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## Westland woman receives her MIA brother's medals

She's thrilled to receive them 60 years after war

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It's been more than 60 years since Cpl. James Ross went missing during the Korean War. On Tuesday, his legacy lived on through his sister at her Westland home.

Molly Ross-McMillan received several medals the U.S. Army determined her brother had earned during his military service in the early 1950s. They were presented to her by Army Master Sgt. William Sanderfer.

Those awards included the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge and Republic of Korea War Service Medal, among others.

"Ms. Ross-McMillan, as a representative of the United States Army, it is my highest privilege to present to you these awards," Sanderfer said, kneeling before her. "Let them be a symbol of the grateful appreciation that our nation feels for the distinguished service rendered to our country and our flag by your brother. May God bless you and may God keep you."

Ross-McMillan, who keeps a display honoring her brother over the door to her home, said the medal presentation was something that took more than a year.

She attended a three-day event in Washington, where she gathered information and contacts for reaching out to see if her brother was due to receive any awards.

"After 50-some years, the army contacted a family member and it was forwarded to me," she said. "A year later, I received a call, stating they had found all the awards."

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Master Sgt. William Sanderfer explains the medals and certificates earned by Mollie Ross-McMillan's brother, James Ross, who is still missing in action in South Korea.

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Danielle deVries helps 4-year-old daughter Elizabeth with her gloves, to help keep things clean.

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## WAGING THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

St. Michael Lutheran School students, staff join the battle

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Abby Lupescu knows there are children and families, both locally and around the world, who aren't as lucky as she is. She knows there are children going hungry, with not enough money for food.

So Wednesday, she was doing something about it.

Lupescu, an eighth-grader at St. Michael Lutheran School in Wayne, joined about 140 others — students, congregation members and volunteers — in a Kids Coalition Against Hunger event where volunteers aimed to package more than 12,000 meals to be sent to hungry people locally and around the world.

"The kids who are getting these are not going to be hungry any more," said Lupescu, who lives in Wayne. "It's important for us to learn we can be helpful to other people."

It's the second year St. Michael has

done the food packaging event, sponsored by the Kids Coalition Against Hunger and helped out by Thrivent Financial. The meals contain soy, rice and other grains and are shipped to needy people locally and internationally.

Last year, in St. Michael's first try, volunteers packaged some 12,000 meals.

"We want to instill in our kids that God loves us, so we should love others," said Shirley Schwecke, a St. Michael staffer who, along with fellow staffer Jayne Braun, helped organize the event. "We want to make an impact on the community."

They're certainly doing that. According to Michael Burrell, president/CEO of Kids Coalition Against Hunger, several local agencies — including the Salvation Army, the Wayne-Westland shelter, Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners — get about one-third of the meals packed Wednesday.

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Jim Roush and 6-year-old Bridgette Gogolowski weigh the filled bag and adjust ingredients when necessary.

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## Westland will see new council members

Two incumbents decide against seeking re-election

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An election to fill four Westland City Council seats has drawn 16 candidates, including incumbents, a former council member, candidates who have run before and first-timers.

Two current council members won't be seeking re-election. Noting her plans to run for higher office in 2018, Christine Bryant decided not to seek re-election and didn't file, while Kevin Coleman filed to run for mayor against incumbent William Wild, rather than seeking a return to council.



Bryant

Two other incumbents, Peter Herzberg and Michael Kehrer, have filed to seek re-election.

Other candidates include former councilwoman Meriam Kadi and former Wayne-Westland Board of Education member Debra Fowlkes. Steven Boron ran for city council in the last election, while Jody White ran for city clerk. Boron is also heading an attempt to recall council President James Godbout and is circulating petitions for a ballot question seeking term limits for elected city offices.

First-time candidates are Jesse Davey, Timothy Gilbert, Tasha Green, Jim Hart, Jason Jackson, Michael Londeau, Terry Martin, Felicia Miles-Clegg, Joseph Schaefer and Donna Stottlemeyer-Beaupre.

"I've been approached to run for higher office. I have wanted to and considered it in the past," Bryant said, not wanting to specify what office she may run for next year. "I don't want to campaign for the city council saying what I'd do two or three years down the road when I'm literally looking at running for higher office next year."

Once her council term ends at the end of the year, Bryant said it would be a great time to take a step back and spend time with her family. A Wayne-

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# HUNGER

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Another third, he said, go into a pool of meals shipped to needy families in 23 countries around the world. The remaining third go into storage for humanitarian relief.

All in all, that's a lot of helpfulness coming out of one local event.

"It's very important because we impact a lot of local missions," Burrell said. "These kids are helping people we see on a daily basis and they're impacting people they'll never even meet. Anytime you can package 12,000 meals and help people around the world, that's a great day."

In addition to helping



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Just a few minutes into production and the bags are starting to add up.

families all over the world, the effort is also a teaching moment for the students at St. Michael. Karen Humes of Canton, who is a member of the St. Michael congregation, said such efforts help the kids learn about being a good Christian.

"It's a great way to teach the kids our Christian values," Humes said.

"It's important to see them living out God's word."

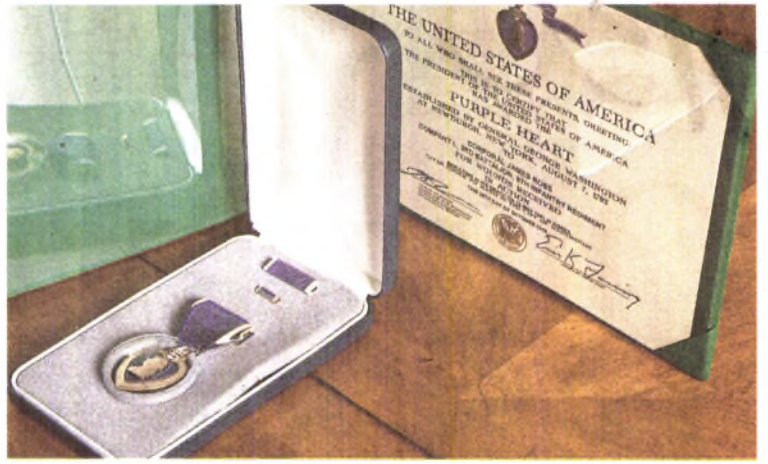
Thrivent Financial officials believe in being generous, which explains their involvement in the effort. Among other things, Thrivent hosted a movie night for St. Michael students at the Emagine Theater in Canton, where donations were gratefully accepted. They raised enough money to help out with food for the event and many Thrivent staffers were on hand to help package the meals.

"The mission of our company is to teach people to live generously," said Adam Hess, a Thrivent financial representative based in Livonia. "That's pretty much the essence of this event."

Eighth-grader Michael McCally of Plymouth is new to St. Michael and so missed last year's inaugural food packaging event. This year, he was right in the thick of it, helping reach the goal of 12,500 meals.

"There are too many kids who don't get enough food," McCally said. "This is what God wants us to do."

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The Purple Heart, earned by Cpl. James Ross, missing in action in South Korea.

# MEDALS

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It was an event, she said, that sparked great emotion, especially when she looked at a certain medal Sanderfer brought with him.

"I'm breathless," she said. "Chills go over me when I look at the Purple Heart."

She said her brother enrolled in the military when he was 15 and de-

cidated he wasn't going to work in the fields of Alabama. He was declared missing when he was 18.

"In that era, he was able to join the service without any questions asked," she said. "He became MIA at 18. He really didn't get to enjoy his life, that's the emotional part of it."

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James Ross was 18 years old when he went missing during the Korean War.

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Westland Community Schools district teacher, she said she also would like to pursue a doctoral degree.

"I'll need to gear up for whichever higher office I run for and I'm in talks with other people behind the scenes," she said. "I don't feel like knowing what I want to do next year, I should run for council. I'd need to put a lot of efforts into running for another seat."

The filing deadline for the election was 4 p.m. Tuesday; candidates had until Friday to reconsider and withdraw from the election. Due to the

number of candidates, there will be a primary election Tuesday, Aug. 8. In that election, voters will narrow the field to eight candidates, who will move on to the general election Nov. 7.

In Westland, the top three finishers in November will each earn a four-year term, while the fourth-place finisher will get a two-year term.

Wild, who ran unopposed in the last two elections, will face Coleman in November. With only two candidates seeking the four-year term for mayor, no primary election is required.

## Garden City

Garden City won't be having a primary election this year. Mayor Randy Walker is running



Walker

unopposed for re-election to a four-year term. Six candidates are seeking four city council seats, including incumbents Mark Jacobs, Pam King, Jaylee Lynch and Patricia McKarge. The non-incumbents running for council are Brian Earle, Melissa DiMichele and Mike Jones.

The top two finishers in the council race will each receive a four-year term, with the remaining two candidates getting a two-year term. That changes in 2019, when all council terms will go to four years. The two years remain-

ing on the late Jim Kerwin's council term will also be filled in November. Petitions to run for that partial term must be filed by July 25.

Garden City voters will also fill two Garden City Library Board seats. Lynn Cox and Janet Smith have filed to run for those seats.

## Wayne

In Wayne, there is no local election since last year the council approved a plan to move city races to even-year elections. It's a money-saving measure as the city elections will now piggyback with state and federal elections.

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2016 Police Officer of the Year Ibrahim Sleiman (right), with Redford Police Chief Eric Pahl.



Redford Fire Chief Scott Demoff, with 2016 Firefighter of the Year Jason Kiekbusch (left).

## Redford shines spotlight on firefighters and police

April 20 saw a record turnout at the 32nd annual Redford Chamber Police and Fire awards.

The Redford Chamber of Commerce hosted the event, attended by business owners, residents, community groups, dignitaries and family members of the honorees.

The night started out with the presentation of colors by the Redford Police Honor Guard in its crisp new uniforms, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the Redford police explorers, commanded by Officer Jennifer Mansfield.

The audience was treated to the national anthem by Thurston High School graduate Brian Wilson. After the invocation was read by Redford Police Chaplain Wade Natho, attendees, honorees and family members enjoyed dinner together before the awards were presented.

The dinner was made possible by donations and sponsorships from the

Detroit Diesel Corp., Kolle Chiropractic, Matick Chevrolet and many other local businesses and residents.

After dinner, co-hosts of the event Brian Taylor of Homeline Appliance and Bruce Bovee of North Redford Towing kicked off the awards ceremonies, introducing a long list of dignitaries in attendance, including state Sen. David Knezek, state Rep. Leslie Love, Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb and local elected officials.

The night was then turned over to Police Chief Eric Pahl and Fire Chief Scott Demoff to present their awards.

The award recipients were selected by the chiefs, as well as fellow police officers and firefighters. Thirteen police officers were given commendation awards. A Livonia officer and two Redford officers received multiple awards.

The commendation awards recognized the

police work of the officers ranging from preventing theft of catalytic converters and recovering stolen weapons to saving an inmate at the jail from an attempted suicide. Several life-saving awards were also issued to officers and dispatcher Ellen Eggenberger for spending nearly two hours on the phone to prevent a caller from committing suicide. Police were able to reach the caller before he could harm himself.

Ibrahim Sleiman was named 2016 Police Officer of the Year. He received five awards for his exemplary police work. Sleiman has been with the department since 2014. He is currently assigned to road patrol working the night shift. He is also an active member of the perimeter rifle team and has been a member of Western Wayne SWAT since October 2015.

"The dinner is a nice opportunity to have the

officers recognized publicly for the great police work that is done in Redford," Pahl said.

In the fire department, firefighters are presented with unit awards from their peers. These awards are given to the firefighter that makes a positive impact on their unit. One award is issued for each of the three units. This year's recipients were Lt. Roy Birchmeier for Unit 1, Engineer Josh Coleman for Unit 2 and firefighter Matt Zmuda for Unit 3. More than 40 merit awards were issued to 24 firefighters, with many being multiple winners for their efforts and hard work.

The merit awards are given for life-saving efforts made by firefighter/paramedics. Situations range from excavating injured drivers with Jaws of Life from a rollover accident to delivering a baby within eight minutes of the 9-1-1 dispatch call.

Because of the quick

response time and intense training of firefighter/paramedics, all of the emergency calls had happy endings. "It's an absolute honor being a member of the Redford Township Fire Department. We don't do this job to receive medals and awards. We do it because we enjoy helping people. But we are so grateful and honored that the chamber of commerce hosts this event each year to recognize all the hard work that men and women of the police and fire departments do," said Engineer Dan Borsuck, a recipient of three awards.

The 2016 Firefighter of the Year, Jason Kiekbusch, was also a multiple-award winner. Kiekbusch joined the department in November 2013. He quickly enrolled himself into a grant writing program and has since won the department \$200,000 in grants that enabled the department to buy new life-saving equipment, including new

extrication tools.

Kiekbusch is also responsible for the new federal grant recently submitted that would bring six new firefighter/paramedics to Redford, allowing for a much-needed third rescue squad to be put into full-time service.

"The chamber dinner shows us that the community is proud of the firefighters and the job that we do. It's always nice to get some appreciation for a career that we love to do. Thank you to the chamber and to Redford Township," Demoff said.

Taylor, chamber board member and event co-chair, added: "This was our largest turnout in years. We hope to have an even bigger turnout next year. This is a great opportunity for the community to come together and show our appreciation to the men and women that are out there risking their lives on a daily basis."

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# Livonia exotic pet shop recovers some stolen lizards

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Stingers Exotics pet store is a little more full these days than it was after someone broke in last month and stole some lizards.

That's because seven of them, including a blue-tongued skink, a Savannah monitor and several bearded dragons were recovered by Livonia police. Those creatures, whom store owner Hazel Bunting and her mother have dubbed the "Lucky 7," are back in their

tanks at the shop at 18774 Middlebelt in Livonia.

"It's been a couple of weeks," said Bunting, a Taylor resident. "We were hoping for more, so I had a little disappointment, but we were just thrilled to get seven."

The shop was broken into March 27, with the suspect taking more than 20 lizards from the store in a smash-and-grab. Security footage showed the suspect in the store that night, stuffing liz-



Bates

ards into a bag. Livonia police Lt. Charles Lister said officers had identified a man they believed to have been involved in the burglary, though a case is still being developed on the break-in in regards to charges. The man, 32-year-old Inkster resident Kristin Bernard Bates, was charged with receiving and concealing stolen property, a city misdemeanor. He was arraigned April 7 and is

due back in Livonia's 16th District Court at 9 a.m. May 3 for his next hearing, according to police.

Lister said officers worked diligently to try to recover some of the lizards and continue to investigate in hopes of recovering more of them. "There was some good legwork to get some of them back," he said.

Recovering the lizards has been a "bittersweet" event for the shop, especially with so many lizards still missing. That includes Betty and Ace, the shop owner's pets

that still haven't been located.

"We're trying to keep our emotions in," Bunting said.

And while the lizards are back in tanks labeled for sale, Bunting isn't so sure she's ready to part with them, especially with everything they've gone through.

"I think I want to keep them," she said.



FILE PHOTO

A citrus bearded dragon at Stingers Exotics in Livonia. Shop owners say several lizards were recovered after a break-in last month.

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## NANKIN MILLS MAY CALENDAR

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, will offer two programs in May to share the beauty of native wildflowers and butterflies. Join for a wildflower hike or an indoor butterfly presentation.

The program fee is \$3 per person. Call the park office at 734-261-1990 to pre-register before the program or to make a credit card payment. Programs are recommended for ages 12 to adult. Payment is accepted the day of the program, but must be cash or check for the hike.

### Wandering Through Wildflowers

Outdoor hike/meet at Cowan Section of Holliday Nature Preserve — 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 6

The stream banks of Tonquish Creek in Holliday Nature Preserve offer a gorgeous display of many different spring wildflowers. They are called spring ephemerals because they are only in bloom for a short time. Join the Wayne County Parks' naturalist for a leisurely hike to identify and learn stories about



Learn about Michigan's butterflies.

these delicate beauties. Meet at the Cowan Section parking lot off of Central City Parkway, between Wayne and Warren roads.

### Butterflies of Southeastern Michigan

10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20

Learn how to recognize many of Michigan's beautiful butterflies through their life stages from egg to caterpillar, chrysalis and adult.

There will also be information about plants you can add to your landscape to attract and provide habitat for our native butterflies. There will be a short visit to the Butterfly Garden on the site, planted by Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA).

Parking is located off of Hines Drive, west of Ann Arbor Trail. The parking lot can be accessed even if the barricades are up at Ann Arbor Trail.

## Livonia woman charged in stabbing of boyfriend following argument

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A Livonia woman faces criminal charges after police say she stabbed her boyfriend in their apartment after an argument.

Police say Vera Smith, 51, stabbed her 54-year-old boyfriend in the back with a kitchen knife while he was sitting at the dining room table in their apartment above a bar along Seven Mile Road.

Police say the two had

had an argument earlier the afternoon of April 18 when Smith stabbed her boyfriend. He was taken to a local hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Smith was arraigned on several criminal charges April 20, including assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon, domestic vio-



Smith

lence — aggravated. If convicted, she faces up to 10 years in prison.

She was given a \$2,000 cash or surety bond, according to Wayne County Jail online records. She's due to return Thursday to Livonia's 16th District Court for a probable cause conference.

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## WESTLAND NEWS BRIEFS

### SeeClickFix coming to city

Mayor William R. Wild launched Westland Click and Fix, a citizen reporting tool for the community's 85,000 residents that is powered by SeeClickFix.

Westland citizens now have a quick, convenient way to communicate directly with city hall through a custom branded mobile app. Citizens can report quality-of-life issues like potholes, graffiti, illegal dumping, blight and much more, with photos, descriptions, automatic geo-location and more.

Westland is joining a growing and innovative network of SeeClickFix partner cities in Michigan, including communities like Clawson, Ann Arbor, Portage, Grand Haven, Detroit and Roseville.

With Westland Click and Fix, citizens can easily report issues on the go, receive real-time updates on the city's progress on fixing them and connect with the city's social media platform. The app is available free of charge on both the Apple App and Google Play stores.



A rendering of Anna's House, which will take over the former Max & Erma's on Newburgh Road.

"The residents of Westland are our first line of defense to spot issues around the city and with this new tool they can communicate their concerns quickly and conveniently," Wild said.

### Anna's House heads to Westland

The city of Westland is welcoming a new premier destination restaurant, Anna's House, a successful restaurant with locations on the west side of Michigan, including Kalamazoo and Holland. Westland will be its first metro Detroit location.

The restaurant will be renovating the 5,600-square-foot building that was the former Max &

Erma's, 6601 N. Newburgh Road, that closed in January 2016.

Anna's House is a retro diner-style restaurant that will specialize in providing all natural, fresh, unique dishes and with a focus on meeting the dietary preferences of the community.

"I am proud of the emerging food scene here in Westland, with over 100 restaurants now," Wild said. "Over the past year, we have welcomed new entries in the barbecue, Thai, Mexican, fried chicken and sushi classes and Anna's House will be an excellent addition to Westland's Shop and Dine District."



A ribbon-cutting took place at the new Pet Valu shop that recently opened.

## New pet store holds grand opening event in Livonia

Pet Valu, a premium pet supplies and accessories retailer, has opened a new store in Livonia.

Its grand opening, which took place recently at the store, 30997 Five Mile, gave the community a chance to check out the signature pet products and services Pet Valu is known for, such as its self-serve dog-wash stations where customers

are provided all the amenities — without having to clean up. Also popular are its lines of adorable toys, gourmet treats, fashionable accessories, cozy furnishings and everyday pet supplies.

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Dennis Wright participated in a ribbon-cutting

As part of Pet Valu's commitment to the com-

munity, each store partners with at least one local animal shelter or group to facilitate pet adoptions and fundraising activities. Pet Valu's partners in Livonia include Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Happy Days Dog and Cat Rescue, both of which were expected to show up during the grand opening celebrations last week.

## Man shot in buttocks on I-96 in Livonia

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Livonia police are investigating a shooting that took place last weekend along Interstate 96 that left a passenger injured.

Police say a 19-year-old White Lake man was shot in the buttocks early Sunday morning while riding in a vehicle along westbound I-96, between Middlebelt and Farmington.

Police were called to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia by security after a patient came in with a gunshot wound at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

Police spoke to the victim, who told them he and some other people were driving home from a show at the Majestic Theatre in Detroit along the freeway. While on westbound I-96, a man driving a light green SUV pulled up next to them and flashed "gang signs" with his hands, police said.

The victim responded to the man, laughing and waving back at him. Further along the freeway, east of Farmington Road, the victim heard a "pop" noise and felt a pain. It was then when he realized he had been shot in the buttocks. The victim

told police the suspect's vehicle later got off the freeway at Farmington Road. Another individual in the vehicle told police they saw the suspect, a man described as being in his 20s, pull out a semi-automatic handgun and fire one shot.

The victim told police he did not know who the driver was and was unsure why he had shot him. He was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and was later released.

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

## WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

### Break-in of vet clinic

Wayne police were dispatched the morning of April 24 to Nichols Vet Clinic, 36912 Van Born, on the report of a break-in that was reported.

Police were called there after getting an alarm call. When they got there, they saw the door was broken and a rock was lying nearby. Some damage was also visible on the cabinets inside. A key holder came to the clinic and said it appeared \$300 was missing. They told police they would review the security footage at a later date. No suspect information was available.

### License plate taken

A resident who lives in the 31600 block of Taft filed a report with police April 20 over the theft of a license plate.

The victim said they had parked their brother's trailer in their driveway the night of April 18. The next morning, they discovered the license plate was missing.

### Attempted break-in of vehicle

A resident who lives in the 3900 block of Clark on the report of some damage done to a vehicle.

The victim said it appeared someone had tried to pry open the

hatch lid of their vehicle. One hinge had a dent. The car also had several scratches on it that did not exist earlier.

### Bicycle taken

A resident who lives in the 31800 block of Annapolis filed a police report April 15 regarding a stolen bicycle.

The resident said a boy walked into their yard and picked up their son's bicycle. Their son then chased the boy several blocks, yelling, "That's my bike" but could not catch up to him.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department.

## Take Pride in Livonia scheduled for May 6

The annual Take Pride in Livonia day begins 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6. This day is designed to spruce up neighborhood parks with the assistance of organizations, families and school groups and aims to improve the quality of life for residents

by focusing on the importance of safety and environmental issues. Groups choose a park and recruit volunteers. Cleaning trails at nature

preserves is being emphasized this year. Each group will be given trash bags and gloves and are encouraged to bring rakes and brooms. Last year, approximately 150 people volunteered to clean nine parks.

"The city of Livonia is fortunate to have residents who are committed to park stewardship. This level of stewardship will ensure well-maintained recreation spaces for

future generations to enjoy," said Ted Davis, superintendent, Livonia Parks and Recreation.

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For more information, call Livonia Parks and Recreation at 734-466-2900 or go to bit.ly/2onaq8d.



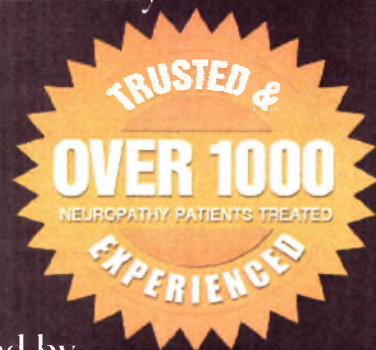
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# WAR SURVIVOR BRINGS KIDS TOGETHER

4-H leader works to help youths of all backgrounds get to know each other

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John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas witnessed the civil war in Guatemala as a boy. The memory of it is at the root of everything he does today in America.

"I've seen what happens when the civility in a society disintegrates. I've seen what happens when people start disappearing because they have different opinions," he said.

Chaisson-Cardenas, 46, the first Latino state youth leader in the 115-year history of 4-H, wants to bring youths of all backgrounds, not just farm kids, together to learn more about each other and learn to be civil.

Chaisson-Cardenas is part of a long effort to expand 4-H's reach. Children of color now make up 13 percent of the 100,000 Iowa youths in 4-H.

As he walked through the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa in Ames recently, where nearly a quarter of the participants come from 4-H programs, he stopped at the presentation of a young man wearing a turban.

J.J. Kapur, of Valley High School in West Des Moines, showed him his project, an experiment on bias. The student, who is Sikh, said he did the project after someone yelled to his father, "Osama, go back where you came from." Chaisson-Cardenas' family left Guatemala 25 years ago with three suitcases and eventually drove to Cheyenne, Wyoming. He was a lonely high school kid who didn't speak English and was dyslexic but went on to earn a master's degree at the University of Iowa and help inner-city kids in Chicago and rural Latinos in West Liberty, Iowa, before landing his job at 4-H in 2014.

He organized a 4-H group that combined immigrants from Africa with African-Americans. Native Americans joined Latinos in another group and learned their shared history.



John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, a 4-H Youth Development Program leader, has helped transform Iowa's 4-H program to attract more youth in the urban areas of the state.

## Q&A WITH JOHN-PAUL CHAISSON-CARDENAS

**What does it mean to you to be an American?**

I really love being an American. I love being a part of this country because of what it stands for. What people don't realize is that around the world, this place is a beacon. Not because of what it is, but because of what it could be and the aspirations of equality, of having people be and belong in our country. To me that is what America is.

**What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?**

For me, youth are not only our future but they are much more diverse than the general population. When you start where youth are today, I truly believe they are ahead of us when it comes to inclusion and diversity and, more importantly, belonging. I truly believe that 4-H is an organization that can make a difference for every group in the United States — over 7 million youths in this country.

**What gives you hope or what concerns you?**

What gives me hope is youth. I work with over 100,000 youth in Iowa alone, so when I hear their voices and see them come together, that gives me hope. What worries me are actually the adults, the rhetoric out there that is destructive, that is divisive, that has taken us apart from the fundamental values that I believe this country is about — inclusion, diversity, bringing people together and being a beacon of hope for the rest of the world.

**What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?**

What I want to do is allow youth to be themselves and understand how powerful they are. And at the same time understand how the other youth around them are powerful within themselves, no matter where you come from, no matter who you are, whether you are white or black, whether you are LGBT or you are not, it doesn't matter to me. What I want them to do is feel good about themselves and find their own strengths.

## John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas

**Profession:** 4-H Youth Development Program leader

**Age:** 46

**Hometown:** Urbandale, Iowa

**Mission:** To bring youths together from all backgrounds to learn from each other.

"Because of the political climate in the last years, we've been working ... on bringing people together, from their culture, their sexual orientation, and having meaningful conversations," he said.

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# Science: Cass Elementary students wonder and then do

Apples slices that turn brown before lunch time. Third-grader Tessa Nolan and her first-grade brother Jack noticed this problem in the lunches their mom packs for them, so they brainstormed solutions, tested those solutions and eventually solved the problem.

It was all part of using the scientific method, during the fifth annual Cass Elementary Science Fair.

"I had this idea to help my mom, because she sends apples in our lunch all the time," Tessa said. "We thought it was a great idea and so we wanted to do it."

The scientific siblings sliced up six sets of apples and tested them with lemon and lime; oranges; Sprite soda; plastic wrap; and apple cider vinegar. They left one set plain. They waited for seven hours to see which sets would turn brown.

In their conclusion, they stated, "We found out that our hypothesis was correct. The lime and lemon were the best. This makes sense because lemons and limes are acidic. Putting cut up apples in an acid helps prevent browning."

They took the experiment a step further and investigated the reasons behind their conclusion. They learned that the enzymes in the apple react with the oxygen in the air, causing it to turn brown. But something cool happens when the apples are treated with the acidic lemon and lime juices.

"When apples are put in acids, it is like an invisible force field. Acid protects the flesh from turning brown by reacting with the oxygen that comes into contact with the apple," they concluded.

Students in Shelby Longworth's class took to the streets with their experiment. Actually, they took to the sidewalks to see which sidewalk chalk brand held up the best in outdoor elements. They tested three brands, made their predictions, waited for two days, then poured water



Cass students check out the many exhibits at the school's science fair.



Matilda Bitner shows off her medal from the Cass Science Fair. She worked with her class to discover which brand of sidewalk chalk lasts the longest when exposed to outdoor elements.

over the chalk on the pavement to see which brand easily washed away and which brand stayed visible.

With the cheaper "dollar store" brand, student Matilda Bitner was not too impressed.

"There's barely anything left," she said, pointing to the photos on the science fair display board. "It was just 'poof!' and it was all gone with the water."

She said working on the Cass Science Fair

project was "awesome" and that the Crayola brand was the best.

Another project entailed testing five types of putty, to see which would bounce the highest and which would stretch the furthest. Student scientist Lily Stella Slesak, a first-grader, concluded that her original assumption that the largest putty ball would bounce the highest was incorrect. The highest bounce came from the smallest ball, while the

longest stretch came from the "gooiest" putty.

Watching the students take a question or an idea and develop it, independently, is incredible, according to Jen Wilson, elementary support teacher at Cass Elementary.

"The science fair gives the students a cooperative learning opportunity and allows them to be curious and to be in control of their own learning," she said, noting that there were 130 exhibits in this year's fair.

Cass Elementary Principal Bridget Regan said this special project allows students to go from "the why" to the solution.

"The benefit is that the students were able to see the whole scientific method, from start to finish," Regan said. "The learning occurred throughout the entire process and I couldn't be more proud of our students."

## Pet supply stores starting to pop up all over Michigan

Jay Grossman  
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There's a new pooch in town.

As the pet supply industry continues to explode in the U.S. in terms of record-breaking growth, new pet food stores are popping up all over the place in south-east Michigan.

Over the past few months, Pet Valu premium pet supplies has opened four stores in Michigan — in Livonia, Warren and Macomb and now the newest location, 33230 W. 14 Mile Road in West Bloomfield, along the Farmington Hills border.

"Michigan is full of big-hearted animal lovers and we look forward to sharing in their passion for their pets and the pets without homes in their town's shelters," said Joe Dent, vice president and U.S. general manager for Pet Valu, which has 300 stores around the country.

Cindi Morris, who once owned a Camp Bow Bow doggy daycare in Kentwood, recently opened a Pet Wants at 33772 Woodward Avenue in Birmingham. The store specializes in all-natural ingredients and makes free deliveries to customers in the surrounding area on orders of \$20 or more.

"What you put into your pet's body has a real impact on their health and well-being," Morris said. "You can buy high-quality pet food at the pet store, but it's still mass produced and, if you don't check the date on the bag, you have no idea how long it's been sitting around losing nutritional value."

Americans love their pets. In 2016, a record-breaking \$66.7 billion was spent in the U.S. on pets. Nearly half the amount — around \$28.2 billion — was spent on



Cindi Morris owns the Pet Wants store on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham.

food, according to the American Pet Products Association, the leading trade association in the pet industry.

At 5,000 square feet, the West Bloomfield Pet Valu is one of the biggest stores in the company's chain. When fully staffed, the store will have eight to 10 full-time employees. Each employee, or "pet expert," is accredited through a curriculum developed by the University of California-Davis.

The store is planning a May 6 grand opening celebration, with plenty of freebies and refreshments, along with activities for the kids. Plus, there will be a number of rescue animals at the store ready and eager for adoption.

Pet Wants originally launched in Cincinnati in 2010. Pet Valu first opened in 2009 in Ontario, Canada. Both companies pride themselves on their relationships with local pet rescue groups. In the past month, Morris donated more than 150 pounds of dog food to Detroit Dog Rescue and more than 200 pounds of dog food and more than 90 pounds of cat food to Michigan Animal Rescue League.

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## Make good choices when loaning money to a friend

**Q: I have decided to lend a friend some money. I've read your columns over the years and I know your thoughts on lending money. I know I should get something in writing, but I just feel very uncomfortable to ask for it. This is a very dear friend and I am willing to accept the consequences if he does not pay me. My friend needs \$25,000 from me and my question is, where best to get the money. My first option is to take a distribution from my IRA. I am 61 years old, so I'm not worried about the penalty. The second option is to take a home equity loan on my home. I contacted my mortgage company and it told me that my rate would be just under 5 percent. My question to you is, what do you think would be the best option? You should know that I am still working and in one of the higher tax brackets. I also plan to work for about 10 more years. My friend is planning to repay me in about three years and, if I do take the home equity loan, I would start making payments immediately.**

**A:** In reviewing your situation and considering your tax bracket, I think the best course of action would be to use a home equity loan. The interest on a home equity loan is



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tax-deductible; in your situation, the money will cost you somewhere in the 3.5-percent range. This is relatively inexpensive money. If your friend does pay you back in a few years, you can take the money and extinguish the home equity loan. Of course, the risk with home equity loans is that interest rates are adjustable and we are in a period of rising interest rates. More likely than not, over the next three years, your interest rate will rise.

In your particular situation, I'm not a fan of taking a distribution from your retirement account. First, I believe retirement money is sacred and, other than an emergency, I think the money should only be used for retirement. If you withdraw the money from your retirement account, you would not be able to put it back when your friend repays you; you'd be losing out on many years of tax-deferred growth. In addition, there is the tax issue. When money comes out of your IRA, it is subject to ordinary income taxes. Considering you are working and in one of the higher tax brackets, the tax hit

could be substantial. After all, you're going to pay federal and state income taxes on this money. To loan your friend \$25,000, you may have to withdraw upward of \$40,000 from your account.

On the whole, I don't like to borrow money in order to loan it to someone. In the situation at hand, I do believe it is the best alternative. Not only does the home equity loan make sense economically, from a tax standpoint, it is a much better way to proceed as well.

Putting things in writing does not mean that you don't trust the person. After all, you wouldn't loan someone money that you didn't trust. It also doesn't mean that you have to see an attorney. A handwritten note between the two of you may suffice. The key is you want to make sure that both parties understand the transaction and what is expected of both parties.

Loaning money to family or friends is admirable, but it is fraught with danger — particularly for those who loan money and expect it to be repaid. It is extremely important that both sides understand the terms at the beginning of the transaction.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com).

### CLARK

**RANDY** Died suddenly. Only beloved child. Survived by parents, Laurie and Richard Clark. Grandson of the late George and Max Bierman, and the late Al and Ruth Clark. Preceded in death by aunt, Karen Bierman. Survived by aunt, Candace Marasheski, and uncles, Grieg and Paul Bierman, and aunt, Tina Quigley; and many loving cousins and friends. Any help for the family would be appreciated, [gofundme.com/3p9nncnc](http://gofundme.com/3p9nncnc).

### JEFFRES



**RAYMOND OREN** Beloved husband and cherished father known for his offbeat sense of humor passed away April 17 at his Farmington Hills, Michigan home. He was born April 21, 1919, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Oren Miller Jeffres and Hattie Belle Goorley Jeffres. Ray was educated at Collinwood High School in Cleveland and studied industrial engineering at Case Western Reserve University. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, and worked on the design of aircraft gunnery systems. Ray and his wife, Dorothy Jelenic Jeffres, were married more than 63 years. His past employers included Republic Steel and the G. B. DuPont Corporation. Ray was preceded in death by his brothers James Jeffres and Carl Jeffres, and his sister, Hazel Jeffres (Clarence) Philpott. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, daughters Janice Jeffres and Jennifer (Arup Sen) Jeffres, and a grandson, Alexander Jeffres Sen. He is also survived by a nephew, Richard (Anita) Philpott; and great-nephews Matthew (Ruthie) Philpott and James (Amanda) Philpott. A private service and interment will be held at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding SE, Ada, MI 49301.

### MELDRUM

**HAROLD NORMAN** born July 23, 1922 and passed away February 26, 2017 at Burcham Hills in East Lansing, MI. Harold loved and served our nation during WWII as a commissioned officer for the Merchant Marines. After the war, he served the people of Wayne, MI as a police officer and retired with the rank of lieutenant. His wife Lorraine preceded him in death. He is survived by three sons; Gary, Timothy and Glenn and two daughters; Cheryl Little and Darie Sundberg. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne, MI.

### MOORE



**GEORGE W. III** Age 84, of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Passed away April 18, 2017. He will be remembered for his deep love for his family, his 45 years of service to Rotary International, his theatrical contribution to Village Players, his continuous involvement in the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and the many boards he served on over the years with the desire to make a difference. Beloved husband of the late Delmyrna K Moore. Loving father of George IV, Brian and Heather (Gleason). Proud papa of Will, Ryan, Matt, Dawn, Tiffany and Charlotte. Older brother of Sally Smith (Moore). At his request, no funeral service will be held. A celebration of his life will take place in Greybull, WY this Summer.

### REDMAN



**JOHN "JACK" CHRISTOPHER** of Asheville, N. Carolina passed away peacefully at the John F. Keever Jr. Solace Center in Asheville on April 23, 2017 at age 81. He was a retired CPA, U.S. Army veteran, and the son of John Austin Redman and Florence Emily Crates. Jack is survived by his wife of 50 years Inez Hullinger Redman, three sons Mark, Bruce and Dale, and many beloved grandchildren. Jack was proud of his more than 30 years as a cattle and tobacco farmer in Madison County. Jack enjoyed the friends he made while working on his farm he called Bach Acres. The family would like to express their appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the excellent care he received at Mission Hospital and the Keever Solace Center. Burial and the celebration of Jack's life will be in his home town in Michigan. There will also be a private celebration in Madison County, NC. In Jack's memory, and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Asheville Symphony, PO Box 2852 Asheville, NC 28802, are welcomed. Condolences can be made to the family [ashevillerearealternative.com](http://ashevillerearealternative.com)

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# Livonia, Redford libraries add braille books

Popular children's books are now available in braille from the Livonia and Redford libraries, thanks to a \$3,250 Eagles for Children grant from the Western Golf & Country Club in Redford.

The Livonia library has 116 new books in braille, while the Redford library has 137.

"Having something for everyone is the goal," said Patricia Slater, head of children's and teen's services at the Redford Township District Library.

Previously, the Redford library had no braille books for blind and visually impaired children. The Livonia library had about 50 braille books for older children, but none for beginning readers.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a Livonia nonprofit, applied for the Eagles for Children grant to equip the libraries' children's departments with braille book collections.

"Braille books are rare and expensive, often costing hundreds of dol-



Karen Smith, head of children's services at the Livonia Public Library, shows a print and braille picture book from the new collection to Andrew Wilson, 6, and Lili Wilson, 8, of Livonia. The library also has print and braille alphabet blocks for children to explore.

lars each," Seedlings Founder/Director Debra Bonde said. "Many local libraries don't have the budget for braille books."

That's unfortunate because blind children are already at a disad-

vantage when it comes to learning to read, Bonde said. For every 100 books a sighted child has, a blind child might have five.

Blind children can't typically get braille

books from other sources either, such as garage sales and used book sales or from older siblings, cousins or neighbors. That limits them to the few books they may get from their braille in-

structors at school or from statewide mail-order programs like the Braille and Talking Book Library in Lansing.

Yet, literacy is just as important to a blind child as it is to a sighted child for success in school and in life, Bonde said. According to the National Federation of the Blind, blind adults fluent in braille have an 80 percent chance of being employed compared to a 20 percent chance if they are not.

The Livonia and Redford libraries' new collections include picture books with both print and braille like "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," print and braille books like "The Kissing Hand" and all-braille books like "Matilda."

Karen Smith, head of children's services at the Livonia Public Library, said the braille books are getting a lot of attention from sighted patrons at the Civic Center Library, where they are based. "We put the collection front and center," she said, so families see them as they come into the

children's section. "The parents are enthralled. They talk to their kids about them."

Many of the books have already been checked out, Smith said. The braille books in both Livonia's and Redford's collections are also available for check-out by other libraries via The Library Network.

Slater showed some of the braille books to school groups visiting the library during March Is Reading Month to raise awareness in the community of the new collection.

Seedlings, the only braille publisher in the United States that specializes in children's books, is able to sell its books at an average price of just \$10 each because of donors and volunteers who offset the cost of producing them, Bonde said.

"We are thrilled that the Western Golf & Country Club, through this generous grant, is helping to give blind and visually impaired children equal opportunity to become literate, independent adults," Bonde said.

## LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

### Retail fraud reported at Target

Police were called Monday evening to Target, 29451 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody at the store.

Police were told the suspect was struggling with store employees, telling them to let her go. Police detained her and spoke to a store employee, who said the suspect was seen entering the store earlier in the night. She was then seen selecting a hamper and later selected a bunch of merchandise, including soap and deodorant. After she was detained, police went to impound her vehicle and discovered more merchandise in the hamper in her vehicle, such

as T-shirts and laundry detergent. She was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

### Wallet taken from restaurant

A patron at Potbelly Sandwich Shop, 29579 Plymouth, came into the police station Monday evening to report her wallet was missing.

She said she was recently eating in the restaurant and left. After she left, she realized she had left her wallet in the booth she was sitting in. She called the store and was told the wallet was not there. She said the next day, she got a message from her bank that informed her her card had been used to purchase several hun-

dreds of dollars of items at Victoria's Secret.

### Mirror damaged on car

A resident who lives in the 37700 block of Jamison came into the police station April 23 to report a mirror on her vehicle had been damaged.

The resident said she came out to the car in the early morning of April 22 and found a mirror missing. She later found the mirror on the ground in several pieces. She said other neighbors in the area have had their mirrors damaged as well. No suspect information was available.

—Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

## Friends of the Opera hosts Easter music

Friends of the Opera of Michigan, supported by Livonia Arts Commission, will bring some Easter music to anyone who loves sacred music at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The concert is free, but donations are appreciated.

You will hear two talented singers accompanied at the piano by a concert pianist performing music by G. Rossini, W.A. Mozart, C. Franck, G. Faure, P. Mascagni, and more.

Elizabeth Mitchell, Mezzo-Soprano, is a versatile performer whose repertoire ranges from opera to cabaret to art song. Professionally, she has performed throughout the United States with Ohio Light Opera, Michigan Opera Theater,

Utah Opera, Friends of the Opera of Michigan, Arbor Opera Theater, Opera MODO, Comic Opera Guild, and the Dodworth Saxhorn Band. Elizabeth made her international debut in 2014 with Oper Im Park in St. Anton am Arlberg, Austria as the Knusperhexe / Gertrud (Mother) in Humperdinck's Hansel und Gretel.

She was delighted to return in 2015 to sing Dorabella in Cosi fan tutte. Other favorite past roles include Mercedes (Carmen), Marie (The Most Happy Fella), Little Buttercup (HMS Pinafore), and Mistress Page (The Merry Wives of Windsor). She can also be heard as Mrs. Vandare on Ohio Light Opera's recording of The Firefly (Albany Records). Ms. Mitchell re-

ceived her B.M. from the University of Utah and her M.M. from the University of Michigan, both in Vocal Performance and with scholarship. Awards: Utah District Finalist, Metropolitan Opera Competition; International Finalist, Lotte Lenya Competition for Singers; Semi-Finalist, International Czech and Slovak Competition.

Quinto Milito, Baritone, graduated from the famed "G. Rossini" Conservatory of Music in Pesaro, Italy. He made his operatic debut at the Spoleto Festival in Italy. Since then he has performed in Europe and throughout the United States and Canada.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Art gallery shows off artists

Dickerson Art Gallery in collaboration with Three Cities Art Club will host a special exhibition of its 10 artists beginning later this month in Westland's Gallery at City Hall.

The exhibition runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 30 (plus weekends during special events) in the gallery, 36300 Warren Road. The public is invited to a free multi-media show and reception 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5.

Sandburg Library now open

The Sandburg Library in Livonia is now open with the following hours: noon to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; and closed Friday through Sunday.

Noble Library will be closed beginning until May 8.

Annual stamp show arrives

The West Suburban Stamp Club presents the 48th annual Plymouth Stamp Show 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 Nations Postal Administration and Nordica 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.

Lighthouse Mission hosts yard sale

Lighthouse Home Mission pantry will have a yard sale from 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 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/.

Plymouth Oratorio Society

The 31st season concert of the Plymouth Oratorio Society will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. The POS will perform F.J. Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation". Joining the POS will be the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra. No tickets are needed, as a freewill offering will be taken. For more information, call 734-455-8353 or go to plymouthoratoriosociety.org

Literacy tutor volunteers needed

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council is a volunteer, nonprofit organization aiming to improve conversation literacy skills for adults who speak English as a Second Language. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors in the Plymouth-Canton community. We typically have at least 10 students on our waiting list at any given time. In 2016, 108 tutors trained tutors in our community provided more than 6,300 hours of tutoring services to promote literacy in our community for students originating from the United States and 25 foreign countries.

Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior experience. Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. The next training class, which includes about 12 hours of instruction spread out over two days, will be held on the following dates:

- 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 18
- 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20

Community Literacy Council is a nonprofit organization. We charge \$40 for each tutor to cover the cost of training, materials and food. Advance reservations are required, and can be made online at www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org/ or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

Sorry to say

The Friends of the Westland Library are still alive and busy. However, our May Book Sale will not be held this year.

Watch for a new donation bin coming soon to our library. We look forward to seeing all of you, our faithful supporters,

at our September 2017 fall sale. Until then, don't forget to shop the Friends Book Shop at the Library.

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society performs

The Friends of the Livonia Library will present the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society in a concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia. On a hot afternoon in July 1983 this group met in a park in Wyandotte to review what they had learned together. This was the beginning of the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society. The group has now grown to over 100 members playing a variety of acoustic instruments such as the Hammered dulcimer, guitar, fiddle, autoharp, ukulele, and harmonica. The official theme song is Westphalia Waltz. They perform for many meetings, workshops, and other related activities. The organization is to play the hammered dulcimer with other instruments for their enjoyment. A free reception will follow the program in the Michigan Room. For more information, call 734-466-2495.

Firearms training for ladies

The Michigan 14th District Republican Committee will host a Ladies Night for firearm training and proficiency training 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at Firing Line Indoor Gun Range and Gun Shop, 33000 Ford Road, Westland. The event is a fundraiser, but Firing Line is providing the training. The cost is \$40. To register, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mi-14th-cd-gop-cmte-invites-you-to-a-ladies-night-firearm-safety-proficiency-registration-33364162107

Westland students show their skills

Students from William D. Ford Career-Technical Center participated in the 45th annual State Leadership Skills Conference April 7-9 in Grand Rapids.

There were 23 students from the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center and 10 instructors who participated. Students took their SkillsUSA knowledge test the first day. During the opening ceremony, SkillsUSA presented an award to the William D. Ford Career-Technical Center for a 42-percent increase in membership for 2016-17. On the second day, students competed in their technical skills contests. Awards were presented on the final day. Six local students won medals.

Gold medal winners are: Lynnae Ellis in EMT, First Responder/CPR; Natasha Graham in Graphics/Print, Graphic Communications; and Jayden Wood in Construction Tech, Carpentry. Silver medal winners

are: Trenton Morrison in EMT, First Responder/CPR; Allison Jones in Firefighting, Firefighting; and Kamron Lewis in Graphics/Print, Graphic Communications.

The gold medalists will compete at the SkillsUSA National Competitions in Louisville, Ky., in June.

SkillsUSA Michigan serves more than 4,300 high school and college students and professional members throughout Michigan who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations. SkillsUSA prepares workers by providing education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development; through building and reinforcing self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. The organization also emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work.

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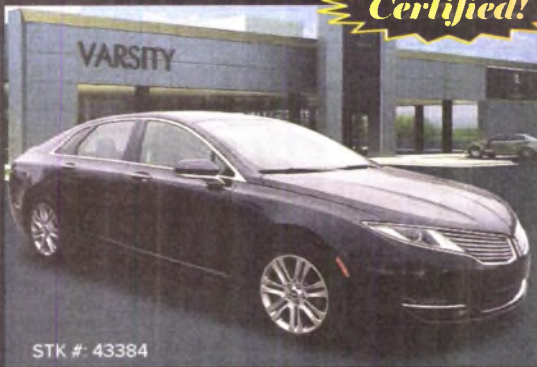
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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

# Costly win for Spartans

Stevenson beats Novi for first time in nine years, but loses captain Verant to knee injury

Tim Smith  
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Livonia Stevenson girls soccer coach Ken Shingledecker would gladly re-start Tuesday's game and take a different outcome if it guaranteed his senior captain would be healthy.

Shingledecker's Spartans did edge Novi 2-1, the first time in nine years that Stevenson prevailed against the KLAA Central Division rival Spartans. But it was a costly win, because senior captain

Megan Verant sustained a knee injury just two minutes into the game and did not return.

"Very mixed emotions about the win tonight," Shingledecker said. "Of course I'm proud of the girls for the great effort against a very good Novi team."

"To see Megan go down hurt was hard for the whole team to handle. I thought it took us until midway through the second half to sort ourselves out. The girls found a way to get it done."

Stevenson, now 7-0-1 overall and 3-0-1 in the division, won

the game when freshman Meredith Hage scored her first varsity goal in the second half to snap a 1-1 tie.

Setting up the tally was Audrey Kopitz, who opened the scoring on a penalty kick in the 25th minute of the first half.

Novi (4-2-1, 2-2-0) converted off a penalty kick to deadlock the game just four minutes into the second half. Finishing the play was freshman Avery Fenchel, who managed the only goal against freshman



Controlling the ball Tuesday night is Livonia Stevenson's Kennedy Thurlow.

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GLOBAL 6K FOR WATER

# WATER FOR THE WORLD

Westland's 'Water Boyes' among many in area stepping up May 6 to help World Vision's cause

Tim Smith  
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Imagine walking more than 3.7 miles to the middle of nowhere, then scooping gallons of muddy water into a jug and lugging it back home.

There are no guarantees that water is usable, but in undeveloped portions of the world, people have no choice but to drink it.

And that harsh reality motivates hundreds of thousands of volunteers such as Westland's Boye family and friends — nicknamed the "Water Boyes" — to literally go the extra mile (or four) to fix that sad reality.

Noah Boye, a senior at Canton Preparatory High School, and Lutheran Westland sophomore Julia Boye are part of the fundraising team of family and friends taking part Saturday, May 6, in World Vision's annual Global 6K for Water. It will take place beginning at 9 a.m. at Kensington Metropark in Milford, one of 700 host sites across the United States.

Each person walking or running the 6-kilometer course (about 3.72 miles) is donating \$50, which will provide water for one person. World Vision is looking to raise a combined \$1.5 million from the May 6 event alone to help fix the water crisis in Africa, Haiti and India.

"It's a hand up, not a hand-out," 18-year-old Noah Boye said.

"Most people walk more than 3.7 miles every day," he added. "The significance of six kilometers, most children, these young children usually below the age of 10, have to walk about six kilometers every day to reach these wells, these dirty wells."

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BOYE FAMILY PHOTO

Family and friends of Westland's Boye family are participating as the "Water Boyes" May 6 at the Global 6K for Water. Pictured are (from left) Natalie and Brandon Kirkey, Elijah, Steve, Wendy, Jenna, Julia and Noah Boye. Wendy is wearing a race bib showing the child who will receive clean water as a result of her efforts.

PREP SOFTBALL

# Chiefs run, romp to sweep of Patriots

Livonia Franklin unable to contain speedy Canton

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Wednesday was Peyton Philbeck's birthday and she celebrated on the softball field with base hits her first three times up to lift visiting Canton to a 16-3 mercy win over Livonia Franklin.

Philbeck ripped a single to center field in the second inning to tie the KLAA South Division contest 2-2 and — after stealing second base — she scored on another hit to center, by Emily Roberts.

In Canton's seven-run fourth, which completely blew the game open, Philbeck was in on the fun with another RBI hit.

"Today's her birthday," said Canton head coach Al White, whose team then swept the doubleheader with a 9-4 win in Game 2. "She was 3-for-3 the first three times up."

There were other key performers for the Chiefs, who also enjoyed a seven-run surge in the sixth. With the 13-run spread, the game concluded after six innings due to the MHSAA mercy rule.

Izzy Dawson went 3-for-5 with two runs and two RBIs, Roberts tallied four hits,

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Sliding into third base ahead of an attempted tag by Livonia Franklin third baseman Brooke Garbarino is Canton's Olivia Grant.

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Team World Vision members of all ages participate in a 6K marathon for water in Chicago's Lincoln Park in August 2016.

GAMEFACE MEDIA

## WATER

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"These children will walk ... if you look at a puddle in the middle of a baseball field, that's kind of the water they're getting. They're getting dirty, muddy, gross water. I think about 1,000 children (under age 5) die every day from diseases that are caused from drinking dirty water."

Julia, 15, added that the Global 6K for Water is "going to be an experience to remember. I'm excited because it's really important to me. ... I use so much water when I get home and it's clean. But for *them* ..."

She didn't have to finish the sentence to know she was talking about the way many in Western civilization take water for granted.

### Not about style

Noah and Julia — whose mom Wendy Boye is the catalyst for the "Water Boyes" and a five-year volunteer for World Vision — will be running and walking the course, respectively.

But that's the good thing about the Global 6K for Water. Style points don't matter, just the end result.

And both high school student-athletes (each plays soccer at their respective schools) find the time to make a difference and, hopefully, blot out the problem by 2030.

"I think it's extremely important, because this is a great opportunity for people that aren't necessarily very able to do such events like running a marathon or running a half-marathon with World Vision," Noah said. "But it's \$50 and you save a child's life, which is a huge thing."

"A lot of people just aren't made to do marathons and because they aren't, this is an opportunity for them to get involved within the community and get involved with World Vision. It's huge for me to be able to do it, because it's being able to practice what you preach."

His sister nodded across the table as he spoke, because she admitted she is not a runner. That doesn't matter, however.

"I'm not exactly the running type," Julia said. "So most likely, I'll walk it. But it's still saving a life."



Rocio Lopez Orosco, 11, walks over a polluted river in Colomi, Bolivia, to get water from a nearby ground well for washing dishes and cooking.

EUGENE LEE | WORLD VISION

Noah credited his mom for getting involved five years ago in the cause and he merely is following suit. This is his second year running the 6K.

"Because she's been involved with it for so long, I've been able to ... learn about it and support the cause without necessarily running," he said. "And God put it on my heart to start pursuing it and to start supporting my mom — not just on the sidelines, but running along side of her."

"So I decided to run the half-marathon (held in October) and the 6K and I think it's just a great thing to do. It's something that, if it's important to you, you'll find time for it and I find that true with most things in my life."

### Making progress

Wendy Boye said she became entrenched in World Vision's go-to cause after she asked God "to break my heart for the things that break His."

Now, her husband Steve and their children are completely into what World Vision is trying to accomplish.

"I love it, I love that they're

### GLOBAL 6K FACTS

**What:** World Vision's annual Global 6K for Water.

**When:** Event starts 9 a.m. Saturday, May 6.

**Where:** Kensington Metropark in Milford is one of 700 host sites across the United States. More than 18,000 participants from those sites combined will run or walk six kilometers (3.7 miles)

**Mission:** To raise money and awareness that can help bring clean water to other parts of the globe, including Africa, Haiti and India. The goal is for the Global 6K for Water to generate about \$1.5 million.

**Why 6K:** The distance of the walk/run is exactly the distance 663 million people — typically women and children — do daily in the developing world to collect water, according to a press release promoting the event. Most of the time, the water they get is contaminated and unsuitable to drink. Nearly 1,000 children under the age of 5 die each day from health problems stemming from drinking dirty water.

**Top team:** As of late April, the Life Church Canton fundraising team had collected \$6,815 toward its goal of \$10,000. The next closest team had raised about \$2,700.

**To help:** There still is time to sign up for the May 6 event. Just go to [teamworldvision.org](http://teamworldvision.org). Cost to sign up is \$50. Each participant will receive a race bib with the photograph of a child he or she will be providing water for with the entry fee.

starting off with helping people at a young age," Wendy said. "That's important. It's important to know that it's not about you."

According to Noah, just in the past five years alone, the mission has put a major dent into the problem of dirty water.

"When World Vision first

started, there were 770 million people that didn't have access to clean water and now it's in the 600 millions of people that don't," Noah said. "So within the last five years, over 100 million people have gained access to clean water, which is incredible."

"There's a long way to go,

but it is one problem that could be solved within our lifetimes."

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A woman carrying a baby on her back and container of water from a World Vision borehole on her head, in Sinazongwe, Zambia.

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BASEBALL ROUNDUP

# Clutch Canton takes two from Patriots

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Livonia Franklin was one out away from a 2-1 win in the opener of Wednesday's KLAA South Division baseball doubleheader against Canton.

But then Justin Mattson (3-for-4) singled to right to score Justin Dolney to make it a 2-2 game. In the eighth, Dolney stroked a double to set up Andrew Krafft's tie-breaking, two-run single and give the Chiefs a 4-2 win.

The Patriots (12-5 overall) retired the first two Canton batters in the eighth, too, but then Aaron Dolney walked against Franklin starting pitcher Kolby Dewhirst — who threw a strong game in defeat.

With a new pitcher on the mound, Justin Dolney hit his

double and Krafft followed with his clutch hit.

That made relief pitcher Tyler Newsom the winning pitcher. He threw 2.1 innings of scoreless relief of starter Turner Donlin.

Ben Spencer collected two hits in three at-bats for the Chiefs and drove in a run.

Dewhirst, Jon Montie, Kyle Wollam, Ben Raisch and Richie Garcia had the Franklin hits.

Canton (13-5, 7-2) kept the momentum going in the second game, winning 10-1 in six innings.

Spencer (2-for-4, run, RBI), Lou Baechler (2-for-4, two runs, RBI), Jake Dattilio (2-for-3, run, RBI), Aaron Dolney (1-for-4, two runs, two RBIs) and Justin Dolney (2-for-3, RBI) contributed to the lopsided win.

Seth Marano started and blanked Franklin for the first five innings to pick up the victory. Dean Dawson finished up for Canton.

Harrison Merrill went 3-for-3 for the Patriots, knocking in three runs. Johnny DiPonio registered a run-scoring hit.

**STEVENSON 0-11, NOVI 6-0:** It was a tale of two distinctly different games Wednesday with Livonia Stevenson getting routed 6-0 in Game 1 but coming back strong in the KLAA Central Division nightcap.

Novi starter and winner Alex Bageris scattered five Spartans hits in the first game but Stevenson made up for it in the second game with an eight-hit attack.

An eight-run second inning propelled the Spartans (12-4, 7-3), with eight batters each garnering one hit. The winning pitcher was Dan Bos, who went the first three frames.

Mark Petterson, Joe Kubeshesky (1-for-1) and Danny Morris (1-for-2) each scored two runs. Chris Tardys went 1-for-2, scored a run and drove in one.

Novi moved to 8-11-1 overall and 4-7 in the division. **CHURCHILL 7-15, WAYNE 0-0:** Livonia Churchill had all phases of its game working Wednesday against Wayne Memorial, taking both ends of a KLAA South Division twinbill.

Churchill's Joe Wozniak blanked Wayne in Game 1, giving up just four hits and one walk while fanning six. Big contributors on offense were Brett Stern (1-for-2, two runs), Drew Alsbrooks (1-for-2, run, two RBIs) and Chris Serigson (1-for-3, run).

In the opener, the lone bright spot for the Zebras (3-9, 1-9) was Justin Johnson, who went 2-for-3. Rick Hernandez singled in the second game for Wayne's lone safety.

The Chargers reached the .500 mark with the sweep, improving to 7-7. They are 4-6 in the division. **SALEM 5-6, SOUTH LYON 1-1:** Sean McCormack had a big day both at the plate and on the mound for the host Rocks. He went 3-for-3 in the opener to provide offensive support for starter and winner Adam Pitkole.

In Game 2, McCormack pitched Salem to the win while Jeremy Armstead helped with two hits and two RBIs.

Salem improved to 6-7 overall and 5-4 in the KLAA Central Division.

**PLYMOUTH 12-9, JOHN GLENN 4-0:** On Wednesday, the Wildcats took both ends of a doubleheader from KLAA South Division opponent Westland John Glenn.

Plymouth improved to 9-3 overall and 8-0 in the KLAA South while the Rockets dipped to 2-9 and 1-8.

**CLARENCEVILLE 14, FORDSON 1:** Winning pitcher Bobby Jaber helped his own cause going 2-for-2 with a double, two walks and two RBI in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division win Wednesday at home against Dearborn Fordson.

The Trojans broke the game open with eight runs in the second inning as Nick Bisaro, Justin Kelley, Demond Scutations, Kam MacIver, Nick Snage, Zack Richards and Austin Porwood each collected a hit. Jaber allowed just one unearned run on three hits. He struck out five and did not give up a walk in the

four-inning rule-rule win.

"We're on a little bit of a roll right now," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "We still need to improve defensively, but we're running the bases much better and pitching much better of late."

The Trojans play at 10 a.m. Saturday at home against RU in a double-header.

"We always play tough against them, but we have not beaten them the past three years," Cotter said. "We're going to try and change that."

**BELLEVILLE 5, REDFORD UNION 0:** On Wednesday, the host Tigers earned the WWAC Blue Division win over Redford Union (6-3, 1-1) as starter Jacob Gagnon took the loss.

Jacob Bowles went 2-for-3 in a losing cause for the Panthers.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND WINS:** The Warriors belatedly opened the season Tuesday with a MIAC Red triumph over Southfield Christian.

"Being our first game I was pleased," said head coach Kevin Wade, whose team dealt with rainouts and scheduling problems. "We have quite a bit to work on but being able to finally play a game was great."

**SALEM 4, CHURCHILL 3:** On Monday, Salem built an early 4-0 lead and then hung against Livonia Churchill.

Rocks starting pitcher Eric Payne went 5 1/3

innings and picked up the victory as he out-duelled the Chargers' Drew Alsbrooks (one earned run over five innings).

At the plate, Salem was led by Carlton Harper (2-for-3) and Danny Diaz, who each scored a run and drove in one.

Jake Osen went 2-for-3 and scored a run for Churchill.

## SOFTBALL

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scored twice and collected an RBI and Sydney Dawson registered two run-scoring hits in four at bats.

Pitching four innings for the victory was Shea Scott, while Nicole Dawson (1-1, two RBIs) threw the final two innings for the Chiefs.

Canton's aggressive base-running forced the issue throughout the game.

"Our girls take the extra base all the time, that's for sure," White said. "That's the way we teach them."

Livonia Franklin (2-7 overall and in the division) did get on the board first, scoring in the bottom of the first to go up 1-0.

After Maddy Reynolds walked, she was sacrificed to second and scored on a single by senior Brooke Garbarino.

Canton could not break through against Patriots pitcher Jordan Berger until the third, with Philbeck's first RBI hit tying the game.

The Chiefs sent 12 batters to the plate in the fourth however, with four walks, an error and run-scoring hits by Scott, Izzy Dawson, Philbeck and Sydney Dawson. A sacrifice fly by Olivia Grant accounted for another run.

According to Franklin head coach Brittany Grys, there were some bright spots, including six-plus innings in the second game from pitcher Ashley Couch, brought up from the junior varsity.

It was a 5-4 game until the seventh, when the Chiefs

again broke it open.

Garbarino went 4-for-6 over the two games, with Sarah Iler going 3-for-4 with four RBIs and Haley Bennett going 2-for-4.

"Our pitching is our biggest area of opportunity right now," Grys said. "When our pitchers keep the ball low in the zone we are able to create ground balls for the defense to work with."

"With some adjustments of pitching location and improvements on the mound throughout the rest of the season we will only continue to get stronger."

**SOUTH LYON 5-3, SALEM 2-8:** The host Rocks split Wednesday's KLAA Central Division twinbill.

Salem's offense was fueled by Jordan Hazel (two doubles), Maddy Rosiewicz (three singles), Kristin Mihalic (two-run homer, single, two RBIs), Caroline Miller and Morgan Overaitis (each with a double and single).

Overaitis pitched the Rocks (7-3, 5-2) to the Game 2 win, the first KLAA Central loss for the Lions (12-1, 6-1).

**SALEM 10, CHURCHILL 0 (5 INNINGS):** Salem junior pitcher Rosiewicz threw a three-hit shutout and went 2-for-3, including a homer, to spark the Rocks to Monday's victory.

Also coming through with run-scoring hits for Salem were Mihalic, Hazel, Hailey Dechalk, Rae Campbell and Overaitis.

**CANTON 10, STEVENSON 3:** Izzy Dawson enjoyed a 4-for-4 game Monday to spearhead the visiting Chiefs.

Helping the cause were Stephanie Schmunk (2-for-2, two doubles, two RBIs) and winning pitcher Christine Christenson.

On Saturday, Canton won the Macomb Classic. **PLYMOUTH 8, NORTHVILLE 0:** On Monday, Jenny Bressler struck out 15 to key the Wildcats to a KLAA crossover victory.

Kelly Gryniewicz "had a great day coming off the bench" with a 2-for-2 effort, Plymouth coach Lauren Evans said. She added that other contributors included Mikayla Rose (walk, run), Angela Schmidt (sacrifice bunt) and Arie Barthelomew (RBI hit).

**GARDEN CITY 15, ANNAPOLIS 1:** The Cougars had a field day Monday, parlaying 13 hits into 15 runs against Dearborn Heights Annapolis in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference softball contest.

Leading the way for Garden City (7-2 overall, 2-0 in the WWAC) were Corni Mowrer (2-for-3, two runs, two RBIs) and Alecia Montgomery (3-for-4, double, two runs, two RBIs).

April Rudolph pitched the Cougars to victory.

"It was a tight game, 3-1 going into the bottom of the third, when Alecia Montgomery hit a hard ball through the middle that hit the opposing pitcher in the shin and forced her out of the game," Garden City coach Barry Patterson said. "The Cougars went on to have a big inning and put the game away at that point."



Slapping at the softball during Wednesday's opener is Livonia Franklin's Lauren D'Angelo.

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## PREP TENNIS

# Hanson set to retire; Lowes to carry Novi tennis torch

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The Novi High boys tennis program will be under new management starting in spring 2018.

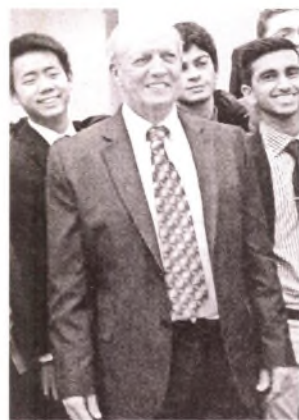
Dan Lowes, an assistant with the Wildcats since 2005 and a science teacher in the building, has been elevated to head coach. He'll replace Jim Hanson, who is retiring in June after 23 seasons with the Wildcats.

"Forty-seven years, 72 teams ... it's time to move on and do other things," said the 70-year-old Hanson, who was recently inducted into the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame. "Dan has helped me for the last 15 years. It will be a smooth transition. He's been a big part our success of both our boys and girls programs. He's a teacher in the district and that's always good to have coach that is also a teacher."

Hanson guided the Wildcats to a pair of MHSAA Division 1 boys state championships (2014 and '15) and placed runner-up twice (2012 and '13).

The Wildcats have qualified for 15 boys state finals while achieving 10 top five finishes to go along with eight regional crowns.

Hanson's 47-year tennis coaching career includes a stint at Livonia Clarenceville. He has



Novi coach Jim Hanson (center) was recently inducted into the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

also been the girls coach at since 1984 at Novi. His current overall dual match record is 291-140-10.

"Obviously, I'll be able to play some more golf," Hanson said. "It will be a good change of pace for me. You'll miss it just like teaching, where I had 42 years, but you always get over it."

Lowes inherits a team with plenty of talent to get back to the finals, but the 43-year-old Novi alum isn't taking a return

for granted. Last fall, the Wildcats finished fourth in the state.

"We have been blessed with some talent, but you still have to work with the kids and our goal is to watch them improve every year," Lowes said in a Novi school district press release. "No matter how talented they are, you still want to see them improve."

Lowes graduated in 1992, the year before Hanson arrived at Novi High. He said he's thankful for everything he has learned from the experience of working with a legendary coach.

"I want to simulate and do a lot of the things Jim did, keep the tradition going," Lowes said. "Tweak things a little here and there, but we've got a good thing going, so you want to keep it going. And I think with little tweaks, we can maintain it."

Lowes, who studied biology and chemistry at Western Michigan University and earned a master's degree from Wayne State University, is in his 13th year as a high school chemistry teacher at Novi.

Becoming head coach at his alma mater is special.

"It's kind of an honor," said Lowes, who played varsity doubles for coach Jim Newbold, from 1990-92. "It's refreshing in a way that we've kept it close to home. I was part of the first KVC (Kensington

Valley Conference) championship that Novi tennis ever got in '91 and '92, so to see it materialize into what it has become today and be a part of that is kind of fun, kind of exciting."

A longtime assistant with the girls team, Lowes, who also golfed and played basketball as a prep athlete, would also like to succeed Hanson as head coach following the current spring season.

"I really do believe that Dan is going to be able to carry the torch and make it a little bit brighter," Novi athletic director Brian Gordon said. "He could not have been partnered with a better mentor to show him the way and I'm sure the lessons he has learned from coach Hanson will help him moving forward."

Gordon said he expects Lowes to be a candidate for the girls job.

"I love whenever we have the chance to hire somebody who is in our building," Gordon said. "With Dan's extensive tennis background and being a part of the program for 14 years, we will just follow our process as we always do, but we will see when that time comes and we'll make that decision come this fall."

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## SOCCER

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keeper Mackenzie Fifer (three saves).

**REDFORD UNION 6, CLARENCEVILLE 4:** Maggie Osowski's hat trick enabled the Panthers (2-4, 1-1) to earn a WWAC victory Wednesday at home over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (0-5, 0-3).

Michelle Marolo scored all four goals for the Trojans, who couldn't overcome a 4-1 halftime deficit.

Clarenceville, which had 15 second-half shots, also got offensive help from Allie Snage, Mel Lind and Paola Gonzalez.

Goalie Allison Lay stopped 28 shots in a losing cause, while Myla Hoskins-King, Breanna Ford and Monica Gonzalez stepped up defensively for the Trojans in the second half, according to coach Amanda Truitt.

**GARDEN CITY 12, ROMULUS 0:** On Wednesday, Alyssa Metcalf, Kaitlyn Bovensiepe and Brooke Collins scored two goals for the Cougars in this romp over Romulus.

Helping the Garden City cause with two assists each were Summer Sultana (who also scored a goal) and Molly Borg.

"The girls worked hard and kept possession of the ball all game," Garden City coach Jeff Szypula said. "It was good to get everyone equal playing time and see them play at different positions on the field."

Chelsea Aubertin scored her first career varsity goal in the game. Summer Sultana and Brooke Collins had outstanding games at forward.

Garden City improved to 4-4-1 overall and 2-1 in the WWAC.

Next up for the Cougars is Monday's home game against Dearborn Fordson to benefit the Lyman Foundation — a non-profit organization that sponsors Burgh School for Students with Autism.

The JV game will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the varsity contest at 7 p.m.

"We hope to get a good crowd for the game to help raise money for the students at Burgh," Szypula said. "It should be a fun and entertaining night of soccer."

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## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

# Lady Ocelots nearly win two in home finale

In split with Macomb CC, Lady Ocelots' sophomores play final contests at Ford Field

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For several key players on Schoolcraft College's women's softball team, Wednesday's twinbill against Macomb Community College was their last chance to play in front of the home fans at Ford Field.

And for a while, "Sophomore Day" looked like a winner on all counts as the Lady Ocelots defeated the Monarchs 2-0 in Game 1 of a MCAA doubleheader and enjoyed a 4-1 lead until the seventh inning of the nightcap.

But Macomb spoiled things with a four-run surge to earn a 5-4 victory.

One of the six sophomores, co-captain and third baseman Kelsie Powell (Garden City), led off the home seventh with her second hit of Game 2 and was poised to at least force extra innings.

Unfortunately, Powell (two hits, two RBIs) was left stranded as Monarchs sophomore ace pitcher Miranda Hebert struck out the next three batters.

Another sophomore co-captain, Livonia Stevenson

alum Kassidy Lipinski, doubled in Powell in the first to get Schoolcraft's hopes of a sweep off to a good start. Powell opened the frame with a walk and moved to second on a single by freshman Victoria Porter (Canton).

After Macomb tied the game, Schoolcraft got it back in the second when freshman first baseman Maddi Haas (Livonia Ladywood) singled and came around to score.

The Lady Ocelots tacked on two runs in the fourth on an RBI single by Powell. Opening the inning with hits were Lauren Sandie and Autumn Dobrick.

In the opener, Schoolcraft sophomore pitcher and co-captain Kerry Prowse threw a complete-game shutout while Dobrick and Mikaela Smolar (Garden City) each delivered two hits and a stolen base. Also with RBIs were Cori Wilson and Porter.

The six sophomores capping off the home portion of their Schoolcraft careers included Powell, Lipinski, Prowse, Alaina DeFrain (Livonia Franklin), Rosie Garvin (Livonia Churchill) and Caitlin



On sophomore day, Schoolcraft College's (from left) Kelsie Powell, Alaina DeFrain, Rosie Garvin, Caitlin Fitzpatrick, Kerry Prowse and Kassidy Lipinski enjoy their final games at Ford Field in Livonia.

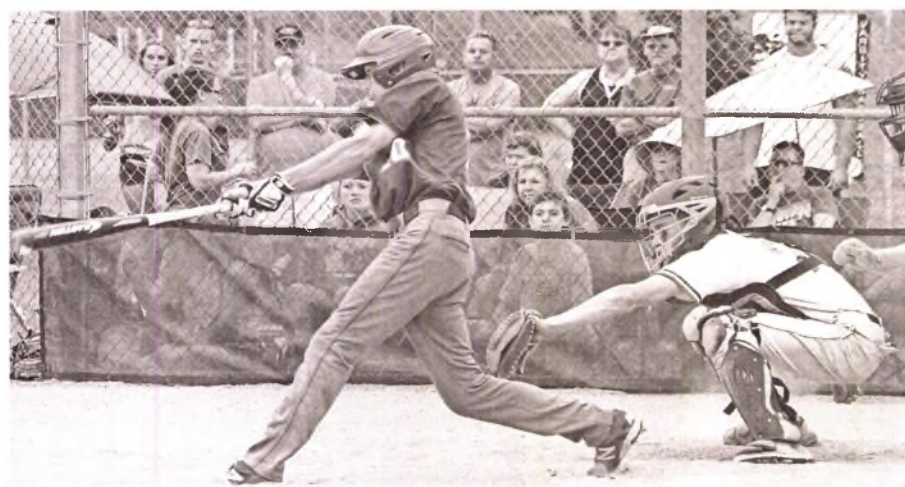
Fitzpatrick.

Schoolcraft head coach Rey Linares said Lipinski will play softball next year at St. Francis University in Chicago

while Powell is being recruited by Madonna University. Prowse also is receiving looks from NAIA recruiters.

Schoolcraft (10-12 overall,

9-11 in the MCAA) closes out the regular season with road doubleheaders against Mott, St. Clair County, and Alpena.



Colin McHugh, shown coming through with the winning hit in the 2016 districts, is one of Garden City's key returnees.

## BASEBALL PREVIEW

## Garden City trying to build momentum

After postseason success in 2016, Cougars struggling to get on a roll

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Garden City varsity baseball coach Matt Penn and a good portion of this year's nucleus remembers all the fun they had in 2016 — when the Cougars were co-champions of their division and went on to win the district title on a two-out hit by Colin McHugh.

But so far, it is taking time for the team to get its mojo going during the 2017 season as the Cougars were off to a 4-7 start, beset by the lack of clutch hitting in closely contested games.

"We have grit, we will not quit on a game," Penn said. "These guys hate losing more than they like winning."

"That's what having great leadership does, it brings the

team together cohesively and makes them fight together."

McHugh is at the top of the list, both in the middle of the lineup and as the starting third baseman. The Cougars also feature a senior double-play combo in Avery Emerson and Robert Ukjaj Jr.

Seniors in the outfield include Alex Centofanti and Logan McGraw, while the Cougars' pitching staff is led by seniors Shane Stine, Justin Perrin and Brady Spehar.

The team isn't that far away from getting things rolling in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference, with three of the losses by three runs or less. The team also has faced strong teams from other conferences, including Walled Lake Central and Dearborn Divine Child.

"The team is very eager to make a statement with the schedule this year being purposefully more challenging," Penn continued. "We're up to the challenge, with eight re-

turning seniors, six juniors and one sophomore."

The hope is to have another strong push late in the season. Last year, the Cougars finished 17-12 overall and 9-1 in the WWAC Blue Division.

Penn added that a good influx of younger players enables him to again field a strong overall lineup.

"Last year I was very fortunate to have a tremendous roster at infield," he said.

"And I feel that hasn't changed especially with the new additions this year with juniors Cameron Walter, Brandon Dicker, Brenden Santhony and sophomore Kevin Widmer.

"I even got lucky adding more speed in the outfield with Jacob Williams and Jacob Wladyskiak, whom also pitches, both juniors as well."

Coming up Wednesday is a road game against WWAC foe Redford Union.

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## WWAC TRACK AND FIELD

## Panthers boys sprint past Clarenceville

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Redford Union swept all four relay events on Tuesday en route to an 85-42 Western Wayne Athletic Conference boys track and field victory over visiting Livonia Clarenceville.

The Panthers, who improved to 2-1, swept the 4 x 100-meter relay (48.15), 800 relay (1:41.96), 1,600 relay (4:06.02) and 3,200 relay (9:41.54).

Thorton Cain was the individual catalyst for RU sweeping the 100- and 200 dashes in 11.69 and 24.37, respectively.

Other first-place finishers for the Panthers included Tail Groves, high jump (5 feet); Daniel Mathews, long jump (17-3); Samir Rashed, 110 hurdles (18.72), Clifford Stafford, 800 (2:17.95); and Chandler Shettleroe, 1,600 (5:26.51).

Zion Lewis was a double winner for Clarenceville (0-2) sweeping the shot put (34-2.25) and discus (92-4).

Other individual winners for the Trojans included Daniel Cortez, 400 (57.2); Jayson Fitzpatrick, 300 hurdles (47.3); and Joe Sanchez, 3,200 (11:17.8).

## RU girls triumph

Redford Union (1-2) earned its first girls dual meet victory of the season on Tuesday with a 56-44 WWAC triumph over visiting Clarenceville as Nekold Jones led the way with firsts in the long jump (13-11.5) and 100 dash (13.1).

Other individual winners for the Panthers included Jaliyah Gray, shot put (31-5); Breanna Blunt-Guyton, 100 hurdles (19.5); Destiny Little, 300 hurdles (58.1); Ariel Clemons, 200 (29.4); Kayla Dixon, 400 (1:09.3).

RU also captured the 400 relay (54.5) and 800 relay (1:58.8).

Clarenceville (0-2) got individual wins from Leilana Vasquez, discus (41-3); Myla Hoskins-King, 800 (3:23.2); Michelle Marzolo, 1,600 (7:59.5); and Allie Snage, 3,200 (19:02.4).

The Trojans' 1,600 relay team of Vasquez, Hoskins-King, Cassidy Galvin and Marzolo was also victorious (7:11.0).

## Ladywood falls

Senior Ally Hill returned to the lineup after a long term injury and took first in a pair of events, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Ladywood fell Wednesday at home to Warren Regina, 71-57, in a Catholic League Central Division girls dual meet.

Hill captured the long jump (15-0) and ran a leg on the victorious 4 x 100 relay which also included Maria Chacon, Lexie and Mattie Vlademer (56.90). Hill added second in the 200 (28.04).

Other first place finishers for the Blazers (0-3) included Kelly Solak, shot put (31-1) and discus (83-8); Maddie Bastin, 300 hurdles (51.93); and Meghan Sullivan, 400 (1:09.73).

Ladywood's 4 x 400 relay team of Sullivan, Bastin, Jill Ahmad and Maria Chacon also took first in 4:43.8.

Among the Blazers' second-place finishers included Rachel Rykwalder, discus (80-9); Bastin, 100 hurdles (18.59); Sarah Fracala, 100 dash (13.87); Sam Horn, 1,600 (6:15.9) and 3,200 (14:35.56).

"Already an accomplished low hurdler, Maddie (Bastin) trained throughout Easter vacation on the high hurdles and ran the highs for the very first time in today's meet," Ladywood coach John Dunn said. "She took second with a very good time."

Third places went to Rykwalder, shot put (26-6); Ellie Kindseth, high jump (4-0); Lexie Vlademar, 200 (29.58); and Molly Riordan, 800 (2:51.96).

"Overall the entire team has shown consistent improvement in our three dual meets," Dunn said.

Regina evened its Central Division record to 1-1.

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## BOYS GOLF ROUNDUP

## Salem gets best of Livonia Stevenson at Fox Hills

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Paced by senior Shawn Weldon's even-par 35, Salem defeated Livonia Stevenson 163-175 Wednesday in a KLA Central Division varsity boys golf match at Fox Hills.

The performance by match medalist Weldon keyed the Rocks (1-1) to their first dual meet victory of the season while the Spartans fell to 0-1.

Other Salem finishers were Bryce Henderson (41), Josh

German (42), Robbie Hermes (45), Jack McCarthy (45) and Justin Polce (47).

For Stevenson, Griff Matick posted a solid 41 score, followed by Connor Jakacki (43), Jacob Anderson (45), Craig Jakacki (46), Trevor Lopus (47) and Easton Schlatterbeck (47).

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Salem lost 169-174 to Northville at par-36 Northville Hills Golf Course.

Henderson posted the best score of the day for the Rocks, with a 41. Other Salem scorers

included McCarthy (43), Weldon (44), German (47), Polce (53) and Joey Driscoll (53).

## Plymouth prevails

Jack Boczar was match medalist Tuesday for Plymouth, leading the Wildcats to a 150-174 victory over Livonia Churchill at Whispering Willows.

Also posting sub-40 scores for Plymouth were Timmy Baldwin (37), Joe Fontana (38) and Matt Decker (39). Not far behind were Justin Kapke and freshman Ian Smith, each regis-

tering 41s for the day.

## RU golfers triumph

Seniors Evan Albright and Ben Hawn each shot 41s as the Redford Union boys golf team improved to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference with a 181-245 win Wednesday over Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a match played at Glenhurst G.C.

Senior Jesse Suiter added a 44, while Gasper Havier contributed a 55 for the victorious Panthers.

Malek Jawad took medalist honors for Crestwood (0-3) with a 36.

» On Monday, Albright shot a 39 to take medalist honors as Redford Union (2-1, 1-1) downed rival Redford Thurston (0-2, 0-2) in a WWAC match, 184-248, at Glenhurst.

Suiter and Ben Hawn added scores of 42 and 46, respectively, while junior Nick Gellersback paced the the Eagles with a 58.

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## How to find the right company culture for you

BY MARY LORENZ  
CAREERBUILDER

When it comes to finding a new job, you are probably looking for roles that match your current job title, fall within your industry and experience level and meet your salary expectations. However, it is also important to consider how well you would fit in the company's workplace culture.

Not all companies are created equal in this area. For instance, some companies have a formal dress code and strict attendance policy, while others are more laid-back. Some companies are set up to be more collaborative and open, while in others, employees tend to work more independently.

### Know what you want.

"You have to be realistic with your own requirements and define the make-or-break items at the beginning of the process," says Peter Brown, senior government contracting recruiter for the recruiting firm MRI Global Search.

"The more you know about what you actually value and want – not just what you've been told you should value and think you want – the better and more effective your job search will be," says Jason Hill, founder of Sound Advice



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by Jason, a company that helps individuals plan their job search strategies.

**Learn from past experience.** Look at your past work experience to identify what you did and didn't like about the work environment, suggests Lisa Padden, a former Fortune 500 human resources executive who now owns a Chicago-based consulting and coaching practice. "This evaluation of past company

cultures can help (job seekers) understand what makes them tick," Padden says.

**Do some research.** There are now a variety of ways to learn about a company's culture, from employee review sites to social media and company websites. "Companies that go the extra mile to publicize what they do for fun together and what they do in regards to community outreach ... probably have a bet-

ter understanding and place a higher value on culture," Brown says.

### Social media can provide further insight.

"Social media gives a job seeker input into what the company's culture appears to be, which has replaced mission statements that were just that – statements," says Jayne Mattson, senior vice president of Keystone Associates. For instance, a company's Facebook or Instagram page might help you learn about dress code, office layout and community involvement. Or check Facebook or Twitter to see what types of articles are being shared by – or written about – the company and how the company interacts with its followers.

### Observe the environment.

"Taking time before and after an in-person interview to walk around the office and look at how people interact can be really telling," says Alan Cairns, chief people officer at MOO, an online print and design company. "Are people at their desk with their headphones on? Or are they huddled up around a desk to discuss a project? Is the only sound the typing of keys, or is the music blasting? Is the pingpong table being used or is it just for show?"

These observations will give you an idea of how the office operates and if it's the type of environment that could work for you.

### Ask the right questions.

"One simple way to get an idea of the company's culture is to ask about what the interviewer likes most about working for the company," says Maelisa Hall, a licensed psychologist whose Hall Consulting Group offers career assessment and counseling. "Ideally, this person will be your potential supervisor, so asking this question helps to give you an idea of what they personally value, as well as what the company has to offer," she says.

Asking about a company's shortcomings can also be telling, says Brown. He suggests asking, "I know no company is perfect, so what could you tell me about the culture here that I may need to learn to adjust or adapt to?" If the interviewer tries to dodge the question, he or she may be trying to hide something.

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


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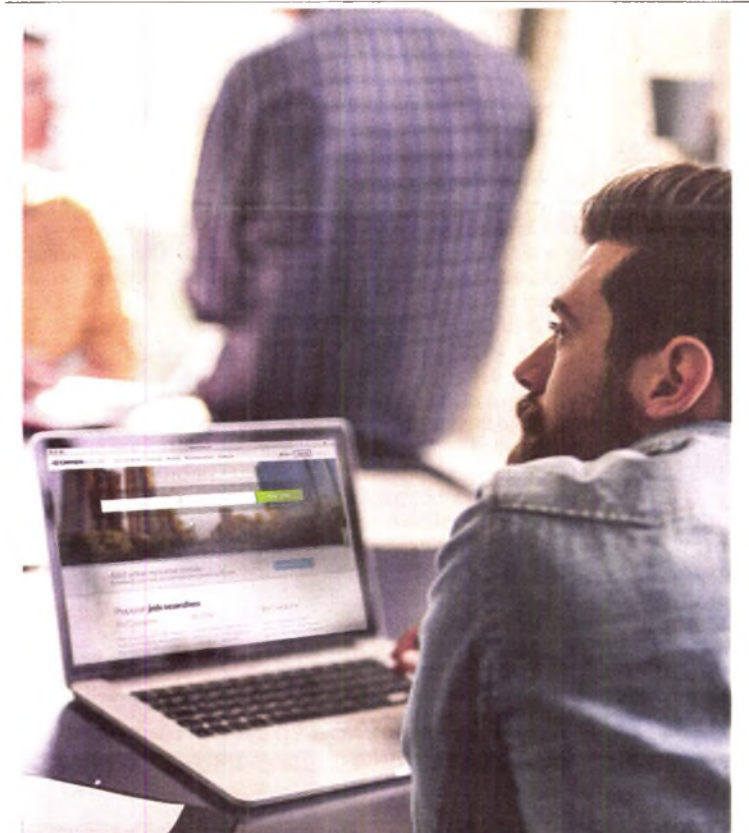
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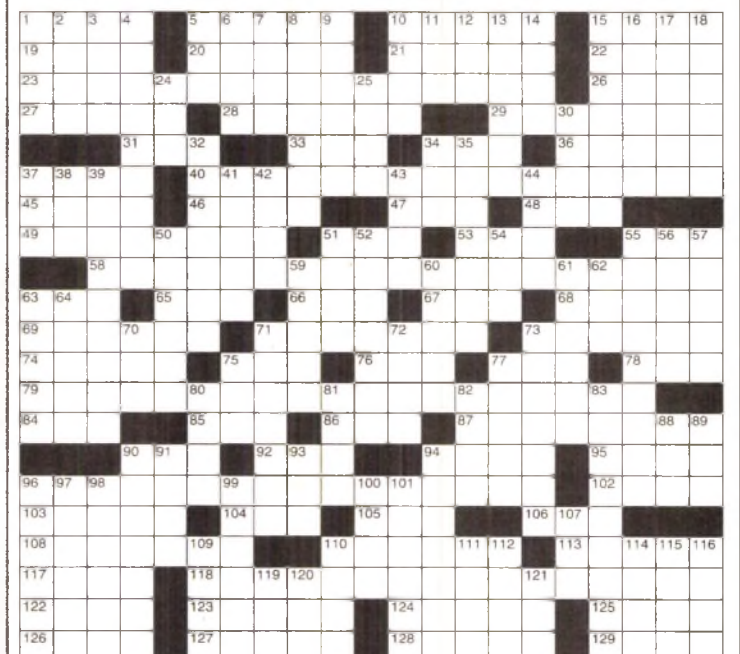
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Kitchen head
  - 5 Sail holders
  - 10 Bell locale
  - 15 Swedish auto
  - 19 Verdi slave
  - 20 Greek market of old
  - 21 Act announcer
  - 22 Big, wild cat
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 26 See 129-Across
  - 27 In a way, informally
  - 28 Tour crew member
  - 29 Awaiting
  - 31 Sit-up muscles
  - 33 Below zero: Abbr.
  - 34 Cozy retreat
  - 36 Ear-related
  - 37 Cheering words
  - 40 Riddle, part 2
  - 45 Et — (and others, in Latin)
  - 46 Like — of sunshine
  - 47 Like half the integers
  - 48 "— culpa"
  - 49 Nation south of Kenya
  - 51 — tai (cocktail)
  - 53 Feline zodiac sign
  - 55 Titanic call part 3
  - 56 Riddle, "The Good Wife" ailer
  - 65 Bucks and bulls
  - 66 Attach
  - 67 Lt.'s underling
  - 68 Bandit-hunting band
  - 69 Keys hitting piano keys
  - 71 Heckling
  - 73 Giggly sound
  - 74 Scoundrel
  - 75 Sharp left or right in a ring
  - 76 Carry — (plane totes)
  - 77 Shearable male
  - 78 Little kitchen raider
  - 79 Riddle, part 4
  - 84 Well-suited
  - 85 Special time span
  - 86 Hurly-burly
  - 87 Masses near tonsils
  - 90 Big tippler
  - 92 Ring king
  - 94 Students at Yale
  - 95 Small cut
  - 96 End of the riddle
  - 102 Like quiche
  - 103 "No men" palace area
  - 104 Longtime delivery co.
  - 105 Wrestler's win
  - 106 Alley — pass
  - 108 Cuts into the surface of
  - 110 Juárez wife
  - 113 "The Lorax" author
  - 117 Concealed obstacle
  - 118 Riddle's answer
  - 122 "Citizen" of film
  - 123 Pass on
  - 124 Slip away from
  - 125 Gillette brand name
  - 126 — -Pei (kind of dog)
  - 127 ISP customers
  - 128 Fix, as a bow
  - 129 With skills of the past
- DOWN**
- 1 Raven calls
  - 2 Old Ritz rival
  - 3 German river to the Fulda
  - 4 Daydream
  - 5 — jørgg
  - 6 Stress or sun, to some
  - 7 Big Apple district
  - 8 Hooky-playing machine
  - 9 Smoothing machine
  - 10 Existed
  - 11 Grant with six Grammys
  - 12 I, to Hans
  - 13 Perceiving
  - 14 Memphis loc.
  - 15 Patty flipper
  - 16 Northern lights, e.g.
  - 17 Acela offerer
  - 18 In a low way
  - 24 Diner's bill
  - 25 Prefix with byte or watt
  - 30 In no peril
  - 32 Welsh city and county
  - 34 Pulled off
  - 35 Opposite of crosswise, archaically
  - 37 Traitor type
  - 38 Menu phrase
  - 39 Retrospect
  - 41 Ovine zodiac sign
  - 42 Coal-rich German region
  - 43 Make null
  - 44 With frenzy
  - 50 More wan
  - 51 Fashioned
  - 52 Rival of iOS
  - 54 Canon shooter line
  - 55 Gliding like a supermodel
  - 56 Gridiron great
  - Merlin
  - 57 Clay target sport
  - 59 Judo-like cardio fad
  - 60 Anxious
  - 61 Hypothetical missing links
  - 62 Trouble
  - 63 Magna — (document of 1215)
  - 64 Weakly hit fly ball
  - 70 Give a line to
  - 71 Many a Net starter
  - 72 Grooving on
  - 73 Likes at once
  - 75 Rattle
  - 77 Base of a number system
  - 80 Crumbly cheese
  - 81 Drizzle, e.g.
  - 82 Barn bundle
  - 83 Sachet bit
  - 88 Cutting barb
  - 89 KGB figure
  - 90 Actor Rod
  - 91 Resistance measures
  - 93 "— Misérables"
  - 94 Make heroic
  - 96 Scrambling kitchen tools
  - 97 ESPN's Storm
  - 98 Mysteries
  - 99 Shoves
  - 100 Duel blade
  - 101 Evening meal
  - 107 —Kosh B'Gosh (clothing brand)
  - 109 Pale tan
  - 110 "The — the limit"
  - 111 Lick soundly
  - 112 German auto
  - 114 Until
  - 115 Quaint letter starter
  - 116 See 120-Down
  - 119 — -de-France
  - 120 With 116-Down, a tot travels in it
  - 121 "Well, I'll be!"



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# Car Report

## GENESIS G90 – THE BRAND, AND THE CAR – MAKE GOOD FIRST IMPRESSIONS AS VANGUARD OF HYUNDAI'S ASSAULT ON LUXURY



As Hyundai's success in the U.S. market grew several years ago, it also came with a dilemma: The company had to decide how far it could stretch its brand. And ultimately, the answer was

to create a new brand for its luxury offerings: Genesis.

The Korean automaker began, as other Asian counterparts had done, with small cars that were inexpensive and helped get its hardware on American roads. But as Hyundai improved the reliability of its offerings and boosted its sales and share in the crucial U.S. market, the brand also stretched itself into more and more premium segments.

And by a few years ago, Hyundai had the experience in the U.S. market, the cachet with American buyers, and the top-shelf quality and reliability levels to do what would have been



Genesis G90 looks pretty good in some very exclusive settings.

unthinkable just a decade ago: launch some really high-end nameplates. It came out with the Genesis sports sedan and the Equus top-end sedan.

But eventually, it didn't make

any sense for the Hyundai brain trust to try to sell econoboxes for under \$20,000 and luxury vehicles for three times that price under the same brand umbrella. And so last year, Genesis was born, taking the underpinnings of the Genesis and Equus and making its first two models, the sporty G80 and the luxurious G90, out of them.

It was a noble birth. One of the first offerings in this new, blue-blooded family sired by Hyundai is the Genesis G90 sedan. For about \$70,000, Genesis and its first vehicle aspire to provide proud owners with the style, elan and accouterments of competitors in a class of cars — such as the Mercedes-Benz S-Class — that easily cross the \$100,000 mark.

Have they accomplished that? G90 checks an awful lot of boxes that buyers in this super-premium segment expect. It's the kind of car that looms as



A new luxury logo is in town.

a reward and an expectation for many of these consumers, and G90 comes through with flying colors in all of the important categories.

But in the end, of course, Genesis isn't Mercedes-Benz or BMW or Audi, so it can't quite fulfill the preconceptions of a European premium luxury sedan buyer. Nor is it Cadillac, with the performance credentials of the quintessential American luxury brand.

Nor is Genesis a Lexus, although that's probably the closest approximation of a brand proposition. Stylistically, too, G90 is reminiscent of

Lexus from a generation ago, before the Toyota-owned luxury brand began quickening its designs.

And for some buyers, what Genesis isn't, in and of itself, will be a disqualifier — no matter how fine the Genesis G90 is as a vehicle per se.

Turn to what Genesis G90 is and this becomes a more satisfying discussion. The vehicle comes only in fully loaded form, a welcoming configuration for buyers who don't want to bother checking out trim packages. It delivers an exceptional level of luxury for far less money than competitors, including a refined suspension that smoothes out the roughest pavement.

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And the roominess of G90 is welcome in every nook and cranny, especially in the back seats, where there's the widest range of conditions in American sedans. And in V8 versions of G90, the accommodations in the rear get absolutely lavish.

Some critics believe that Genesis has taken some liberties with less-expensive materials in certain minor aspects of the interior than its rivals might. They say G90's steering is too sensitive on the highway and that its semi-autonomous technologies are less refined than some models.

And it's surely true that Genesis models will keep getting better over time, especially as its Hyundai parent is able to break off more resources for truly distinctive new models for its luxury brand.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD  
NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
STABILIZING NEIGHBORHOODS ACTION PLAN  
(SNAP II) DEVELOPER ACQUISITION/REHABILITATION/  
RESALE (2017-2018)**

The Charter Township of Redford is seeking Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from qualified developers to provide professional services to acquire, rehabilitate and sell residential tax foreclosed parcels -and- may acquire, rehabilitate, sell or lease commercial tax foreclosed parcels throughout Redford Township neighborhoods. Services shall be performed for the Redford Township Stabilizing Neighborhoods Action Plan (SNAP II) Program.

Documents shall be available as of May 4, 2017 at the Redford Township Community Development Office located at 12121 Hemingway and Redford Township Clerk's Office at 15145 Beech Daly Road between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Redford Township website at [www.redfordtwp.com](http://www.redfordtwp.com) and via the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info). **Sealed applications must be submitted to the Redford Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239 on or before May 25, 2017 at 3:00 pm, after which submissions will be publicly opened.**

Written questions regarding the substance of the RFQ or scope of services must be submitted via e-mail to the Redford Township contact listed below no later than May 12, 2017. For additional information regarding the request for proposals, please contact Michael Dennis, Community Development Director, at 313-387-2785 or at [mdennis@redfordtwp.com](mailto:mdennis@redfordtwp.com).

This municipality is an equal opportunity employer; businesses owned by women or minorities are strongly encouraged to bid. The Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of the Charter Township of Redford.

The Charter Township of Redford reserves the right to reject any and all applications, to waive defects in submitted applications, to enter negotiations with any applicant, to re-solicit and request new applications and to conduct an application evaluation review meeting with any and all applicants. The Township will not be responsible for any costs or fees associated with the preparation of a response to this request for qualifications. No application may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days following the due date. The DEVELOPER must also ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their, but not limited to, race, color, religion, sex, national origin including limited English proficiency.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

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**Planning Commission  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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Property more commonly known as 27200 Joy Rd.  
(043-99-0011-700)

**THE LAW REQUIRES THAT OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET OF THIS PROPERTY BE NOTIFIED OF THIS REQUEST IN WRITING. THIS IS YOUR NOTIFICATION.**

It is further required that a copy of the Application may be examined at the Redford Twp. Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Phone (313) 387-2641.

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David Allen, Chair  
Planning Commission  
Charter Township of Redford

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**5 MILE ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT - PHASE I  
(WEST OF MIDDLEBELT TO ARCOLA)  
CITY OF LIVONIA  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Sealed bids for the construction of the 5 Mile Road Water Main Replacement - Phase I project will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan until 2:00 p.m., Local Time on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Interested bidders shall meet at the City of Livonia DPW West conference room, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan.

The Contracts will consist of the following principal items of work and appurtenances as specified herein and shown on the Contract Drawings.

**Description of Work**

Project consists of replacing existing 6", 8" and 12" water main with new 8" and 12" HDPE DIPS DR11 pipe using the pre-chlorinated pipe bursting method along the north side of the 5 Mile Right-of-Way between the back of curb and edge of sidewalk from approximately 500' west of Middlebelt Rd to Arcola Ave. 6" and 8" water main crossings will be replaced with 8" diameter mains, and existing 12" will be replaced with 12".

Total quantities of new water main installed for this project are 1,234 feet of 8" diameter by pipe bursting, and 5,700 feet of 12" diameter pipe by pipe bursting.

One copy of the Plans and specifications, under which work is to be done, are on file and will be available for viewing only at the Engineering Office, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan and also at the City's consulting engineer Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. located at 555 Hulet Drive, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302-0360 beginning on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Copies of plans and specifications may be downloaded from the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) website at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

Information regarding the bid must be obtained on the MITN website at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info)

Bids submitted by Vendors who have been debarred, suspended, or made ineligible by any Federal Agency will be rejected.

**Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Architect/Engineer, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid.**

Each bid shall be submitted on the forms provided and shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond, executed by the bidder and Surety Company, payable to the City of Livonia in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of the accompanying bid. Bid Guarantee shall provide assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute the necessary Contract with the City of Livonia.

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

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "BID - 5 Mile Road Water Main Replacement - Phase I" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing time for receiving bids for at least one hundred twenty (120) calendar days. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the City of Livonia. Portions of this Contract may be deleted due to unforeseen circumstances without compensation. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

Todd J. Zilincik, P.E.  
City Engineer  
Dennis K. Wright  
Mayor

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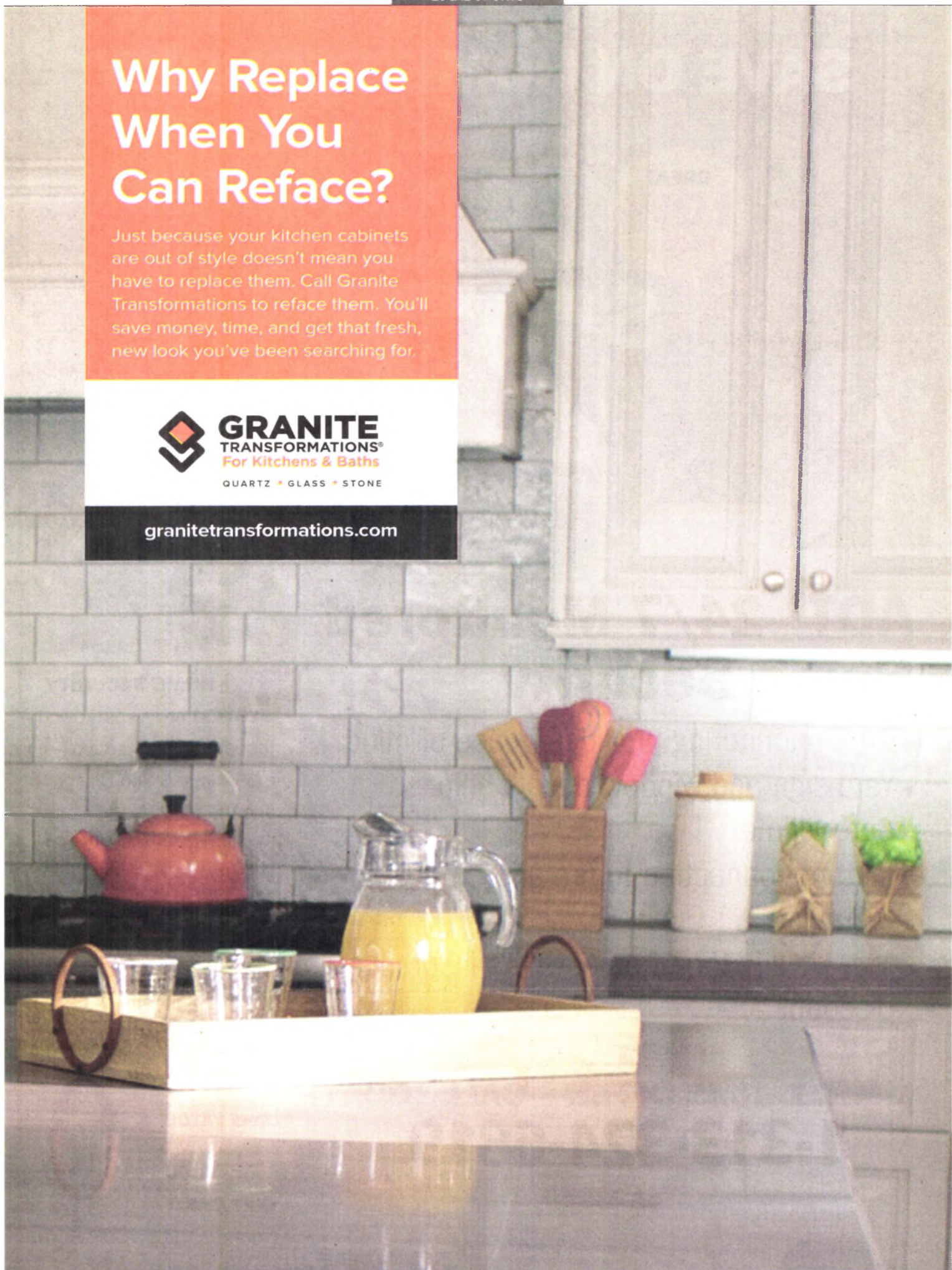
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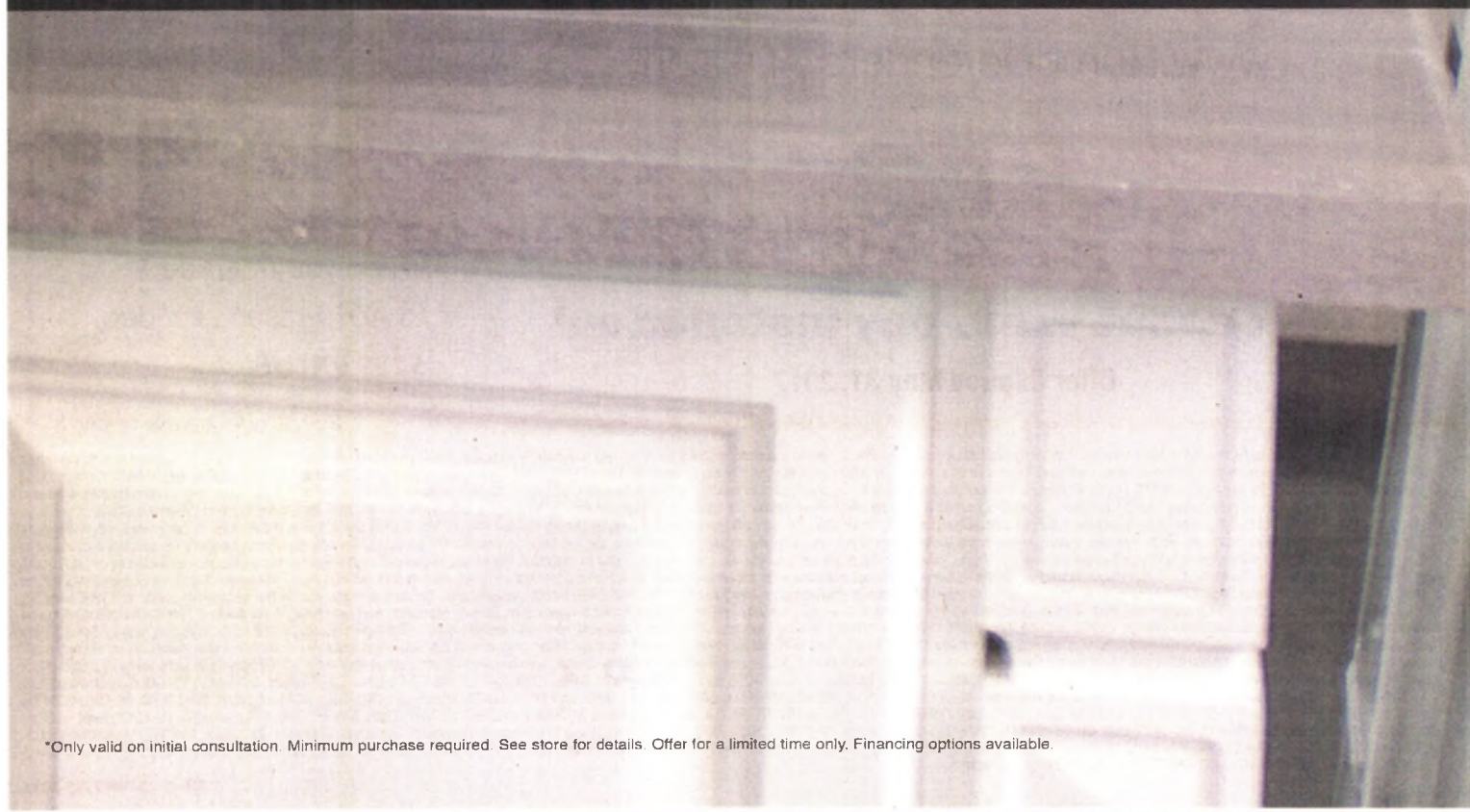
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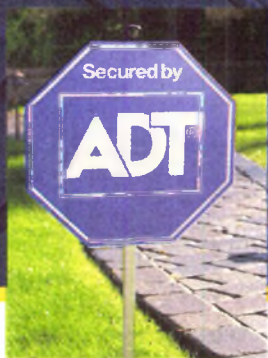


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