting adventures and leadership positions, including patrol leader, troop guide, assistant senior patrol leader and the Mackinaw Island Scout Service Camp. For his Eagle Scout service project, Zobel designed

and built seven learning and development toys for the children's section of the Livonia Public Library. He, along with the numerous volunteers he coordinated, created three activity cubes with unique sides, refurbished a large activity cube and built three latch boxes for small motor coordination development. The new learning toys have been well-received by young library patrons.

Zobel, a senior at Churchill High School, enjoys participating on the Livonia Warriors Robotics team. Upon graduation, he plans to study physics or engineering at either Michigan State University or the University of Michigan.

Jarod and Collin Parker are identical twins who started their scouting path in first grade in Cub Scout Pack 852. It started as a fun way to explore their world and spend time together as brothers.

They joined Boy Scout Troop 1539 in fifth grade. Their adventures in scouts has prepared them well for life and the Scout Oath and Law will always inspire them to do their best and help others.

Jarod's Eagle Scout project involved directing a team of adults and scouts to repair and paint trellis structure on the grounds of Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park. The trellis stands in the gardens of Hill House. Collin's Eagle Scout project involved documenting the tombstones in the Livonia Center Cemetery for Greenmead Historical Society. He directed his troop to take pictures and record dates and names from each tombstone. Then he compiled this information into an Excel file. This provided Greenmead with an updated record for this historic cemetery.

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MARILYN F. (LaLONDE) Age 80, of Venice, Florida, formerly of Plymouth, Michigan passed away April 14, 2017 due to a chronic illness. She was born September 2, 1936, in Wayne, MI, daughter of Irving and Florence LaLonde, known as the miracle baby of Wayne. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. Marilyn was an IBM key punch operator for Ford Motor Company, Wayne Plant, for 32 years. She married her paperboy and attended Normal College (EMU) in Ypsil, MI. Her passion was for her children and grandchildren. She was a loving wife, devoted mother, (great) grandmother, "Nana". She was an accomplished bowler, loved playing in the WMHS band and loved singing in the church choir and showing and breeding horses. She is survived by her loving children, Karen (Dan) Burdette, Mark (Vicky) Arnold, Diane (Jay) Tucker and Sherri Arnold; grandchildren, Jason (Alisha) Burdette, John (Amanda) Burdette, Mark A. Arnold, Elliot Arnold, Holly Arnold, Miranda Tucker and great granddaughter, Nora Burdette. She is predeceased by her parents and her beloved husband Barry W. Arnold who passed away March 14, 2013. A Celebration of her life for family will take place in Wayne, MI later this summer. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends and her sense of humor. Please visit kays-ponger.com to leave the family your thoughts, memories and condolences on the online guestbook.

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RICHARD age 89, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2017, surrounded by family and friends. Born in Ionia, Michigan in 1928, he worked as a counselor at Wayne Memorial high school for 32 years. He was also an honorable WWII and Korean War veteran who loved playing the piano and riding bikes with his grandchildren. Richard, known as Dick to his friends, was a lifelong, loyal University of Michigan sports and Detroit Tigers fan. He is survived by sons Rick, Robert and Douglas; daughters Sharon (Terrell Mitchell) and Donna Harvey (Charles); grandsons Christopher, Brandon and Cameron; granddaughters Cassandra, Nicolette Cornell (Kirk), Ashley Ballard and Dixie Mazur (Tony); great-grandchild Myalin; and loving grand-dog Sushi. Final arrangements are being handled by RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd. Garden City, MI 48135. The family is planning a private summer celebration of life with burial at Highland Park Cemetery, Ionia MI. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Wayne County Senior Nutrition Program (Meals on Wheels) or Beaumont Foundation - Hospice. Please share a memory of Dick at www.rggrharris.com

SARA M. age 74, passed away on April 19, 2017, in Livonia, MI. Born in Bowling Green, Ohio to the late Floyd and Hilda Durliat. Beloved wife of James for 50 years. Loving mother of Sherri, Craig, Keith, Gary, Doug, Janene, Scott, Kristi, Ryan, and Todd. Cherished grandmother of 14. She volunteered with the Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts for over 25 years and was very proud of her 7 Eagle Scouts. The Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia, MI has been entrusted with her arrangements, details can be viewed on their website.
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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Franklin's Wilson happy to be back home

Former Patriots track standout returns to coach very team she starred for

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When Megan Wilson watches her Livonia Franklin girls track and field team, she can't help but have flashbacks. Wilson, 27, is starting her first season as head coach of the Patriots. But she was a Franklin track standout from 2004-07 before going on to an outstanding career at Central Michigan University. "Coming back here, it just feels like home and it's almost like I want it more for them, because I was them," Wilson said during Tuesday's practice.

"I was those sprinters. This was my locker room and my track. It's part of you more." The 2007 Franklin grad is taking over from longtime coach Dave Bjorklund, who stepped down to spend more time with his baseball-playing sons. "It's definitely sunk in," Wilson said. "It was kind of surreal when everything was first happening because (Bjorklund) was my coach and having him be the one I'm taking over from, that was a surreal thing. But it was a very smooth transition. "I had a lot of experience being here, so I knew how some of the things ran here. I knew kind of what to expect, I knew a lot of the people like Ron Hammye, the athletic

director. Obviously, I had gone here for so many years, so I had a relationship with him and that was really good. "And (Bjorklund) has been so great mentoring me, helping me figure out all the things that as an athlete and as an assistant coach you don't really realize head coaches have to do."

Perfect fit
On Tuesday, Wilson — who starred at Franklin in sprint events and the long jump, making the state finals in the latter — began preparing her athletes for the first Patriot Relays under her watch. Standing nearby as practice began was Bjorklund, who still



TIM SMITH

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Megan Wilson said it's been kind of "surreal" to be back with Livonia Franklin's girls track and field team — this time as coach.

COLLEGE BASEBALL



KELLY CIESLAK

After Wednesday's rain delay and before playing at Comerica Park, Madonna University's baseball team took in the scene.

CLIPPED AT COMERICA



KELLY CIESLAK

Throwing the baseball during Wednesday's game at Comerica Park is Madonna third baseman Frankie Lucska of Garden City. He played stellar defense for the Crusaders.

Northwestern Ohio ace shuts down Crusaders, but doesn't spoil 'big-league experience' at home of Tigers

Tim Smith
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The chance to play a baseball game at Comerica Park in Detroit nearly was ruined Wednesday by Mother Nature. But rain stopped, skies cleared and Madonna University's baseball team belatedly ran onto the field where the Detroit Tigers play, against the first-place team in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, Northwestern Ohio. The game was scheduled to start at 7 p.m., but Madonna

senior left-hander Alex DeYonker, a Livonia Franklin alum, threw the first pitch at 8:08 p.m. A couple of minutes later, the Crusaders were down 1-0 on a 375-foot homer over the left-field bullpen by Kyle Fisher. That run was more than enough offense for Racers pitcher Damon Proctor. With 955 fans watching, he threw eight scoreless innings in his team's 4-0 win. "I think it was the fifth (pitch), but it was still the first batter," DeYonker said about Fisher's home run. "But hey, after that, I think I settled in."

DeYonker joked that the blast was "what happens when you leave a pitch down the middle. They hit 'em." Madonna's offense just could not get untracked, managing five hits — a bloop double by Ryan Freemantle in the second and four singles. Fisher (2-for-5), Rafael Lozada (2-for-4) and Carlos Baerga Jr. (2-for-2) sparked the offense for Northwestern Ohio, now 33-10 overall and 23-2 in the WHAC.

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KELLY CIESLAK

Following through on his double in the second inning is Madonna's Ryan Freemantle.

MADONNA

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The best

"We went up against the best team in our conference and No. 18 in the country and faced the best arm in our conference," first-year Madonna head coach Ted Falkner said. "It was a great challenge for our guys and we got work to do."

"But we have depth here, we just need the guys to continue to buy in to the team part of it and I think we're going to be fine setting up for the conference tournament."

Proctor showed his mettle, striking out eight and throwing 131 pitches before Racers head coach Kory Hartman brought in Ross Cervantes for the one-inning save.

The early run would have been enough, but the Racers tacked on a single run in the fifth (on a wild pitch with two outs) and two more in the

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TED FALKNER
first-year Madonna head coach

seventh for good measure.

On the flip side, even in innings when Madonna batters barreled up on the ball, Proctor escaped unscathed. In the fifth, after Mitch Hudvagner singled to center, both Matt Deneau and Jared Dokey smoked liners right at Northwestern Ohio infielders.

Madonna put a runner in scoring position with two outs in the second inning, when Freemantle's opposite-field fly ball down the left-field line dropped between converging Northwestern Ohio fielders, but Matt Deneau struck out.

Other than those chances, the Crusaders only managed

singles by Ryan Lambrecht, Jared Hagan and Jalen Thomas.

Perhaps the biggest cheer of the night from Madonna fans came in the top of the seventh, when freshman third baseman Frankie Lucska (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child) dove to his left to field a one-hop smash and threw out the batter.

Adrenaline rush

Lucska said it was his second game at Comerica, having faced Birmingham Brother Rice for the Catholic League championship his junior year of high school.

"Definitely, but as soon as the first pitch, it's all about baseball," Lucska said about whether the adrenaline was pumping more than usual before the Comerica contest began. "I'd love to come out here every year, but gotta come out and get a 'W.'"

According to DeYonker (4-2), who took the loss despite giving up just one run over three innings, he occasionally caught himself glancing at the huge grandstands enveloping the lush field.

"Every couple pitches, I would just take a look around, see what was going on and then I'd have to focus right

back in," DeYonker said. "It was an awesome sight to see."

Falkner was instrumental in the Crusaders being able to use the stadium, as his son plays T-ball with the son of Tigers owner Chris Iltch. Madonna gave up a home game at Iltch Ballpark.

"It's a big-league experience for them," Falkner said. "And the Tigers have done such a great job. They wanted to treat this as a home game for us. It was first class, everything they did for us."

He added that hopes are to play a game at Comerica every year, perhaps against Wayne State University.

"Talking with administration and the athletic director, I think we can make this annually," Falkner said. "Now whoever the opponent will be, we'll see down the road."

"We think we can make this something where we'll play Wayne State and we can have a metro Detroit challenge."

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WILSON

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is a regular at the Franklin track.

"She ran for me from 2004 to 2007 and went on to a career at Central Michigan," Bjorklund said. "She's a great athlete, she's on our all-time top 10 list in several events and it's really, really exciting that she's taking over the program."

"She's someone that went to the school here, understands the community and the culture. She's already doing a great job. ... She's going to keep growing this thing."

Wilson is returning to coaching after two years at Western Kentucky University, where she studied for her master's degree in clinical psychology.

The two years prior to going to Kentucky, she coached sprints and long jump at Novi High School. Although she enjoyed her time at Novi, it was a no-brainer as to what she wanted to do once Bjorklund retired after 16 years at the helm.

"It's just more fun coaching the team you already identify



TIM SMITH

During warmups at the start of Tuesday's practice, Livonia Franklin girls track and field coach Megan Wilson — still wearing Central Michigan University sweatpants — maintains light banter to help the girls get loose.

as your team," Wilson said.

And now, it's starting to jell for Wilson and her first team

— entering the Patriot Relays with a 1-1 record so far.

"Early on, it was very clear

this was going to be a very young team, but a very coachable team," Wilson said.

"They're excited to learn and, because they want to do it so badly, they're so excited about it and so into it that they learn quickly and pick up on everything really well."

"They're grinding their teeth and getting to it, so it's very exciting, I think it's really going to pay off for them as their careers kind of progress throughout high school."

New wave

Meanwhile, Wilson and Bjorklund agreed that she is part of a new wave of coaches, many returning to the scene of their own high school glory days.

In fact, one of Wilson's former Franklin teammates (thrower Jenna Hudy) is part of her first staff, helping guide girls in tossing the shot put and discus.

"You're kind of getting to a point where there's some turnover," Bjorklund said. "There's a lot of people that have been around a number of years, like myself ... stepped down for any number of reasons."

"There's a lot of new blood in coaching because of that."

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IIHF U-18 MEN'S WORLDS

Team USA advances to quarterfinal

U.S. squad on roll so far at IIHF Worlds in Slovakia

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Sparked by the strong play of Northville goalie Dylan St. Cyr, the U.S. Men's National Under-18 team posted a 5-1 win Tuesday over Sweden to advance to the quarterfinals of the 2017 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship in Slovakia.

St. Cyr won his fourth game of the tournament, making 35 saves, and Oliver Wahlstrom scored twice while Sean Dhooghe registered a goal and an assist. The squad finished the preliminary round in first place in Group B with a 4-0-0-0 record and was scheduled to play in the quarterfinals Thursday.

"We've got a group of guys who are playing passionately," Team USA head coach John Wroblewski said. "Sometimes that comes out in the wrong way, but we have been successful because our (locker) room is really dedicated and wants to win."

Earlier in the tourney, St. Cyr stopped all 17 shots April 13 to blank Belarus, 7-0. On April 15, the U.S. escaped with a hard-fought 5-4 victory over Russia behind Dhooghe's three assists and two goals by Ryan Poehling.

Team USA then defeated the Czech Republic 5-2 on April 17.

Should the U.S. prevail in the quarterfinal game, the squad moves on to the semifinals (April 22). The bronze and gold medal games are scheduled for Sunday.



Brady Tkachuk (right) and his teammates with the U.S. Under-18 squad, shown during November's Five Nations Tournament in Plymouth, defeated Sweden in the preliminary round of the IIHF U-18 Men's World Championship.

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COLLEGE SIGNINGS

They're going to the Windy City

P-CEP's O'Shaughnessy, Macunovich sign to bowl for Chicago-based university

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For several years, both Justin O'Shaughnessy and Meghan Macunovich have put much of their energy into sharpening their abilities as high school bowlers.

That meant putting in extra time in bowling alleys and analyzing technical aspects such as where to stand and how to throw.

On April 8, the pay-off came for Plymouth's O'Shaughnessy and Canton's Macunovich as both signed to bowl beginning next year at Robert Morris University in downtown Chicago.

"I actually never thought this would happen," said O'Shaughnessy, 18, whose senior season was just his third bowling competitively. "I didn't think I'd become this good, to be able to go to this type of school for bowling."

"It's just hard work and dedication. I'm in the bowling alley (Super Bowl in Canton) almost every day and it's paying off."

Chicago awaits

With a smile, Macunovich said going to the same college with another student-athlete from Plymouth-Canton-Educational Park turned out to be a bonus.

"It will be great; we're friends," Macunovich noted. "So it will be fun. I'm ready for it."

So will Robert Morris head coach Dale Lehman, who originally planned to come to Canton and leave only with O'Shaughnessy's name on official paperwork.

But two days before the planned signing ceremony, also at Super Bowl (the home alley for Canton, Salem and Plymouth), Macunovich had visited Robert Morris and liked the experience so much that she wanted to be added to the agenda.

"She's been looking at Robert Morris and some other



Dale Lehman (center), head coach of Robert Morris University's bowling team, welcomes Plymouth's Justin O'Shaughnessy and Canton's Meghan Macunovich to the fold.

colleges," said her mom, Suzanne Macunovich of Canton. "This past week, she visited Concordia and Robert Morris and made her decision."

"We knew Justin was signing, we knew coach Dale was going to be in town, so we figured today would be a good day to do it all."

According to Justin's dad, Phil O'Shaughnessy of Canton, there are nothing but positives about his son's college choice. Among other possibilities were Madonna, Siena Heights, Adrian and Concordia universities.

"I love the fact that he's in downtown Chicago, a lot of things to do for him," the elder O'Shaughnessy said. "It's a great college; they have lots of national championships."

"The program is phenomenal. But also it's a smaller school, which I think Justin will excel at. They have a great criminal justice program. Justin wants to be a police officer."

Justin added that going to Robert Morris with another Park alum will be a plus.

"It will be great to know someone there," he said. "I'm always happy if it's someone I know doing something just like me. We're good friends."

Giving kudos

Phil also gave props to his son for going so far, so fast, in the sport of bowling.

"This is the first time one of our child (got) a scholarship for athletics. It's a big deal for us," he said. "I'm proud of the other two, they've graduated from college as well. But to have Justin go into a scholarship

program for bowling is pretty impressive."

"He's worked hard at it; we've traveled around the country with him. It's a nice reward."

About Justin O'Shaughnessy, who averaged 202 as a senior and bowled a 300 game, Lehman said he will be a perfect fit for the college and bowling program.

"He's a great bowler, great kid, great academics and that's what we're always looking for," said Lehman, who founded the Eagles bowling program 13 years ago. "Not just great bowlers, but we're looking for great kids that want to get a good education and go on and become better bowlers than they already are."

Lehman added that he was excited to visit metro Detroit and leave with two bowlers on the roster for next year.

"I'm excited to come and sign Justin and I've got a young lady (Macunovich) I'm signing right after him," he said. "Two bowlers from the metro Detroit area and very excited to have them."

Macunovich, who averaged 196 in 2016-17 and qualified for the state finals all four years of her Canton career, plans on going into sports and business management. On hand for the signing were parents Suzanne and Mike Macunovich.

A number of O'Shaughnessy's family members were at Super Bowl for the signing, which was capped off with a "Congratulations Justin!" sheet cake. His parents are Phil and Carolyn O'Shaughnessy.

PREP TRACK

Churchill tops Plymouth; Stevenson wins

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Plymouth's varsity girls track and field team gave it a strong effort Tuesday against Livonia Churchill.

But the Wildcats fell short 80-57 to the Chargers — once again led by talented sisters Kathleen and Christina George.

Earning first for Plymouth were sprinters Ryen Draper (100 dash, 200 dash, 400 dash), the 400 relay team of Erin Bradley, Paige Sanders, Joyelle Washington, Reghan Draper; the 800 relay team of Joyelle Washington, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper and Ryen Draper and the 1,600 relay team of Kennedy Chantang, Natalia Grasso, Delia Brennan and Sydney Romps.

In the 100 hurdles, Plymouth's Kayla Dudek and Bradley finished second and third, while Dudek also came in second in the 300 hurdles.

Finishing second in their respective field events were Emily Caragay (pole vault), Gabby Chouinard (high jump) and Sanders (long jump).

Spartans teams roll

On April 11, both the boys and girls teams for Livonia Stevenson enjoyed comfortable wins against South Lyon East.

In the boys meet, the Spartans won, 88-49, while the girls won, 84-53.

Victorious for the Stevenson boys were the following: Carter Ackman (200 dash, 27.91), Ethan Hamm (400 dash, 57.53), Ben Griffith (800 run, 2:09.82), Jack Balint (1,600 run, 4:51.87), Alex Brauer (3,200 run, 10:11.31), Michael Grisa (110 hurdles, 18.80), Jake Kaupp (300 hurdles, 45.19), Asa Hassan (shot put, 39 feet, 1.5 inches), Ian Knoph (high jump, 6-5) and Collin Bowersox (pole vault, 12-6).

On the girls side, Allie Terry (400 dash, 1:06.23), Emily Lauzon (800 run, 2:31.59; 1,600 run, 5:48.16), Alexa Locomte (100 hurdles, 18.82), Beth White (300 hurdles, 52.23), Alexa Pierzynski (shot put, 28-7.5), Madi Droste (high jump, 4-6) and Kyra Gowman (pole vault, 8-6) took individual wins for the Spartans.

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Plymouth and Livonia Churchill athletes compete in the 3,200-meter run Tuesday. From left are Lily Tiplady, Christina Murphy, Annie Bonds, Kathleen George and Caroline George. The George sisters finished first and second, with Bonds in third place. Churchill won the meet, 80-57.



Canton's Matt Roy (left) takes a hit to move the puck for Michigan Tech during the 2016-17 season.

REALIZING A DREAM

GETTING CLOSER

Hard work paying off for Canton's Matt Roy, who leaves Huskies early to sign with NHL's L.A. Kings

Tim Smith
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When Matt Roy steps onto the ice, he brings a hard-nosed, gritty approach that he's never wavered from since his years playing with local hockey programs such as Victory Honda in Canton.

That lunch-bucket mentality and his work ethic caught the attention of the Los Angeles Kings, who recently signed the Canton resident to a two-year entry-level contract.

"I talked to them about that (his determination) and they said they really liked it," said Roy, so dedicated to his off-ice training that he'll ride a bike to get there. "So they just wanted me to keep doing my thing."

Roy, 22, a 2013 graduate of Canton High School, is foregoing his senior season at Michigan Tech University in order to turn pro — and he already has several games under his belt as a defenseman with the Ontario Reign of the American Hockey League.

As of Wednesday, the 6-foot, 200-pounder had one assist in eight regular season games with Ontario, located in California, and is beginning his first pro playoff stint.

Time to reset

"I signed it when I was up at school (Michigan Tech) with some of my roommates," Roy said during a telephone interview. "I kind of relaxed for a little bit and then I realized I had to refocus or else it won't mean anything if I'm not playing well. So it was really cool to sign."

He described his style of play as "a little bit of everything. I'm not a go-to fighter, but I try to be physical and I

make sure I move the puck well and all that."

The son of Rich and Julie Roy also is beginning to experience what he's dreamed about since he first skated at age 5 with the Plymouth Sharks at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"Playing professional hockey has been a dream of Matt's since he could lace up the skates," Rich Roy said. "He continues to put in the work required and we are very proud and excited for Matt as he takes his next step in realizing his dream."

Matt Roy, who also played AAA hockey with Honeybaked and Belle Tire before moving over to Victory Honda during his high school years, knows he will need to work harder than ever as soon as this year's stint with the Reign comes to an end.

Ready to work

On his to-do list is training in Livonia with former Kings (and Michigan State) player Mike Donnelly, who currently is on the Kings' player development staff.

"He has a gym and shooting warehouse close by that I will be attending," Roy said.

That summer regimen hopefully will enable Roy to be ready to go during the NHL training camp in September. "I heard it's pretty difficult," he said.

And he doesn't want to disappoint the organization that drafted him 194th overall in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft after his freshman season with the Huskies.

That season, he tallied nine points in 36 games. His game has grown by leaps and bounds in the two subsequent seasons.

In 2015-16, Roy had seven goals and 13 assists in 37 contests and followed that up this season with a five goals and 21 assists in 44 games — helping the Huskies win the WCHA championship game in over-

time and earn a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Proving them right

"I believe my sophomore year at Tech was my breakout year and my junior year backed it up," Roy said. "I broke out offensively my sophomore year and continued with more points and more responsibility my junior year."

"Luckily, I have been on some great teams to help me and I kept the same 'D' partner all three years, Shane Hanna, so I think that helped me grow, having him as my partner the whole time."

According to Roy, one reason he wants to work harder than ever is to repay the confidence shown him by the Kings since drafting him two years ago.

"They have been great with reaching out to me and helping me during the past few seasons at Tech to help develop my game in areas they thought I could improve," Roy said. "They stayed in contact with me a lot, which made me feel very comfortable with them."

With his pro career already starting, Roy can't completely forget his Michigan Tech career — including plenty of success, as well as several games at Joe Louis Arena, the venerable home of the Detroit Red Wings that hosted its last NHL game April 9.

In each December of his three seasons with the Huskies, Roy and his teammates played in the Great Lakes Invitational.

"I always loved playing there," Roy said. "Of course, a bunch of guys on my team that didn't grow up in Detroit, they hated Joe Louis because it was so old and all that."

"But I definitely think it's time for Detroit to get a new arena. Little Caesars Arena is going to be very nice and fun."

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Garden City wins big over Redford Thurston

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Garden City's soccer machine clicked on all cylinders in Wednesday's 9-0 win over Redford Thurston.

Scoring two goals each for the host Cougars were Ashley Hahn, Brooke Collins and Summer Sultana. Adding one goal each were Sydney Baker, Faith Staley and Angie Dimopoulos.

The Western Wayne Athletic Conference game was halted after one half due to the MHSAA eight-goal mercy rule.

"We were able to control the game from the beginning and did a good job of finishing our opportunities early in the game," Garden City head coach Jeff Szypula said. "I was happy to see the girls make good decisions in maintaining possession and creating quality scoring chances."

"The communication on the field is improving and the girls are starting to work well together."

Szypula added that his team managed to overcome some nagging injuries as it improved to 3-3-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

"The girls are coping well and doing an excellent job with having to play more minutes

than usual," Szypula said. "I love the mentality of this team and expect that everyone will step up and get the job done."

STEVENSON 1, SALEM 1: Kayla Gacioch scored in the 54th minute Tuesday to lift Livonia Stevenson into a tie with Salem. Setting up the equalizer was Yasmine Jaafar as the Spartans improved to 4-0-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the KLAAC Central Division.

For the Rocks (2-2-1, 1-0-1), Katie Coleman scored in the first half.

Combining to stop four Salem shots were goalkeepers Haley Demers and Mackenzie Fifer; Salem's Skyler Brant stopped seven Stevenson attempts.

"Game was a tale of two halves," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I thought we struggled badly with the grass field in the first half and Salem played really well."

"We just couldn't get into any kind of rhythm. But second half, we finally got rolling. We just couldn't find the go-ahead goal."

OTHER GAMES: Also Tuesday, Canton defeated Livonia Churchill by a 3-1 score. Plymouth routed Livonia Franklin 8-0 on Monday.



Redford Thurston's Nydia Brewer (right) races against Garden City's Ashley Hahn for possession of the ball Wednesday night.

TOM BEAUDOIN

SOCCER

Stevenson to host night for Livonia youth players

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There will be shout-outs and shootouts Thursday, April 27, at Livonia Stevenson.

Energy will be ramped up at Stevenson High School Stadium for junior varsity and varsity girls soccer games between the host Spartans and Northville.

Livonia Girls Soccer youth team members will be in uniform for the event, which begins with the JV game at 5:30 p.m., followed by the varsity contest at 7 p.m. Players and their coaches will be admitted free of charge.

Wait, there's more. The

first 200 youth/Stevenson students through the turnstiles will receive a free spirit towel to wave during the KLAAC Central Division contest.

And at halftime of the varsity game, Livonia Girls Soccer players will participate in a shootout.

Stevenson players will be admitted free of charge as long as they present their student ID at the gate.

All parents and adults must purchase tickets to gain entry to the game.

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PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

Boys golf

CATS THIRD AT RED RUN: Seniors Jack Boczar and Justin Kapke both registered 74 Monday to spark Plymouth to a third-place showing at the Red Run Invitational in Royal Oak. Plymouth finished third out of 26 teams.

Other Plymouth finishers were senior Joe Fontana (83), freshman Ian Smith (83) and freshman Josh Wein (87).

Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Clarkston took the top two spots.

Next up for the Wildcats is Sunday's Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Invitational at Golden Fox Golf Course.

RU PREVAILS: Seniors Evan Albright and Pierce Hall shared medalist honors with 48 Tuesday as host Redford Union opened its 2017 season with a 208-228 non-conference win over Southfield Bradford Academy in a match at Glenhurst.

Jesse Suiter added 49 for the Panthers (1-0), coached by Michael McCrea and Justin Rosin.

Baseball

DEARBORN 9, CLARENCEVILLE 3: On Tuesday, the host

Pioneers scored seven times in the first three innings and added two more in the sixth to earn the WWAC crossover victory over Livonia Clarenceville (1-3).

The Trojans made five errors bringing their total to 12 over the last two games.

"I'm moving kids up and down between JV and varsity and moving kids all over the field," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "It will be a long season if we can't make the routine plays."

Clarenceville starter Kam MacIver threw strikes, but gave up six runs on seven hits over the first four innings. Austin Portwood and Nick Shute finished up, allowing three runs over the final two innings.

Junior Brad Trout and MacIver both went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Justin Kelley, Nick Snage and Shute collected the other Clarenceville hits.

Trout also had a stolen base along with an "ESPN highlight play" at short, according to Cotter.

Softball

CANTON 7, NORTHVILLE 1: On Monday at Canton, the Chiefs rolled behind a home run by Izzy Dawson (3-for-4)

and two doubles by Stephanie Schmuck (three RBIs).

Sydney Dawson went 2-for-2 to back up the pitching of freshman Shay Scott, who also doubled to help her cause.

GARDEN CITY BATS BOOM: The Cougars improved to 4-1 overall with Wednesday's 13-0 win over Dearborn.

Alicia Ascencio tripled among three hits, scoring four times. Other Garden City contributors included Shelby Casey (2-for-3) and Natalie Billings (2-for-4).

The winning pitcher was April Rudolph, who gave up just two hits.

"It was probably our most complete game of the season to date," Garden City head coach Barry Patterson said. "We hit some balls hard, ran the bases well and made some big plays on (defense)."

On Monday, Ascencio homered, tripled, scored three times and drove in four as the Cougars routed Taylor Truman, 12-1. Winning pitcher Rudolph went 2-for-3 at the plate.

CRESTWOOD 14, CLARENCEVILLE 1: On Wednesday, host Dearborn Heights Crestwood earned a run-rule victory over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (0-3, 0-1).

Sophomore pitcher Emily Schmidt, who struck out five, took the loss. She went 1-for-2 at the plate.

Junior Ashley Kato added a first-inning double to run her hit streak to three straight games.

Boys lacrosse

SALEM 13, WLC 2: On Monday, the Rocks enjoyed an offensive surge against Walled Lake Central.

Scoring three goals each for Salem were Marty Mills and Ian Wunderlich, while Devin Farmer added two. Chipping in four and three assists, respectively, were John Jaaska and Walker Sievers.

Girls lacrosse

ROCKS ROMP: On Monday, Salem defeated Walled Lake Consolidated, 15-3.

Scoring three goals each were Izzy Murphy-Morrow, Madison Mullins and Alexis Hess. Adding two each were Kayla Goleniak and Leah Tardiff, with single goals by Brittany Mitton and Stephanie Miller.

PLYMOUTH PREVAILS: Also Monday, Cathryn Vandenberg scored seven goals as the Wildcats routed Grand Blanc, 13-6.

Other contributors included Michelle Cirino (two goals, assist) and Madeline Caswell, Emily LeBlanc, Amber Steiner and Kari Schoen, with one goal each. Goalkeeper Elizabeth Elliott and the Plymouth defense also stymied the Bobcats.

Plymouth grid meetings

Plymouth's football program is holding its 2017 Meet the Coaches informational meeting for incoming ninth-graders 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

The meeting is to give incoming freshmen and their parents a jump on what expectations are for the upcoming season.

Also, a mandatory parent/player meeting is set for 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, also in the Plymouth cafeteria. The session is for players entering grades 10-12 in 2017-18.

"We will talk about player and parent expectations, as well as booster club information and responsibilities," Plymouth football coach Mike Sawchuk said. He can be reached at michael.sawchuk@pccsk12.com for those with any questions about either meeting.

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Learn the facts about background checks

BY MATT TARPEY
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After reviewing your résumé, reading your cover letter and talking to you in a live interview, employers have a lot of information about you. So what more do they hope to learn from a background check?

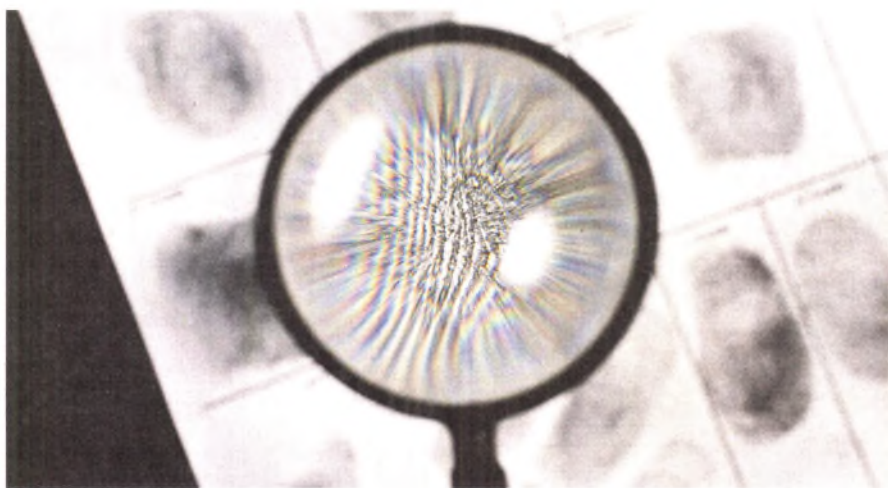
If you've ever asked yourself this, you're not alone. According to a 2017 CareerBuilder survey, 46 percent of job seekers say they don't know what information companies are looking for when they conduct background checks. To make sure you understand what you're signing before agreeing to one, here are a few things you should know.

Why run a background check?

Simply put, companies use background checks to make sure they aren't putting themselves or their employees at risk by hiring you.

"Generally, employers are looking for consistency in the candidate's background. They want to confirm that everything the applicant has said about their experience and previous work lines up," says Chris Heinz, managing partner of Westport One, an executive contract staffing affiliate of MRINetwork.

"Background checks are



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run by employers for a variety of reasons. In some financial industries they are mandatory, for example, when an employee will be responsible for handling or making decisions about someone else's money," says Kelly Brooks, executive director of human resources at Atrium Staffing. "But whether it's a simple employment verification or an all-out investigative report delving into all aspects of your life (criminal, credit, education, DMV), you should know what is on each report before you start your search for employment."

How am I protected?

Companies aren't allowed

to run a background check on you without your written permission. However, if you do choose to deny the request, employers may reject your candidacy.

Requiring your permission isn't the only way you're protected as a job seeker. The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) also sets rules for what information employers can request and how they have to go about requesting it.

Most notably, if a company rejects your application based on information found in a background check, they are required to provide you with a copy of the report along with a document detailing your rights

under the FCRA and contact information for the company that provided the report. This way, in the event that you're rejected due to an error in the report, you have the opportunity to refute the information. The FCRA is a federal act, covering the entire United States, but some states have put in place additional protections regarding background checks.

What can they find?

Once you've given permission, a background report may include your credit score and address history (through Social Security number validation). Employers are also likely

to follow up on items from your application.

"Job seekers should assume all information they have provided in the application and interview process will be checked. This includes places of employment, how long they worked at these companies, to whom they reported, education and social media presence," Heinz says.

What may be included in a background report varies significantly from state to state, so be sure to check with your state's Department of Labor for up-to-date laws and regulations.

Are there risks in agreeing to be checked?

Heinz says that job seekers generally need not worry about submitting themselves to a background check.

"The only reason for concern would be if the candidate has something they are trying to hide. In that scenario, it is best that the applicant discloses this information to the prospective employer before the background check is performed."

Matt Tarpey is a writer for the Advice & Resources section on CareerBuilder.com. He researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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Car Report

TOYOTA GETS IT RIGHT WITH COROLLA AND YARIS, PROVING SMALL CARS CAN STILL HAVE RELEVANCE



By Dale Buss

Oh, how quickly we forget about the value of small cars.

Several years ago, amid a surge in gasoline prices to more than \$4 a gallon, we couldn't get

enough of fuel-efficient lifesavers like the Toyota Corolla compact and the Toyota Yaris subcompact. Their stratospheric mileage performance helped keep financial distress at bay for a generation of American car buyers who weren't sure they'd ever see \$3-a-gallon gasoline again, much less \$2-a-gallon fuel.

Now, of course, all small cars – in fact, all sedans – are much less appreciated as a class because Americans have convinced themselves that gasoline isn't going to go above \$3 a gallon anytime soon.



Snappy 2017 Toyota Yaris wears its blue well

And while they're at it, they'd much rather have the height, roominess and flexibility of an SUV or crossover even if that means sacrificing just a little bit of fuel economy.

But maybe U.S. car buyers are smarter than we think as a whole. Because even amid the general swoon in sales of small cars over the last couple of years, they have shown

the good sense to ascribe higher value and to see more appeal in Yaris and Corolla than most other small cars. Yaris sales actually have risen by 25 percent year-to-date over a year ago, while Corolla sales were only down by 10 percent through March.

Corolla, of course, is one of the most venerable nameplates in the global automotive industry and was the lead vehicle in the U.S. invasion that put Toyota on the map in the 1970s. Toyota marked its mind-boggling 50th anniversary last year, a continuous-production achievement that places it alongside a rarefied few nameplates such as the Ford Mustang.

For the 2017 version of the 11th generation of Corolla, Toyota made some improvements that are significant for a light makeover and which comprise a package not usually found on a small sedan.

They include new safety features and driver aids on all models.



A high-end Corolla interior

including a rearview camera, forward collision warning, lane-departure intervention and adaptive cruise control – all of great utility and protectiveness, especially in a small vehicle that tends to fare worse in crashes with the increasing number of behemoths on the road today.

Corolla also boasts estimated fuel economy that meets the magic 30-mpg mark combined, including a robust 35 mpg on the highway. Still, its 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine in most trims generates 132 horsepower. It's a little light on giddy-up, but Corolla is going to give you what you need when you engage the accelerator in all types of driving.

It also can't be said enough that Corolla – while definitely middle of the pack when it comes to some important small-car attributes – is definitely a leader in reliability. No car lasts a half-century if it disappoints too many owners.

Yaris, by comparison, was launched only in 1999 by Toyota, making it a youngster relative to Corolla. But in those nearly two decades, Yaris has come to capably fill the important subcompact niche for Toyota in the United States, packaging many of the familiar attributes of the brand – utility, reliability and a capable ride – into its smallest mainstream vehicle.

For 2017, Toyota found some ways to upgrade Yaris, including making several important safety and driver-assistance features standard, very unusually for the class. Yaris also sports a standard touch-screen display and impressive cabin materials for a car in its segment, including lots of soft-touch panels.

Of course, like most cars in this class, Yaris isn't long on acceleration, with engine power that is adequate for highway driving, and its handling is middling. There are also Yaris challenges with interior space and many aspects of comfort.

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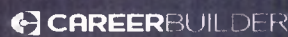
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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on proposed amendments to Sections 154.600-154.612 (Sign Regulations) and Section 154.030 (Lighting Requirements) of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, as well as the addition of new Sections 154.613 and 154.614 to the Sign Regulations chapter. Major changes are summarized as follows:

- Section 154.613 (Changeable Message Standards), a new section that includes regulations for changeable message signs, maximum area (from current Section 154.603(E)), frequency of message changes, and illumination of changeable message signs.
- Section 154.614 (Illumination of Signs), a new section that includes the existing regulations of Section 154.603(F) and includes amendments for internal sign illumination, awning illumination, and string lights, tube lights, and similar lighting around windows and architectural building features.
- Section 154.030 (Lighting Requirements), an existing section that includes a new subsection (F) that includes amendments for string lights, tube lights, and similar lighting around windows and architectural building features in non-residential zoning districts. Proposed amendments include provisions for district locations, static lighting, hours of illumination, specific standards for window lighting and architectural outline lighting, and temporary lighting.
- Content-Neutral Changes to Sections 154.000-154.612.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a meeting of the City Council of Garden City held on April 10, 2017, the City Council adopted an amendment to the Planned Development (PD) District regulations of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of an additional freestanding sign at the northeast corner of the site at 6245 Inkster Road (Garden City Hospital, Tax Parcel No. 35011020001000, 35011020009002, 35011020013002, 35011020016002, 35011020019000, 350110200087000, 3501102031000, 35011020145000, 35011020189000, 35011020203000) as illustrated on the approved plans.

This amendment to the Planned Development (PD) District regulations of the Zoning Ordinance shall be effective eight (8) days following its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135 during regular office hours.

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1333 Radcliff
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Attn: Drew McMechan, Chief Financial Officer

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Garden City, MI 48135

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Bid Proposals shall be on forms furnished by the Architect, accompanied by a satisfactory Bid Bond or Certified Check for five percent (5%) of the Base Bid Sum maximum possible proposal amount.

Bidder shall agree not to withdraw Bid Proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after date for receipt of bids.

Accepted Bidder shall be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The right to reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part, or to waive any informalities therein is reserved by the Owner.

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****END OF SECTION****

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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 FARMINGTON ROAD
LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474
(734) 744-2500**

The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of:

**Waste Removal Bid for the 2017-2018 School Year
(See Attached Specifications)**

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled **DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2017-2018 school year, open bids** OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Sealed bids marked *Waste Removal Bid* will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd day May, 2017, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at 2:00 p.m., on the 3rd day of May, 2017, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Finance, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.**

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder: to waive any irregularities and/or informalities: and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Phillip Francis, Director of Operations
Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road Livonia, MI 48154-5474
"Waste Removal Bid"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.

Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlu@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Board of Education will receive sealed bids for:

**GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF
FARMINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOUNDATION DRAINAGE**

Bid Proposals will be received until the time and the place, as follows, where and when the opening of bid proposals will be conducted by the Owner in public:

Date: May 10, 2017

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Board of Education
Garden City Public Schools
1333 Radcliff
Garden City, MI 48135

Attn: Drew McMechan, Chief Financial Officer

Bidding Documents will be available for examination and distribution on or after April 21, 2017.

Examination may be made at the Office of the Architect, TMP ARCHITECTURE, INC., 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; or the CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Qualified Bidders may obtain bidding documents from the Office of the Architect, consisting of one (1) set of Drawings and Specifications.

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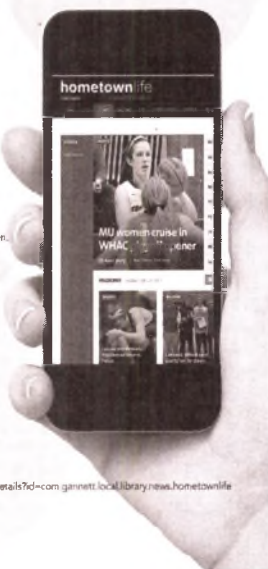
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2000	FORD	2D	1FAPP4447YF244043	MUSTANG	ACCIDENT	1701375	1
2002	HYUNDAI	4D	KMHND45D42U382532	ELANTRA	ARREST	1701399	2
2002	BUICK	SUV	3G5DA03E32S587237	CX	ARREST	1701403	3
2006	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDV23L56D206542	UPLANDER	ARREST	1701420	4
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2008	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG57N884195825	G6	ACCIDENT	1701445	6
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2010	VOLKSWAGEN	2D	3VWPP3AG5AM020508	BUG	ACCIDENT	1701966	25
2004	SATURN	4D	1G8AJ52F94Z102442	ION	ARREST	1701971	26
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2007	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1AL15F177304527	COBALT	ABANDONED	22-7291-16	43
2000	TOYOTA	4D	1NXBR12E41Z470812	COROLLA	ACCIDENT	22-239-17	44
1997	GEO	4D	1Y1SK5260VZ414993	PRIZM	ABANDONED	22-751-17	45
2004	LINCOLN	4D		LS	TITLE	TITLE BILL	46
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CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
LYNX NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Faxed bids in response to this request will not be accepted.

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

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Daniel Putman
IS Director

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
MAIN DRAIN COVERS AND INSTALLATION
FOR MUNICIPAL POOLS

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Edward Davis
Superintendent, Parks & Rec

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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CITY OF LIVONIA
PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MAY 9, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
LIVONIA CITY HALL - GALLERY (5TH FLOOR)
33000 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
LIVONIA, MI
(734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-04-19: Merriman Mall, LLC, 19223 Merriman, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to erect a second ground sign on property located on the west side of Merriman (19151) between Gable and Seven Mile, resulting in deficient distance between each ground sign upon a major thoroughfare. The existing ground sign is granted from a variance (7412-148) for sign area and height.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-05-25: Brian Wolfe, north side of Wood (34244) between Whitty and Fairlane, seeking to erect a rear addition to an existing dwelling, resulting in deficient rear yard setback.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-05-27: Andrew Moravec, west side of Blackburn (9827) between Orangelawn and West Chicago, seeking to remove the existing detached garage and construct a new detached garage, resulting in the garage being excess in height and located within the side yard, which is not allowed. Detached garages must be located within the rear yard.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-05-28: Thomas Haas, south side of Minton (30427) between Henry Ruff and Sunset, seeking to construct a garage addition onto a detached garage, resulting in excess garage area and the addition placing the detached garage into the side yard, which is not allowed. Detached garages must be located in the rear yard.

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

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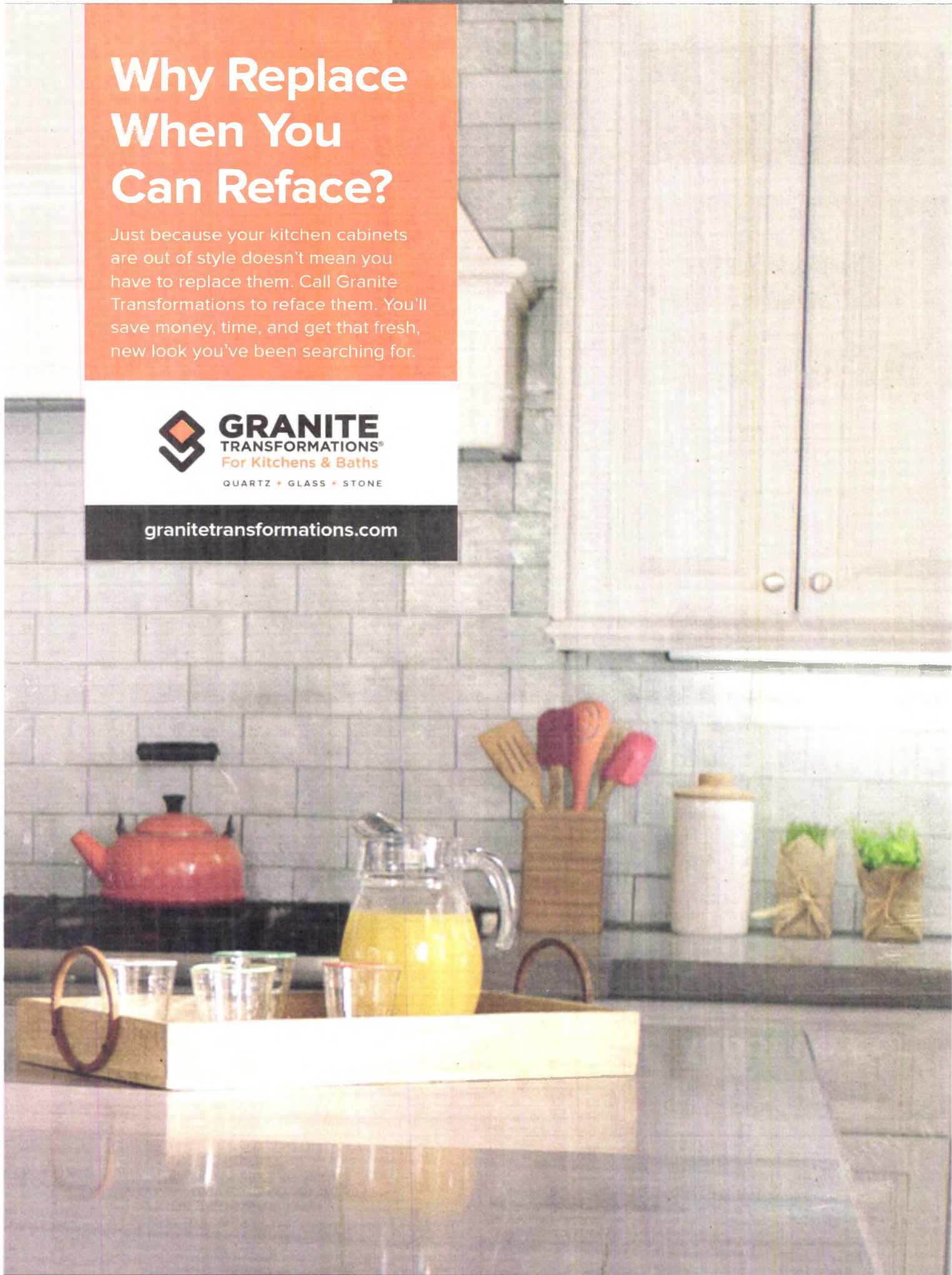
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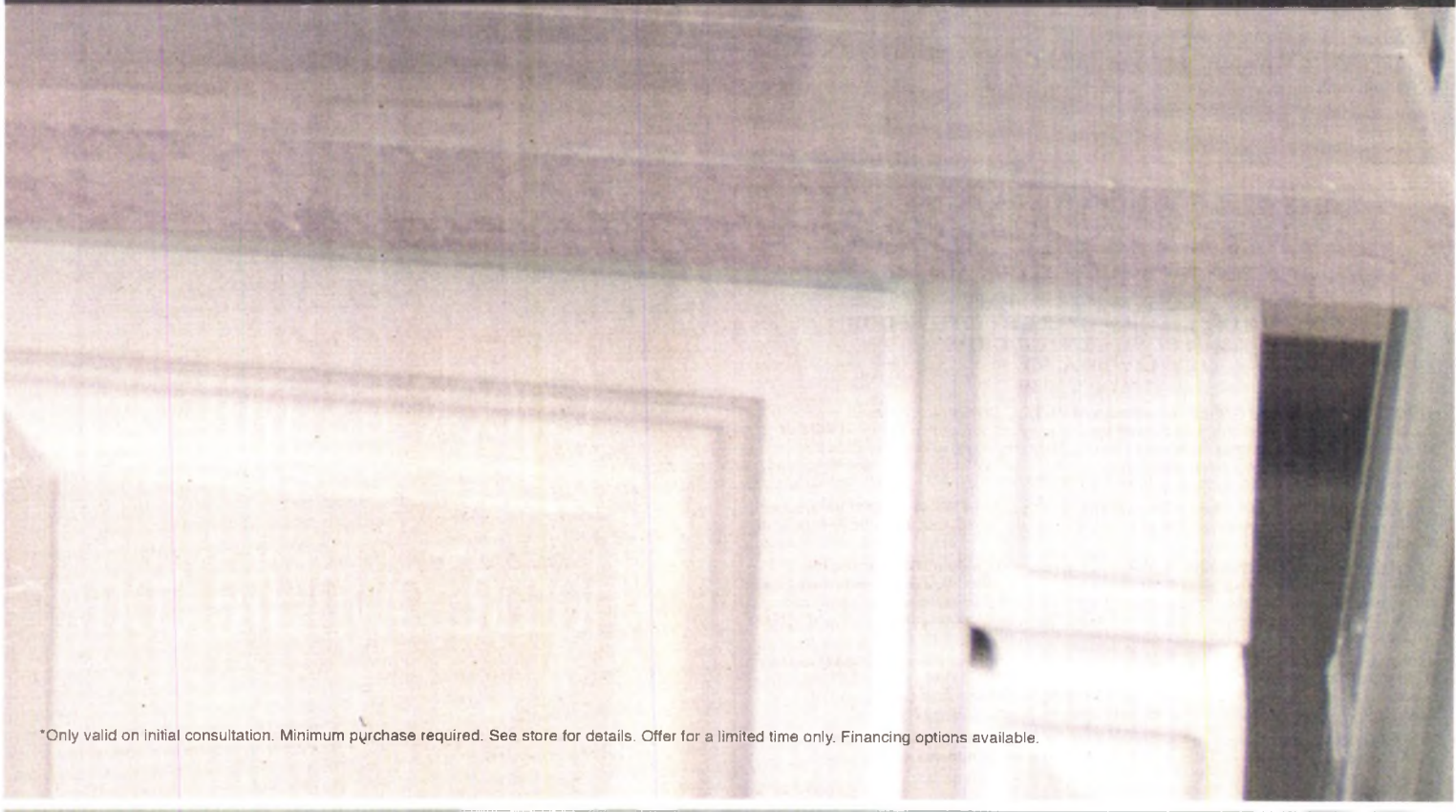


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