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Board members, director resign

Laid-off librarians expected to receive offers

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The two remaining Westland Faust Library Board members, along with Library Director Sheila Collins, have resigned as five former librarians are expected to receive offers to return to work.

Board President Mark Neal and vice president Antoinette Martin resigned Monday, as did Sheila Collins, who had

served as library director since 2011. The board and Collins had been under fire since five librarian positions were eliminated in March as part of a cost-saving reorganization.

Westland Mayor William Wild met with library staff Tuesday morning after receiving



Wild

the resignations and resolving a severance package for Collins, who will receive four months pay — standard for city directors.

“I talked through all of these points (with library staff) and they seem eager to return toward some sort of normalcy and focus their full attention on maintaining and creating a wonderful experience for patrons,” Wild said.

On an interim basis, Assistant Director Sherri West will be serving as the acting library administrator. Wild said

he directed West to offer a return to jobs for the five librarians and also expressed a preference to keep part-time library aides hired subsequently.

“I haven’t received an offer but the mayor indicated he would recommend that to Sherri (West),” said Katie Dover Taylor, one of the five librarians let go in March. “Even if we receive offers, we’d have to negotiate with someone and no one is in place.”

The return to work offers

will be received with somewhat mixed feelings, she said, as some will have to make a decision about new jobs.

“It’s been three months since this happened. Some of us have other jobs that we need to make decisions about,” Taylor said. “So it’s not completely joy but it’s positive. It’s great to have the support of the community. I feel like people really came out for library services for the librarians and good working condi-

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Mom volunteer Amela Berberovic sprays water on marchers in the 90-degree-plus temperatures during Garfield Elementary’s end-of-the-year parade on Monday.

Traditional parade marks end of the year, and of the school, at Garfield

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Students, teachers and staff members are bidding goodbye to Garfield Elementary School, where generations of children began their education journey.

The school on Arthur Street in southwest Livonia opened in 1955 and closing as an elementary this month as Livonia Public Schools officials respond to declining enrollment and prioritize facilities needs across the district. The site will eventually house other district programs.

The impending closing didn’t stop Garfield from holding its traditional end-of-the-year parade around the school grounds Monday afternoon. The last day of school was Friday.

Garfield’s motto is, “Learning for All, Whatever it Takes,” said second-year principal Paula Kohler.

“It is a very special place, and anyone who has ever



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Garfield kindergarten students Cobe Tinsley and Shane Burns march in the school parade on Monday.

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Native plant garden seeks more birds, bees, butterflies

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The new garden in Westland’s Corrado Park is focusing on native plants that will attract a more diverse section of birds, bees and butterflies.

“The program is to increase biodiversity and attract a lot more species of butterflies, bees and birds,” said Joanne Schwab, a master gardener who lives across the street from the park. “Butterflies, birds and bees aren’t too impressed with lawns. We want to beautify the neighborhood and increase different butterflies, bees and birds.”

The two-acre park is in seven sections around the 10-acre park located on Flamingo and Gladys. Third- and fourth-graders at Walker-Winters and Roosevelt-McGrath elementary schools submitted names for the seven sections of the garden.

At the recent garden groundbreaking, Westland Mayor William Wild presented certificates to students whose suggested names were selected.

“They had names like Buzzland and Pollinator Path. The signs were already up, so the kids went to look for their signs,” Schwab said.

It will take three years for the garden to be completed, planted and established. It eventually will have over 100

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Planting of native species is underway in the garden.



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tions.”

Getting rehired and a change in library management had been the goals, Taylor added.

Later on Tuesday, library employees were voting to elect officers for their recently formed Services Employees International Union bargaining unit.

“It was good to see the Democratic process moving forward,” said Taylor, who has been working part-time for SEIU.

Due to the lack of a board and library director, Taylor said the initial meet-and-greet meeting with SEIU set for June 14 was canceled.

The Library Board is appointed by the mayor and must be confirmed by the city council. The

board then is responsible for hiring the library director.

“After I brought council up to speed, I asked them to help identify candidates for the Library Board. I hope to repopulate it over the next 30 days,” Wild said. “Then there will be a search for a new director. The new board will have its hands full.”

The librarians filed an Unfair Labor Practice charging they were let go for protected union activities — something the library board denied. Taylor said it wasn’t clear what would happen going forward with the ULP.

It’s also unclear what will happen to plans for a library addition, which the board terminated along with reducing the library millage levy.

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worked and learned here understands that,” she said.

Kohler, who has spent her entire career so far at Garfield, starting there as a teacher, said the school has a dedicated staff and a “strong legacy of thinking outside the box.”

Kohler just completed her 14th year at Garfield, and will be the principal at Rosedale Elementary for the upcoming school year.

Garfield ended the 2016-2017 school year with about 270 students. Students who would have gone to Garfield will be attending either Randolph Elementary or Kennedy Elementary beginning in September, and many staffers will be heading to one of those two schools as well, Kohler said. Every staff member has been reassigned to another district building, she said.

The Garfield site will undergo some renovations in preparation for housing the Western Wayne Skill Center, which offers programs for young adults with



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Avielle Carey and Erisa Telias hang onto their banner in a strong wind during Monday’s parade at Garfield Elementary. Garfield, which is closing as an elementary this year, has traditionally marked the end of the school year with a parade.

special needs and serves 10 area school districts, including LPS. The WWSC is now located in Westland; that facility is being put up for sale, said district spokeswoman Stacy Jenkins.

Another part of Garfield will be used for a Great Start Readiness Program for preschool students, Jenkins said.

Garfield’s closing will save an estimated \$400,000 a year, but the

decision to close it wasn’t based entirely on the expected savings, Jenkins said. Declining enrollment and the LPS Board of Education’s goal of making the best use of revenue from a voter-approved bond issue were also factors, she said.

Bond money is being used for facilities upgrades and building additions at several district schools.

“The district needed to determine if it was appropriate to consolidate school communities prior to finishing the bond renovations,” Jenkins wrote in an email.

Another LPS school, Cass Elementary, also closes this month. Cass recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

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native, host and nectar plants like viburnum, dogwood, magnolia and milkweeds, which are vital for the monarch butterfly.

The native plant garden is a cooperative project between Westland Parks and Recreation and Wayne County Master Gardeners. The garden fits in with Westland’s Mission:Green environmental efforts that have included other gardens and citywide curbside recycling.

Also working on the garden is butterfly expert Brenda Dziedzic, a Westland resident who established the butterfly habitat at Barson’s Greenhouse.

Grants were received from the Western Wayne County Master Gardeners and the South East Michigan Butterfly Association.

It’s an all volunteer effort with Schwab, Dziedzic and others donating their time planting, weeding and watering the new garden. A crowd of 40-50 people turned up for the official groundbreaking but more volunteers are

needed to work in the garden.

“There are so many neighbors I didn’t know. We get a lot more people helping on the weekends with people working,” Schwab said. “We had a family of four and some other neighbors. Some helped with the planting.”

Schwab originally proposed the native plant garden last year. She talked to Sam Corrado, the park’s namesake, about the idea, she said, and he was all for it. Corrado, know as Mr. Westland, died later in 2016.

“Sam was there in

spirit. He was a great character,” Schwab said.

Plenty of volunteers are needed, and no experience is required. Volunteers will help with making signs, mulching, planting, watering, weeding and other playing-in-the-soil activities. For more information or to volunteer, contact Schwab at *jpschwab@wowway.com* and like 3B’s Native Plant Garden page on Facebook.

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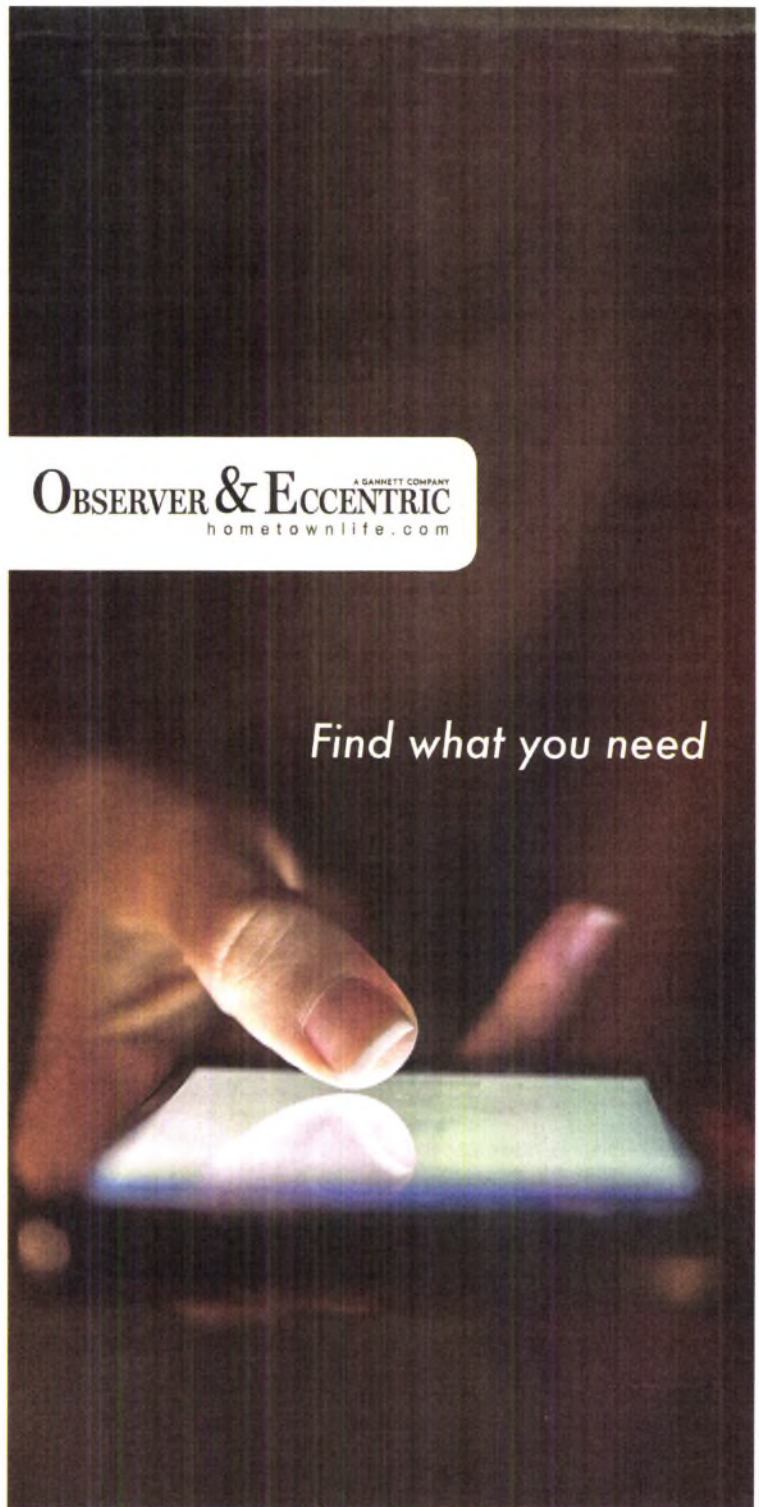
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Brother, sister take pleas in Burger King employee robbery case

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A brother and sister have both taken a plea deal in their cases involving the robbery of a Burger King employee making a deposit at a Livonia bank.

Earnest Gardner, 23, of Detroit and Tiara Gardner, 25, of Westland both took a plea deal earlier this month in



Tiara Gardner

Earnest Gardner

Wayne County Circuit Court. Both were charged after Livonia police say they coordinated a robbery of a Burger King

employee making a deposit April 26 at Citizens Bank, 19410 Middlebelt.

Earnest Gardner pleaded June 8 and Tiara Gardner pleaded May 25 to larceny from a person, according to online court records. In exchange for those guilty pleas, two other charges, unarmed robbery and larceny of more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, were dropped.

Earnest Gardner will be sentenced on the charge July 6, while Tiara Gardner will be sentenced July 24. Both hearings will take place before Circuit Judge Dana Hathaway in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Police say Earnest Gardner held the door open for the employee as they walked into the bank that day to make a depos-

it. Police say he then took a bag being carried by the employee, which contained cash. Tiara Gardner worked at the same Burger King as the employee that was robbed and police determined through an investigation that she helped her brother in coordinating the robbery.

After an investigation by police, including with the help of the bank's

security cameras, the two were arrested and charged with the crime.

It appears both Gardner were free on bond as of Monday: neither sibling appeared Monday afternoon in the Wayne County Jail's online inmate search database.

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WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Flowers taken

An online report was filed by a resident June 5 regarding a theft that had taken place at along Michigan Avenue near 3rd Street.

The report said someone had dug up four rose bushes that were planted at the Blue Star Memorial site along Michigan Avenue.

Assault reported

Wayne police were called June 6 to Beaumont Hospital over an assault that had taken place in a building in the 35200 block of Sims.

The victim said he was visiting a friend in the building a day or two before and was waiting for the elevator. The suspect then approached him, told him he was supposed to be there and

began hitting him with a wooden 2x4 board. The victim then ran down the stairs but was assaulted again. He left the building and the suspect told him not to come back. The victim said he did not recognize the suspect and did not want to press charges if the suspect was located.

Cellphones stolen

An individual filed a police report June 5 over the theft of cellphones in the 8500 block of Gloria.

He said he was at work and left the two phones on the seat of his truck. He then went to cut lawns nearby and came back to find the phones were missing.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

PlayStation 3 taken

Westland police were dispatched June 11 to the 300 block of Shotka on the report of a stolen video game system from a vehicle.

The victim told police a broken PlayStation 3 and a set of keys were stolen from his vehicle. He said he got home earlier that morning and found the items missing around noon. He said he did not see or hear anything throughout the night, and no suspect information was available.

Bicycle stolen

Police were called June 10 to the 7900 block of North Fountain Park on the report of a stolen bicycle.

When police arrived spoke to the victim who said the stolen bicycle was chained to the carport. She woke up that morning and found the bicycle and lock were both gone. The bicycle was last seen the day before.

Battery for lift missing

Contractors working outside of Kroger, 7350 Middlebelt, came to the police station June 11 to report the theft of batteries from Scissor Lifts.

The contractors said when they arrived for work that night, they found the batteries missing from the vehicles. The lifts were left outside behind the store in the back alley.

Electrical meter taken

Police were called June 8 to the 32000 block of Missaukee Court on the report of a stolen electrical meter.

When police arrived, they were approached by the victim, who said his office and storage building were in good working order the day before. When he arrived the next day, he discovered the lights would not turn on. After he investigated, he found the electrical meter had been stolen from the exterior of the building. He called DTE Energy, who told him they had not taken the meter. Damage was also done on a false window shutter as well.

iPhones stolen

A resident who in the 7000 block of Lakeview Boulevard came to the police station June 7 to report several iPhones had been taken.

He said he ordered the phones back on June 2, with an expected delivery date of June 5. When they did not arrive, he contacted Sprint, which told him the phones had been delivered and that someone had signed for the phones. He said he was not home when they were delivered and that his cousin lives with him. He said he spoke to his cousin, who said she had not signed for the packages. No suspect information was available.

- Compiled from reports filed with Westland Police Department.

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Catalytic converter stolen

Police were called June 12 to Sign and Art, 12321 Stark, on the report of a stolen catalytic converter.

The victim said he parked his vehicle in the front lot of the business facing the street.

The doors were locked at the time.

He went to move the car that day and heard a loud noise. He inspected it and found the catalytic converter was taken. A nearby business owner said neither he nor his employees had seen anything suspicious.

Four retail fraud suspects arrested

Police were dispatched the afternoon of June 11 to Walmart, 29574 Plymouth, on the report of several retail frauds taking place.

When police arrived, they found two suspects in custody

with loss prevention employees. The other two were still in the store, but were detained shortly after. Employees said the suspects were seen removing clothing from hangers and at least one suspect was seen going into a fitting room with items. Shortly after, they were allegedly seen trying to leave

the store with several items that were concealed and not paid for. Police arrested the suspects, though released them with a citation at the store.

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WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOL BRIEFS



The Brownie Troop recently cut the ribbon on a new lending library at Walker-Winter.

Walker-Winter gets lending library

Walker-Winter Elementary School has a new addition.

The Brownie Troop used their cookie funds to purchase materials for a lending library. The K-Kids, which is part of the Canton Kiwanis, provided the books to fill the library. On June 13, the students held a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The library, located outside of Walker-Winter, is now open and has books available.

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that encourages reading through a book exchange program.

Activity all-stars

Edison Elementary School won the Activity All-Star award, a \$500 prize in a competition called Fire Up Your Feet. Students and staff competed against schools from around Michigan.

Edison had 100-percent student participation and logged 22,350 miles, 793,594 active minutes, and had 468 staff, student and parent participants.

Fire Up Your Feet is an encouragement program created by the National



Marshall Upper Elementary fifth-grade students researched and dressed as historical figures such as King George, Paul Revere, Thomas Paine.

Partnership to promote active living and healthy lifestyles for K-8 students, families, and school staff.

Elementary students were recognized this week. Elliott, Schweitzer, Wildwood and Hoover had special ceremonies for their fourth-grade students and Hicks Elementary had a kindergarten graduation event.

Wax museum

Marshall Upper Elementary fifth-grade stu-

dents researched and dressed as historical figures such as King George, Paul Revere, Thomas Paine and others at a Wax Museum. They shared the historical significance with students, parents and guests on Wednesday.

Finally, many of the district's elementary schools held Clap Outs for the fourth-grade students on Thursday as the students left their elementary buildings for the last time.

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Blazo's, pie contest sponsor, returns to wholesale roots

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What's the Livonia Spree without a little pie in your face?

The annual pie-eating contest, sponsored by the *Observer & Eccentric*, returns to Ford Field this year. The registration for children wanting to compete for some prizes will take place from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, at the kids tent at the Spree. The first heat will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Participants will have one minute to devour as much of a six-inch creme pie without the aid of their hands. And yes, it's as messy and fun as you would expect.

Sponsoring the contest yet again this year is Livonia's Blazo's Pie Shoppe, which is bringing 80 chocolate and vanilla



Sadie Yessler took second place in her age division at the 2015 Spree pie-eating contest.

creme pies to the event. The pie retailer has gone through plenty of changes in the last year: the company closed its retail storefront located at 34365 Plymouth Road in Livonia at the end of

last year after a few years of existence.

Larry Nygard, president of Blazo's, said the storefront became too much for the company during non-holiday months.



Larry Nygard, president of Blazo's Pie Shoppe, said the store likes participating in Spree.

"It was just kind of hard to support the retail store all year long," he said.

With the store closing, he said the company could focus on its wholesale operation, which it had done before opening

the storefront in 2014. Blazo's pies can be found at more than two dozen locations across Metro Detroit, including at Eastern Market of Canton, the Franklin Cider Mill, Garden City Cafe, Westborn Market in Livonia and Berkley; and Norman's Market in Westland, among other locations.

This relationship with retailers provides a closer relationship, he said.

Nygart said the company's ultimate goal is to eventually have a space that can support the company's wholesale and retail operations.

"What we do have in the future plans is we would be looking at a new facility that can support retail and wholesale at the same location," he said.

Despite the retail

store's closure, Blazo's is still crafting pies in 30 flavors, from peach to cherry crumb to banana cream to New York cheesecake. The company has also begun creating several creme pies in a six-inch size.

"We're still making our Michigan fruit pies," Nygart said. "We make all of our fillings in house."

Blazo's has provided pies for the contest for several years, and it's a partnership Nygart said is one that his company enjoys being a part of each year.

"We feel it's very good for the community," he said. "And a little publicity doesn't hurt."

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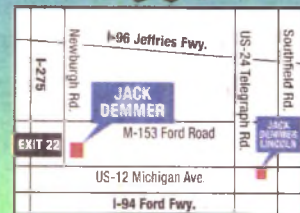
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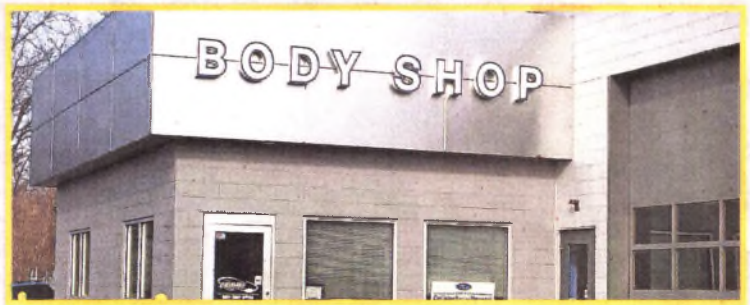
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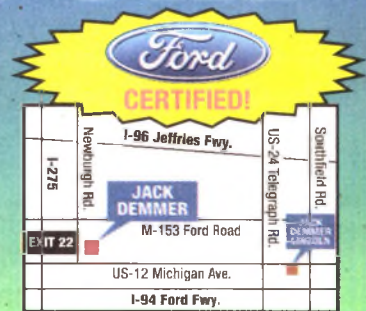
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Rep. Noble office hour

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth will host an open office hour from 5-6 p.m. Monday, June 19, at the Northville Library in Meeting Room B, 212 W. Cady St. in Northville.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at 517-373-3816 or email JeffNoble@house.mi.gov

Blessing of wheels

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will do a special blessing of all wheeled things and the people who use them at 7 p.m. Monday, June 19, rain or shine.

All wheels are welcome, including bicycles, tricycles, cars, motorcycles, wheelchairs, golf carts, skateboards.

Holy Trinity is at 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, call Kathy Weinberg at 734-464-0211 for email cruise@holylivonia.org

LTU graduate, transfer student open house

Lawrence Technological University will host an open house for prospective graduate and transfer students 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, July 13, on its Southfield campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road. Ample free parking is available.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and tour LTU's campus. Hors d'oeuvre will be served.

Applicants are encouraged to bring their unofficial transcripts and resume to begin the application process at the open house. During the event, the application fee will be waived.

To register, call 248-204-3160, email admissions@ltu.edu, or go to www.ltu.edu/event. For more information, go to www.ltu.edu/futurestudents.

Lawrence Technological University is a private university founded in 1932 that offers more than 100 programs



DAVID MROZEK

Youth run winner

Livonia resident Ian McCracken (center) poses with second-place finisher Curt Walker and third-place finisher Kevin Gilmore following the Run 2 Save Our Youth event June 10. McCracken, 23, finished the 5K course in 19:26.

through the doctoral level in its Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Management. Activities on Lawrence Tech's 107-acre campus include more than 60 student organizations and NAIA varsity sports.

DIA speaker coming to Wayne

The Wayne Historical Society is hosting a behind-the-scenes look into the Detroit Institute of Art with a program called "Cows at the Opera and other Museum Mysteries."

The public is invited to the Wayne Historical Museum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, to hear DIA speaker Dolly Bondarian, who will give a talk and a slide presentation.

The historical society is celebrating Art in the City of Wayne with the Wayne Main Street Program called DIA, Inside & Out. The museum is located at One Towne Square in Downtown Wayne.

There is no charge to attend; donations are appreciated.

Build a Better World

Six library youth staff at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland are teaming up with UNICEF Kid Power to make this year's summer reading theme "Build a Better World" a reality.

The library ladies are dividing into three teams to compete in a friendly

competition to see which team can reach the largest step goal between the start of summer reading and the end July 29. For each step taken while wearing the UNICEF Kid Power bands, the ladies will help to unlock lifesaving food packets for kids in need around the world.

This year's summer reading program strives to teach children to build a better world by respecting and helping others, taking care of the environment, constructing and, of course, reading. Kids to age 12 can stop by the library to sign up for the summer reading program and watch the ladies' progress!

The UNICEF Kid Power bands will be given as prizes at the end of the summer so that kids can continue the task of building a better world.

Caring for Dementia

This free event is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium. A presentation to caregivers on insightful ways to care for loved ones with dementia.

Presenter is Elaine C. Pereira, certified dementia practitioner and caregiver and author of "I Will Never Forget; A Daughter's Story of her Mother's Arduous Journey Through Dementia." RSVP at 734-237-3968 or 622neverforget@gmail.com.

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Augsburger Abramowitz



Amy Elizabeth of Fishkill, NY, 41, died peacefully in her sleep at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence in Newburgh, New York on June 6, 2017. She celebrated her husband's birthday the evening before at a favorite restaurant with him and his family. She was the beloved daughter of her parents Lynn and Judy and a delight to her sister Anne, her brothers John and Tom, and her aunt Carol Augsburger. She was especially devoted to Ron, her husband of 18 years. She was preceded in death by her father Lynn, brother John, uncle Robert Augsburger, and the Peery and Augsburger grandparents. Her family and many friends will miss her dearly. Amy was born at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. She attended Birmingham Public Schools and graduated from John Jay High School in Hopewell Junction, New York. She also attended Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, NY. As a child, Amy enjoyed attending Bloomfield Hills SCAMP. She learned to swim there and joined her friends in the many activities it offered. The fortitude she forged during that time sustained her and inspired many around her throughout her life. She continued to love swimming, first as a member of the high school team and later in the many summers to come with her husband and family. Amy and Ron lived in Fishkill, New York. She worked for over a decade as a sales associate at Target in Poughkeepsie, NY. She shared her life with the friends she met there, appreciated the comradery of her colleagues, and was an example to the community of how to live each day to its fullest. She also liked her volunteer work at the American Red Cross and was proud that she could donate a rare blood type to help others. The Augsburger and Abramowitz families appreciate the dedicated doctors, nurses and caregivers who enabled Amy to live courageously with optimism and love in her heart for almost 42 years. Amy was laid to rest amongst her ancestors at the Mennonite Cemetery in Trenton, Ohio. Amy and Ron attended the Hopewell Reformed Church; her family members invite the community to join them in a memorial service at the Church to be set at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence, c/o Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550; www.hospiceoforange.com For online tributes, please visit Amy's page at www.mchoufuneralhome.com.

Fraser



Carol F. Lindsay of Highland Park, Illinois, formerly of Fort Gratiot Township, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. She was born September 30, 1938 in Port Huron, Michigan to the late Wilbur "James" and Frances "Louise" Lindsay. In her youth, Carol lived in Port Huron, Westfield, NJ, Romeo, MI and Sterling Heights, MI. She was a proud member of the Romeo High School band where she found many of her lifelong friends. She graduated with honors from Eastern Michigan University, earning her BA and MA in English in 1967. Carol was elected to both Lambda Iota Tau National English Fraternity and Kappa Delta Pi National Educational Fraternity. She married Donald Bruce Fraser on August 13, 1960 in Utica Methodist Church. They were married for 39 years until his death in 1999. Carol and Bruce settled in Livonia, MI where she taught English as an adjunct professor at Schoolcraft College for 24 years. She was active in the community, serving on the PTA and as a Deacon of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. She and Bruce moved to Port Huron in the late 1980s and Carol taught at both St. Clair County Community and Baker Colleges. She remained very active in retirement, volunteering at Mercy Hospital and serving as Recording Secretary of the Volunteer Board. Carol was an Elder and Clerk of Session at Lakeshore Presbyterian Church. She was also an enthusiastic member of the local Port Huron Red Hatters and Port Huron Musicale. She moved to Illinois in 2013 and spent the last four years of her life near her children and grandchildren and as a member of The Village Presbyterian Church in Northbrook. She was a voracious reader, enjoyed playing bridge and loved to travel, especially to the British Isles. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She leaves behind a loving family including a daughter, Pat Fraser; son, John Fraser; daughter-in-law, Susan Fraser; grandchildren, Lindsay Fraser, Robert Fraser and Molly Fraser; her brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Shara Lindsay; nephews, Tom Appleman, Rick Appleman, James Appleman and Scott Lindsay; nieces, Susy Flessner and Shara Anne Lindsay; Uncle Tony and Aunt Beth Galen; and many dear cousins, extended family and close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sister, Jane Appleman; great niece, Cheryl Louise; and many loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2017 in Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home, 1720 Elk Street, Port Huron with visitation beginning at 11:30 a.m. The Reverend William Wingrove officiated. Burial followed in Lakeside Cemetery, Port Huron. Memorials may be made to Lakeshore Presbyterian Church. To send condolences, please visit www.karrersimpson.com.

Hanes

Vickie Ann of Westland passed on May 30, 2017. She leaves many friends and family to her memory. Services were held privately at Husband Family Funeral Home (734)331-3349. Interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland, MI.

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.



May you find peace in your time of sorrow.

Jimmerson



Jim age 77 of Fenton formerly of Canton, passed away on June 14, 2017. Beloved husband of 40 years to Clara. Dear father of Gerald William Jimmerson, Shaunda (Kevin) Mankowski, Julie (David) Vaughn, Jeannette (Chuck) Morris, and Jim (Linda) Jimmerson. Proud grandpa of Travis (Brittany) Dutton, Elise (Sean Michael) Brady, Oliver Jimmerson, Tristan Jimmerson, and Clara June Mankowski. Great grandpa of Jace, Reese, Cade, Hudson, and a baby boy on the way! Dear brother of Betty Grayson. Jim retired from the Observer and Eccentric Newspaper as a Production Manager. Services were held at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or donor's choice. To share a memory, please visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



Kieshauer

John Frederick Age 83. June 13, 2017. Loving father of Kristina M. (John) Pomerville, Amy J. (Jim) Reimer. Cherished grandfather of Rebecca, Peyton, Chase, Holden and Xander. Dear brother of Jane Kieshauer. Please visit www.thayer-rock.com to share a memory or make a donation.

Laing



Jean Mary Laing died peacefully on Saturday evening, June 10, 2017, after a battle with bone cancer. She was born in Dearborn, Michigan, on November 13, 1934 and married her high school sweetheart, David Lawrence Laing, on January 29, 1955. In addition to her husband she is survived by her son Scott David Laing of Saline, Michigan, and four grandchildren. They are: Monica Jean Holmes of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Emily Grace Laing of Saline, Michigan; David Raymond Laing and Julia Mary Laing of Novi, Michigan. She was pre-deceased by her son Keith Lawrence Laing of Novi, Michigan. Jean was involved in numerous organizations in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, including The Meadowbrook Theatre and the Vernor Estates Garden Club. After her husband's retirement they moved to San Diego in 1982 and she became a volunteer in many local organizations. She was active in the Globe Guilders of The Old Globe Theatre having been awarded the Erma Macpherson Founder Award for her many contributions to the Guilders and the Theatre. For many years she was a member of the RITZ Committee of the San Diego Zoo. Also, she twice co-chaired The Gala, the main fund-raising function of the North Coast Repertory Theater. Memorial contributions can be made to The Old Globe, P.O. Box 122171, San Diego, CA 92112-2171 or the North Coast Repertory Theater, 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite D, Solana Beach, CA 92075. No services are planned.

Pappas

Bernice I., June 15, 2017 age 93 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of John (Bobbi) and Greg (Gloria). Proud grandmother of Tony (Rachelle), Julie (Jay) Couch, Steven (Kelly), Lisa Smith, and Naomi (Ryan) McCarthy. Adoring great grandmother of five. Dear sister of Marvin Wilson, Don (Barbara) Wilson, and Bruce (Ruth) Wilson. Memorial Visitation, Sunday 12-6 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. To share a memory, please use www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



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**CITY OF LIVONIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, the City of Livonia has received an application requesting approval of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate from Amazon.com, in the Office of the City Clerk on June 6, 2017, to develop, construct, and equip a regional sortation center at their facility located at 39000 Amrhein Road, Livonia, MI 48150. (Industrial Development Overlay District #112):

THE CITY COUNCIL OF LIVONIA has determined as follows:

1. The City Clerk shall provide copies of the said Application to the legislative bodies of the governmental units deriving property taxes from the property which will be affected, as required by Act 198, P.A. 1974, as amended.
2. The City Clerk shall contact each of the affected taxing units, and (i) indicate the Council's interest in this matter, and (ii) assist these taxing units in collecting such information as may be necessary to determine their respective opinions on this Application, and (iii) advise the said taxing units of the Council's desire to hold a hearing on this Application on **Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
3. The Council has set **Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, as the date, time and place for conducting a hearing on said Application.

SUSAN M. NASH
CITY CLERK

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL-TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
SUBMITTAL DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS IS JULY 5, 2017**

Redford Union School District (District) is seeking proposals from qualified technology service providers to assist the District in procuring, upgrading, and maintaining our technology and communications equipment, hardware, software, and networks.

Interested parties are invited to submit their proposal as follows:

The originally signed proposal and four copies, including all signed certifications required in this Request for Proposal and any additional materials, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "REDFORD UNION TECHNOLOGY RFP" and addressed and delivered no later than July 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. (EST) to the following recipient and address.

Greg R. McIntyre, CFO
Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
Redford Union School District
17715 Brady Street
Redford, MI 48240

Copies of proposals transmitted by email or facsimile will not be accepted or considered, nor will verbal quotations of any nature be considered. Redford Union School District is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, or illegible proposals or for any postage-due mail. All proposals submitted after the deadline will be returned to the sender unopened.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) does not commit Redford Union School District to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal responsive to this request. The District reserves the right to accept all or part of any proposal or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFP. The District further reserves the right to accept the proposal that it considers to be in the best interest of the District.

All requirements must be addressed in your proposal. Non-responsive proposals will not be considered. All timely submitted proposals, whether selected or rejected, shall become the property of the District. Firms are responsible for checking the District website (www.redfordu.k12.mi.us) periodically for any updates or revisions to the RFP.

Questions related to this RFP should be submitted in writing to Mr. McIntyre at the above address or by email to mcintyg@redfordu.k12.mi.us not later than 2:00 pm on June 27, 2017. Answers will be provided on the District website by June 29, 2017.

Please refer to the District Website for complete RFP and additional required information. www.redfordu.k12.mi.us

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Pictured here with Will Alford (center) and their Lenovo Yoga laptops are (from left) Zachary Kerman, a senior, who plans to attend Michigan Tech to study electrical engineering; Brendan Pebbles, a junior, who serves as the National Honor Society vice president; Raquel Mance, a senior, who intends to major in journalism at Central Michigan University; and Chelsea Threatt, a junior and published author, who wants to study broadcasting and journalism and is exploring universities.

Kiwanis donates laptops to Clarenceville students

Each year, the Livonia Kiwanis gives new laptop computers to deserving high school students to aid in their studies at home and at their colleges. During a Kiwanis meeting held at Clarenceville High School recently, Kiwanian Will Alford presented four students, chosen by

school administrators, with laptops to recognize their leadership skills in the classroom and in the community.

Each of the students thanked the Livonia Kiwanis, their families and teachers and talked with the group about their high school accomplishments and leadership

activities, as well as their future plans.

The students also learned more about how they can get involved in Kiwanis at college, by joining or organizing a Circle K Club. Currently, there is a Circle K Club at Madonna University, in Livonia.

**CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET**

Please take notice that on June 22, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48152 the Board of Education of the Clarenceville School District will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2017-2018 budgets.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2017-2018 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2017-2018 budget including the proposed property tax millage rates will be available for public inspection at the Administration Offices, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48152 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., beginning Thursday, June 15, 2017.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGETS WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

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Yes, you can travel to places like Atlanta, Portland and St. Louis without leaving Michigan.

Michigan has many towns with the same names as major cities around the country, 44 of them, all but one founded before 1900. Many were actually named after their counterparts in other states. Here they are, starting with Atlanta, Georgia; Portland, Ore.; and St. Louis, Mo.

Michigan's Atlanta is in Montmorency County, at M-32 and M-33. Named after the Georgia city, but a bit smaller (population 300).

Northwest of Lansing on I-96 in Ionia County is Portland. Sure, it's smaller (population 900) than the Portlands in Oregon and Maine, but look how close it is. It's named for its fine boat landings on the Grand and Looking Glass rivers.

St. Louis is a city of 7,500 in Gratiot County, off U.S. 127, north of Lansing founder Charles Gratiot named it after the one in Missouri.

The other 41 Michigan towns that share their names with some of our nation's larger cities include:

» Akron, in Tuscola County west of M-24, near Bay City. This village of 400 and its township were named after Akron, Ohio.

» Michigan's Augusta, closer but smaller (population 900) than the ones in Georgia and Maine, is in Kalamazoo County, west of Battle Creek. It was named after the city in Maine. It's also the home of Fort Custer National Cemetery.

» Michigan has two Austins. One is south of U.S. 12 in Hillsdale County and has 100 population. The other Austin (population 200), founded 1901, is south of Marquette in the U.P. Neither Austin was named after



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By the 1850s, Walker Tavern became a major stagecoach stop on the Chicago Pike (U.S. 12) at Brooklyn, Mich.

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the Texas capital.

» Bangor, a city of 1,800, is on M-43 in Van Buren County. Also a Bangor Township nearby. Named after the city in Maine.

» Closer by far than Montana is Billings, Gladwin County. It's part of Billings Township (population 700).

» Birmingham is a city of 20,000 in Oakland County. First called Bloomfield, it was renamed after the city in England, not the one in Alabama.

» Bismark, N.D., is has a counterpart in Eaton County, west of Lansing, a town within Sunfield Township (population 2,200).

» Our Brooklyn is south of the city of Jackson. In 1833, its residents voted to rename their town after its New York namesake. Population 1,700.

» Charleston, S.C.? We

have one in Cass County, another in Sanilac County. Little of either town is left.

» Charlotte is a city of 9,000 just off I-69, Eaton County. It was named after an early settler's wife, not the North Carolina capital.

» Our counterpart to Ohio's capital, Michigan's Columbus is one of dozens of U.S. cities named after the founder of our country. In St. Clair County, near I-69. Barely 200 residents, but it's in Columbus Township.

» Michigan has many Dovers, towns within townships in four counties: Cass (population 300); Clare (300); Lena-wee (1,800); and Washtenaw (6,000). None are connected with Dover, Del.

» You don't have to go far to get to Michigan's Fargo, in St. Clair County. It's now a town of less than 50. Named after its

postmaster, Charles Farr.

» Lexington is on Lake Huron in Sanilac County Like most other Lexingtons in 17 other states, it's named after the Revolutionary War battle near Lexington, Mass.

» We once had three Lincolns, all named after our beloved 16th president. One is left, west of Harrisville off M-72 in Alcona County. Population 300.

» Manchester is on M-52, southwest of Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County). It's named after the Manchester in New York, which was named after the one in England.

» Memphis, a city of 1,200, is on M-19 and borders Macomb and St. Clair counties. Like the city in Tennessee, it's named after a city in ancient Egypt.

» There's a New Haven (population 5,000) in Macomb County, at 26 Mile Road and I-94. A second New Haven, northwest of Flint in Shiawassee County, is nearly deserted, but has a cocky little rooster farm. No Connecticut connections.

We've got a Pittsburg, a town within Bennington Township (population 3,100) in Shiawassee County. Named after Moses Pitts. Like at least 12 other Pittsburgs around the country, it's spelled without the 'h.' So the first Pittsburgh, the one in Pennsylvania, does not have an exact same name counterpart.

Only two of the 44

same-name places just are in the U.P. — Austin in Marquette County and Phoenix in Keweenaw.

Our travels didn't take us to Chicago or New York, but there once were places in Michigan with those names — long-gone mining towns in the U.P. And there were many other same name U.S. towns among the more than 2,000 in Michigan's past.

Look them up in "Ro-

mig's Michigan Place Names," "Dodge's" or "Wakefield's Michigan Ghost Towns," in Michigan's nearly 200 county histories or by contacting local historical societies (we have hundreds of them).

Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns.

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By: Curtis Caid
Chief of Police

Published: June 18, 2017

South Redford School District Announcement of Public Hearing Budget Adoption for 2017-2018 School Year

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the South Redford School District Board of Education will hold a public hearing to consider the 2017-2018 school year budget at the Regular Board of Education meeting of Monday, June 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Jan Jacobs Administrative Services Building located at 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford, Michigan 48239 313-535-4000 (MCL 141.412).

In addition, the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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D1 SOFTBALL QUARTERFINAL

Cougars pay price for late miscues

Garden City unable to close out win over top-ranked Macomb Dakota

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Garden City played six superb innings Tuesday against No. 1-ranked Macomb Dakota in a Division 1 softball state quarterfinal at Wayne State University.

And then came the seventh. A series of boots and bobbles unfolded as the pressure intensified. When all was said and done, Garden City literally

let a monumental victory slip away — losing a 6-5 crusher just three days after experiencing the euphoria of a walk-off homer in the regional final.

“I think we just kind of got ahead of ourselves,” said Cougars senior outfielder Alicia Ascencio, who hit the regional-winning homer against Grosse Pointe North. “We were just thinking too much instead of just playing the game how we normally play it.”

Senior outfielder Aleea Montgomery said her team got too excited when it got to the top of the seventh with Garden City up 4-1, needing three more outs to advance to the D1 semi-final at Michigan State University.

“After we started making runs off them, we were, like, ‘Wow, we’re about to win,’ but we shouldn’t have,” Montgomery said. “We should have just played the game.”

Veteran Garden City coach Barry Patterson echoed his seniors, calling it a “situation where you get so anxious to win. This was a huge game. We

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DAN DEAN

Garden City’s Alissa Turnbull tries to chase down Dakota’s Lauren Bobowski during the top of the seventh as Garden City shortstop Natalie Billings covers third. Dakota tied the game on the play that failed to produce an out.



JUNIOR HOCKEY

HIS CUP RUNNETH OVER

Plymouth’s Boka relishes Spits’ history-making title run, eyes NHL future

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Ask Windsor Spitfires forward Luke Boka if it was worth going through more than six weeks of intense training, the kind that literally makes one sick, in order to take a victorious taste out of the Memorial Cup.

The Plymouth native, 17, wasted no time answering that question.

“We had 44 days off to prepare for Memorial Cup, it was terrible,” Boka said during a telephone interview last week. “Waking up at 5 a.m., running five kilometers, running hills at 6 o’clock in the morning, back skating every day. We were puking. It was awful.”

“But I’m so glad we did it, because winning this thing truly is the best thing that’s ever happened to me.”

Boka and the Spitfires capped the ultimate underdog story May 28 with their 4-3 victory over the Erie Otters in Game 7 of the 2017 Memorial Cup final at Windsor’s WFCU Centre.

His parents (Lora and Don Boka of Plymouth), hockey-playing brother Nicholas and other family and friends made the short trek to Windsor for the big night to make the experience even more unforgettable.

“It was awesome,” Boka said. “You can’t really describe what it feels like to play here (Windsor) and be a part of such a great program. It’s been surreal these past few weeks with the cup and everything. It’s been awesome.”

Making history

The championship journey was one for the books, too.

In early April, Windsor lost a heartbreaking seven-game series to London in the open-

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Luke Boka triumphantly holds the Memorial Cup after the Windsor Spitfires upended Erie in Game 7.



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Windsor forward Luke Boka (right) battles Erie’s Mitchell Byrne for a loose puck during the recent Memorial Cup finals.

“It’s been surreal these past few weeks with the cup and everything. It’s been awesome.”

LUKE BOKA

PREP BASEBALL

Stevenson’s Posky will toe the mound at Comerica

Recent grad also signs to pitch at Division I Oakland

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Livonia Stevenson’s Branden Posky loves going to Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers.

On Tuesday, he will step onto the big-league field as a player — for the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East All-Stars. The game will take place at 7 p.m. and also include Livonia Franklin’s Kolby Dewhirst.

“It was an honor to have been selected to play at Comerica Park for the all-star game,” Posky, a recent Stevenson graduate, wrote in an email to the Observer. “I can’t believe I’m getting the opportunity to play on a field that I visit so often.”

“I’m looking forward to pitching on the same mound that professionals have stepped foot on. Also, playing under the lights will be a blast.”

The hard work Posky turned in with Jeff Tanderys and Spartans head coach Rick Berryman “helped me become the pitcher I am today,” talented enough to play in the prestigious game.

Posky — who also played outfield when not on the mound for Stevenson — was 7-1 during his senior season and finished with a career ERA of 2.16, along with being part of three Livonia City Tournament

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STEVENSON ATHLETICS

Branden Posky not only will play Division I baseball at Oakland University, he will play in Tuesday’s prep all-star game at Comerica Park.

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D4 TRACK AND FIELD

Lutheran Westland boast titles and all-staters

Warriors follow MIAC championship with regional triumph and state meet success

Tim Smith hometownlife.com

Lutheran Westland's varsity boys track and field team capped off a successful season by winning the recent Division 4 regional meet.

"It was truly a team effort because the team placed in every event and in several individual events placed two athletes," Warriors head coach Mike Unger said.

The Warriors registered 179 points to outpace second-place South-



BRIAN DOWNEY

Lutheran Westland's varsity boys track and field team celebrate winning the MIAC championship. The Warriors also were regional champs.

field Christian (93 points). The regional win followed the team earning the MIAC championship.

Individual competing

at the D4 state meet June 3 were Luke Smith (discus, shot), Dillon O'Reilly (high jump, 400 dash), Jake Kuhn and Seth Lambert (pole vault), Daryl



BRIAN DOWNEY

Lutheran Westland's Jake O'Reilly (left) and Dillon O'Reilly compete during the recent MIAC championship meet, which the Warriors won. Lutheran Westland also won the Division 4 regional and had several all-state performers at the June 3 state meet.

Nykiel (100, 200, 400 dashes), Mike Brannan (1,600 run), Lucas Moody (800, 1,600 and 3,200 runs), Kyle Farley (200, 400 dash, 1,600 run), Kyle Downer and Dough Tischler (1,600 and 3,200 runs), Devin Nimer (3,200 run) and Jake O'Reilly (400 run).

At the state meet, held at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids, Lutheran Westland tallied 16 points to finish 19th overall.

Individual all-state performances (top eight finishers) were turned in Smith (shot put, eighth, 46 feet, 3 inches), Nykiel (100 dash, third, 11.41)

and Farley (200 dash, fourth, 22.68).

The 400-meter relay team of Farley, Jake O'Reilly, Dillon O'Reilly and Nykiel was were an all-state finisher, placing seventh with a time of 45.13.

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COUGARS

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weren't supposed to play with this team and we had an opportunity to win."

Garden City's trademark strong defense helped the team reach the seventh up by three runs, but then junior pitcher April Rudolph hit lead-off batter Corbin Hison to open the inning and the wheels started to wobble.

Then came an error and a single to load the bases with one out. Julia Salisbury ripped a liner that Garden City senior center fielder Brittany Radtke made a nice backhand grab on to stem the tide.

Couldn't slow it down

But those wheels completely fell off during the next few plays.

Kendahl Dunford hit a line single to right for one run, but Montgomery fired to second base and had Katie Popko hung up between the bases because she thought the ball might be caught in the outfield.

Instead, the ball was dropped at second base, another run crossed the plate and suddenly it was a 4-3 game.



DAN DEAN

Garden City junior pitcher April Rudolph was cruising through six innings Tuesday at Wayne State in the D1 softball quarterfinal.

After Dunford moved up a base on a pitch in the dirt, Jackie Popko grounded to short to tie the game. Unfortunately for Garden City, an out also wasn't recorded on the play because a run-down ended with another dropped ball.

Arieanna Grammatico's grounder to first finally put Macomb Dakota in the lead and a wild pitch opened up a 6-4 edge.

"I think we just sped the game up a little too fast. We tried to get outs before we had the balls," Patterson said. "We bobbled a couple, just trying too fast. Routine plays and we didn't slow the

game down enough in our minds to be able to take the time and make the plays.

"I probably should have called a timeout and talked about slowing the game down. In hindsight, that would have been a better move. I didn't do that. It's just one of those things. Sometimes the last three are tougher than the first 18."

Yet Garden City didn't go down without a fight, fresh off that miraculous June 10 victory against the Norsemen.

With one out, junior Natalie Billings worked the count and drew a gutsy walk after falling



DAN DEAN

Garden City coach Barry Patterson talks to his players during the seventh inning against Macomb Dakota.

behind 1-2.

Montgomery grounded out, but Ascencio singled over the head of pitcher Dunford to put the tying run on base. Senior Shelby Casey followed with an RBI single and courtesy runner Cortni Mowrer advanced to second on a subsequent wild pitch with senior Alissa Turnbull at bat.

Remember the good

One hit away from another walk-off victory, Turnbull instead hit a grounder to shortstop for the final out.

"Last week, we were in a situation, we got that big three-run homer and

the other team had to walk away thinking, 'What just happened?'" Patterson said. "We were kind of on the other end of that today."

"I told the girls it stings now, it hurts a little bit and we'll remember it. But I know from experience, down the road we're going to remember the happy and we'll forget the bad."

Garden City (28-13) lost 18-3 to Macomb Dakota early in the season, but Tuesday's contest was different from the outset, with RBI singles by Montgomery (scoring Radtke, who went 2-for-3) and Casey (2-for-4,

two RBIs) making it a 2-0 contest.

Rudolph got out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the fifth, with second baseman Turnbull fielding a sharp grounder and throwing to first to retire the side.

Radtke and Billings opened the bottom half with singles, and Ascencio (2-for-3, two RBIs) scored both with a booming double to deep center, padding the lead to four runs.

Ascencio went to third on the play, but was left stranded with a potential fifth run.

Even without the extra run, things still looked rosy for Garden City. Then came the thorny finish.

Yet Patterson said his players — especially seniors Ascencio, Casey, Turnbull, Radtke and Montgomery — can hold their heads high.

"The seniors will remember last week coming off (the field) with that big win," Patterson said, "and today playing against the No. 1 team in the state and playing them seven innings and having a shot to win it until the last pitch of the game."

"We just didn't quite finish it out."

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BOKA

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ing round of the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

Yet Boka and his teammates knew their season wasn't over because the Spitfires were hosting the Memorial Cup — with the OHL, Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and Western Hockey League playoff champions making up three of the four contestants and the host team rounding out the bracket.

"We beat all three of them and we're champions," Boka said. "Everyone doubted us as the underdog and we came out on top. It was pretty special. The place was sold out every game we had. It was awesome. I've never experienced anything like it. They (fans) definitely gave us a lot of energy."

With the win, Windsor became the first team to get bounced in the opening round and still win the Memorial Cup as a host team.

Boka was played a key role in the Spitfires' championship, part of a



The Boka family of Plymouth helped Luke Boka celebrate his team's Memorial Cup championship at WFCU Centre in Windsor. From left are parents Lora and Don, Luke, sister Allison and brother Nicholas.

shutdown penalty kill unit. He also was a solid offensive contributor throughout the regular season with 13 goals and 15 assists.

"In the final game they (Otters) had three or four power play," Boka said. "They scored on one of them, but they have one of the best power

plays in the league, so you can't ask much more than to kill three of them off."

Windsor nod

And he wasn't afraid to mix things up, when necessary. The NHL player he said he tries to emulate is Windsor native and former Detroit Red Wings player Steve Ott.

"He's a Windsor guy. I really love the way he plays," Boka said. "I think I play like him, just a lot of energy, a lot of sacrifice and doing whatever it takes to win. It's guys like that that I try to play like and model my game after. Those guys with that kind of character, that kind of compete level, those are the ones that are destined to be champions."

Still, the former Plymouth Victory Honda player said there were some butterflies to deal with on the eve of the make-or-break seventh game.

So he exchanged texts with 19-year-old brother Nicholas Boka — property of the NHL Minnesota Wild and a defenseman for the University of Michigan.

"He said, 'I wish I could tell you not to be nervous and just go out there and play your game, but to be honest, just enjoy it and have fun with it,'" Luke said. "You're never going to experience something like this again. Just make the most out of everything." That helped me a lot."

Having the older Boka (who is turning 20 soon) in his corner was another reason for Luke to go into Game 7 with plenty of confidence.

"Seeing his work ethic growing up and seeing the way he prepares himself to play at the highest level truly is second to none," Luke Boka said. "He's really been a big influence in my career and he's been a big role model for me."

NHL dream

Another topic the brothers can discuss is handling the pressure and anticipation that comes with the National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Nicholas Boka was selected in the sixth round of the 2015 draft by Minnesota; Luke will find out June 23-24 at the

United Center in Chicago whether he, too, will hear his name called.

"I'm ranked (201st by) NHL Central Scouting, I don't know if I'm going to get picked or not," Luke Boka said. "But I think the Memorial Cup performance I had should give me a little better shot."

"Honestly, if I get picked, that's great, but at the end of the day, nothing really fazes me that much. I know what I have to do to be able to play in the NHL one day."

He added that getting to the NHL is a grind that takes a number of years, at least for most players.

"It doesn't matter how good you are when you're 17, the average NHL rookie is 23 or 24 years old," Boka said. "I got a lot of time to develop and become a better hockey player. I really can't get too worried about draft rankings or where I think I'm going to get drafted to. It's a process."

If the way Boka and the Spitfires won a championship is any indication, he already knows the best things in hockey are worth waiting for.

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POSKY

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championships and three district titles.

The Comerica Park chance follows another

Posky milestone. He recently signed to play Division I baseball at Oakland University.

"I have always wanted to compete at the Division I level and am excited that I will be able to do that at Oakland Univer-

sity," Posky wrote. "I'm also extremely grateful to be able to go to such a wonderful school to fulfill my educational goals."

At Oakland, the 18-year-old Posky (owner of a 3.8 GPA) will pursue a

business degree.

"A big thanks to all the personal support I have received from my mother, Denise Stempfen, my father, Michael Posky, my step-father, Louis Stempfen, and most of all my grandfather, James

Florence," Posky wrote.

Other baseball highlights for Posky include being picked to several all-district and all-regional teams and throwing a no-hitter in the 2016 districts.

In addition to Posky

and Dewhirst, Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade and Canton coach Mark Blomshield will be part of the East All-Stars coaching staff Tuesday.

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PREP BASEBALL

Northville reaches first-ever state final

Ziparo's four-hitter gives Mustangs 9-1 semifinal win vs. Grand Haven

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Although final exams were out of the way, Northville's baseball team aced another test in Thursday's MHSAA Division 1 state semifinal at Michigan State's McLaren Stadium.

The Mustangs received an A-plus pitching outing from senior left-hander Connor Ziparo in a convincing 9-1 victory over Grand Haven to reach its first-ever state championship final in school history.

Northville was scheduled Saturday to play Saline (38-3) for the state championship.

Ziparo's performance was masterful as he tossed a four-hitter while allowing just one walk and a hit batter, going all seven innings as Northville improved to 30-10.

After throwing in the regional final against Hartland on normal rest, Ziparo befuddled Grand Haven (24-16) with an assortment of pitches.

"The biggest game of my life," Ziparo said. "I've been all around the country playing in tournaments and nothing beats that, man. That's a great feeling."

The crafty lefty, who has an earned-run average hovering near 1.20, struck out four in raising his season record to 7-2.

"The fastball was working today," he said. "I struggled finishing on the curve ball, but the fastball ... I put it both sides of the plate, so that was really the go-to pitch today."

Meanwhile, Northville's revived postseason offense continued to thrive as it has now outscored six state tournament opponents by an aggregate of 44-6.

"One through nine in the lineup, we've all been hitting well," said junior catcher Billy Flohr, who went 2-for-4 with a bunt single and triple. "And we're putting some hits together."

The Mustangs gave Grand Haven a dose small ball with two bunt singles and two other sacrifice bunts.

In the bottom of the first inning, Kevin Morrissey led off with a single and Nick Prystash was hit in the helmet by a Sean Casey pitch. After a sacrifice bunt by Flohr to move the runners over, Jake Moody came through with a two-run single.

Northville added another run in the second on a bunt single by Mi-



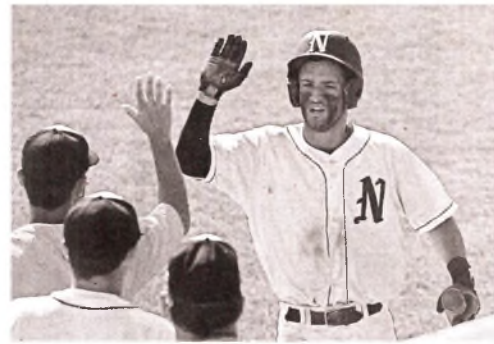
Northville's Aram Shahrigian is congratulated at the dugout after scoring in Thursday's win over Grand Haven.

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Starting pitcher Connor Ziparo celebrates on the mound after striking out the last batter in the top of the seventh to end the game.

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Michael Lionas receives high-fives after scoring a run.

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chael Lionas, who later stole second and took third on a wild pitch before coming home on a Christian Williams single.

The Mustangs scored one in the fourth without

the benefit of a hit as Lionas was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. He moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Alex Garbacik and scored on an infield error off a bunt by Morrissey that was

mishandled by the Bucs to make it 4-0.

"The bunting game we've talked a lot about in the last couple of weeks, that it's really going to become important when we get to games like this," said 13th-year Northville coach John Kostrzewa, who notched his 350th career win. "We were able to execute some sacrifice bunts that turned into base hits because they were so good. We had a couple of bunts for hits that came through."

In the fifth, Northville padded its lead to 7-0, scoring three more runs. Aram Shahrigian doubled, stole third and scored on a Grand Haven error. Pinch-hitter Jack Sargent tripled home Moody, who had been hit by a pitch, one of four by Casey in the game. Lionas then scored Sargent on a sacrifice fly.

"We had some good at-bats, hit by pitches and when we put some pres-

sure on them, we really were able to put some good swings on the ball," Kostrzewa said.

In the sixth, Northville made it 9-0 on a triple by Morrissey, an RBI ground out by Nick Prystash, a triple by Flohr and a bizarre RBI sacrifice infield fly pop out by Sargent.

"They bunted the ball and killed the ball in the right spots," Grand Haven coach Michael Hansen said. "Did it throw us off? Not really. I thought the ball got to first base on time, but we didn't catch the ball. But they did an excellent job of executing. That team did their job. Congratulations to them."

The Buccaneers scored their lone run in the top of the seventh on a walk to Casey, a single by Brandon Tuuk and a fielder's choice ground out by Max Schweikert.

But Ziparo closed it out with a fly out and strikeout to end the game.

"You got a lefty like that that's got a little running fastball, good change-up and a curve ball, throws strikes, gritty ... the kind of pitcher you like to have on your team," Hansen said. "So I was impressed with him. Those are the kind of pitchers that win this type of tournament, not the guys all the time that throw 90 (mph). Of course, those guys are effective as well. You can win with these guys, so I thought he did a great job."

Flohr, who went all seven innings behind the plate, was impressed with his left-handed battery mate.

"Definitely a good pitching performance for him," Flohr said. "He was just throwing strikes. That's what we emphasize. First pitch fastball, you've got to throw it for a strike. First pitch curve ball, you've got to throw it for a strike."

In his last few outings, Ziparo had struggled a bit with his command, but against Grand Haven, he was ahead in the count and pitching to contact.

"He's a pretty intense guy and you have to reel him in a little bit," Kostrzewa said. "We knew he'd be real successful today and he did a great job. He was pounding the strike zone, then getting ahead and using his off-speed pitches. He made the one mistake in the first inning 0-2 (count), then I didn't see a mistake the rest of the game. That was really important."

The Mustangs, who collected nine hits, have also hit their stride at the plate during their six-game tournament run.

"We expected our offense to be the strength of our team; it just took a little while to come around," Kostrzewa said. "But once those new guys got comfortable, it got a lot easier to turn the lineup around. When eight and nine (hitters) are getting on base and then the guys on top come through, it makes it easier to score runs. Once we figured out our lineup, it started to click. And once we figured out our lineup, it complemented our pitching more."

And now the Mustangs, who had not been to a state semifinal since 1972, are just one win away from a coveted state title.

"There's four teams left and we're now one of two. It's crazy," Ziparo said. "In November, when we started working out in the weight room, we talked about this kind of stuff. It's a dream come true. It really is."

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SUMMER CAMPS AND CLINICS

June and July are filled with family reunions, graduation parties — and various summer youth sports camps and clinics.

Such is the case once again this year, with a number of offerings on tap.

» CHURCHILL 'UNDER THE LIGHTS': Livonia Churchill's football program is hosting an "Under the Lights" Youth Camp 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 27 for youngsters entering kindergarten through eighth grade.

Cost is \$20. Checks should be made out to Churchill High School and mailed in advance to Allen Feigel, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, 48150.

The camp will take place at Churchill's varsity football field. On tap will be instruction about "offensive and defensive football techniques."

Participants also can pay the attention to "GARDEN CITY BASKETBALL: Garden City girls basketball coach Michele Tyree and the Cougars coaching staff will be holding a summer basketball camp for boys and girls exiting grades 3-8 from Monday through Thursday, June 22.

The camp will consist of 4 days focusing on sport specific skills and will be held in the Garden City High School gym.

Registration is available on the first day of camp. Fee to sign up is \$80 for the week or \$20 per session. Each camper will receive a T-shirt.

The high school is located at 6500 Middlebelt Road.

» CHURCHILL BASEBALL CAMP: The camp is set from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday, June 19 through Wednesday, June 21 for boys ages 7-14. Fee is \$55.

Contact Chargers coach Ron Targosz via e-mail at rtargosz@livoniapublicschools.org.

The camp will focus on group and individual instruction in all phases of the game.

» STEVENSON FOOTBALL: Livonia Stevenson is holding high school and youth football camps, both at the Stevenson football field.

The high school camp (fee \$60) runs Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22, from 3-6 p.m., daily. It will help students learn and develop skills to help them become more successful during their freshman, junior varsity or varsity seasons.

The youth camp (fee \$10) runs Monday, July 24 and Tuesday, July 25, and helps youngsters exiting grades 3-8 and runs from 6:30-8 p.m. The camp will help kids of all levels learn both offensive and defensive skills.

Questions should be sent to rimalice@livoniapublicschools.org or (248) 514-7557.

» FRANKLIN FUTURE STARS: Livonia Franklin's baseball staff, led by head coach Matt Fournier, will hold the "Future Stars" summer baseball camp 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 29.

Cost to sign up is \$70, and each camper receives a T-shirt. Registration deadline is

Friday, June 23.

Make checks payable to Franklin High School, and send to Matt Fournier, Franklin Baseball Camp, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI, 48150. Inquiries also can be e-mailed to mfourme2@livonia.k12.mi.us or (734) 968-0489. Also go to franklinpatriotsbaseball.com.

The camp is for boys and girls exiting grades 2-8 and will focus on "sport specific skills."

Sessions will take place on the Franklin varsity baseball field or, in the event of rain, the Franklin Field House.

» LIVONIA UNIFIED SOCCER: Youth soccer players should consider signing up for the 2017 Livonia Unified Soccer Camp, set from 9-11 a.m. Monday, June 26 through Thursday, June 29.

Cost is \$70; checks should be made payable to Livonia Churchill High School. Boys and girls are welcome to sign up; the camp is for those entering grades 3-9 and players will be divided by age and skill level.

Camp directors are Livonia Churchill boys soccer coach Matt Grodzicki, Stevenson boys and girls coach Ken Shingledecker and current players Nick Atwood and Kelly Capocchia.

Any questions, contact Grodzicki at mgrodzicki@yahoo.com.

» CHURCHILL HOOPS CAMP: Boys entering grades 3-8 are encouraged to sign up for Livonia Churchill's basketball camp.

The camp will take place 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, June 26 through Wednesday, June 28, at the Churchill Fieldhouse. Fee is \$55. Checks should be made payable to Churchill High School. Questions should be sent to coach James

McCulloh, via email (james.mcculloh@gmail.com) or phone (248-724-8068).

The camp will focus on group and individual instruction as well as teamwork.

» LIVONIA BLUE GYMNASTICS: Gymnasts ages 11 and up are invited to sign up for the 2017 Livonia Blue Gymnastics Summer Camp at Churchill High School.

The three-week camp is June 19-22, July 10-13 and Aug. 7-10.

Cost is \$75 for one week; \$135 for two weeks; \$185 for three weeks.

Submit questions to coach Lisa Broomfield, MissLisa621@yahoo.com or (734) 765-5439.

The program provides the chance for youngsters to "practice and showcase their skills" and receive instruction on conditioning, flexibility, individual skills and team building.

» STEVENSON HOOP CAMPS: Livonia Stevenson is hosting June camps for boys and girls basketball the week beginning Monday, June 19.

The boys basketball camp is 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 19 through Thursday, June 22 and will take place at the Stevenson Field House.

Youngsters entering grades 6-9 are invited; cost is \$75 with checks made payable to Livonia Stevenson Boys Basketball. Questions should be directed to varsity coach Kareem Smartt, Kareem.smartt@ya-hoo.com.

The girls basketball camp is 9 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesday, June 20 through Thursday, June 22 at the Stevenson Field House.

Youngsters entering grades 4-9 are invited; cost is \$70 with checks made payable to Livonia Stevenson Girls Basketball. Questions should be directed to varsity coach Karen Anger, karenanger@icloud.com.

» CHURCHILL GIRLS HOOP CAMP: Livonia Churchill is hosting a summer camp for girls in grades 1-9 this fall.

The camp is 5-7 p.m. July 17 through July 19 and costs \$60.

Former college athletes (including from Madonna) and varsity players will work with campers on various skills.

Contact coach K'Len Morris, Kmo2334@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to Churchill High School.

» SPARTANS VOLLEYBALL: Kim Berrington, head coach at Siena Heights University, is holding a volleyball camp June 26-28 at Livonia Stevenson High School in conjunction with Spartans head coach Julian Wargo and members of the SHS program.

The sessions will be at the Stevenson Field House; courts 1 and 2. Times are 1:30-3 p.m. (Session 1) and 4-6 p.m. (Session 2).

Cost is \$160 and covers all six sessions (two per day). A camp T-shirt is provided. Make checks payable to Kim Berrington and send with registration form to Siena Heights University Fieldhouse Volleyball Camp, 1247 E. Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI, 49221.

Any questions should be directed to SHU coach Berrington at (734) 264-7875 or Stevenson coach Wargo, (248) 295-7245.

» CHARGERS VOLLEYBALL: A skills camp is slated from Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 at Livonia Churchill. Sessions are: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for those entering grades 7-9; 8:10-10 a.m. for those entering grades 10-12.

The former is an introduction to competitive volleyball through basic drills. The latter focuses on advanced skills, defense and multiple offenses.

Contact coaches at (734) 355-8138 or mgreiner@livoniapublicschools.org.

The fee is \$95 and checks should be made out to Churchill High School.

» SCHOOLCRAFT 'FAST BREAK': Schoolcraft College's men's basketball program is hosting the second-annual "Fast Break" camp, from Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily).

Head coach Abe Mashhour will lead sessions for boys and girls going into grades 3-8, focusing on basic fundamentals including shooting, passing, ball-handling, defense, rebounding and more.

Advance skills will be taught as age/skill levels dictate and includes lectures, games, contests and competitions.

To register, contact Patrick Yelisk at (734) 462-7696, (989) 289-8933 or pyelisk@schoolcraft.edu.

Each participant will receive a customized camp basketball and reversible camp jersey. Cost is \$85 if signed up before June 16 and \$95 after June 16 until the start of camp.

» CHARGER HOCKEY CAMP: Summer camps will take place in August, too.

Livonia Churchill's Charger Hockey Camp will take place at Eddie Edgar Arena between July 31 and Aug. 4 and Aug. 7-11. Each day's session is from 7:30-8:50 p.m.

The cost is \$175; checks should be made payable to Churchill High School. Questions should be directed to head coach Jason Reynolds, jayrey48152@gmail.com or (734) 788-0447.

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These 5 things can improve your career

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When you're thinking about career goals, it's easy to fall into the trap of focusing too much on intangible and non-specific ideas. Get your head out of the clouds with these five things you can do right now (and keep doing every day) to start improving your career.

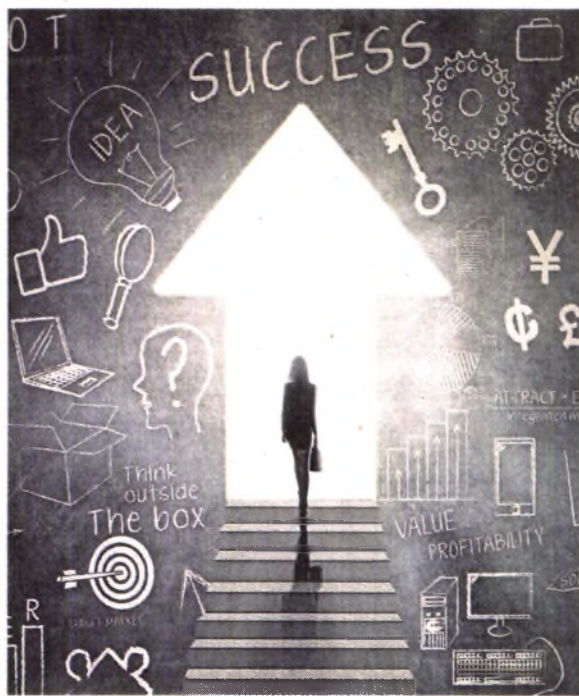
1. Keep up with industry changes

No matter how good you are at your job, if you don't stay up to date on industry news and trends, you're likely to get left in the dust. Understanding the bigger picture for the industry at large is the difference between having a job and having a career.

"Subscribe to the leading journals or publications for that industry. Each day or week, depending on how often the content is published, give yourself ample time to read the news and understand possible implications or outcomes," says Evan Harris, co-founder and CEO of SD Equity Partners. "Don't just skim the information; absorb it. Becoming an industry expert is a foolproof way of improving your career."

2. Read job listings

You probably have a pretty



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good idea of what your dream job would be. But how do you get there? A good way to begin charting your course is through job listings.

"The best way to determine the path to your dream job is by looking at current job listings and seeing the skills required for that role," Harris says. "Now that you know what skills you need, figure out how to acquire them. Take online classes, read articles, watch videos – do whatever it takes to learn those skills,

bringing you one step – or many steps – closer to the career you've always wanted."

3. Rely on a mentor

Early in your career, keep your eye out for potential mentors, and don't hesitate to approach people to ask for advice. Once you've begun establishing a mentor/mentee relationship, don't neglect it.

"Being able to turn to an advisor with whom you build a history, especially someone of stature in your company or

industry, offers enormous opportunity to benefit from their insights and perspective," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "They can offer you feedback to address both your strengths and weaknesses and recommend strategies to best manage the latter. Mentors help you to identify shortcuts to accelerate your potential to advance and to identify and avoid the landmines that are inevitable."

4. Get involved

Depending on your position, you may not typically work with many people outside your immediate teammates and managers. Branching out and meeting people from other areas of the company can have an impact on your career.

"Get involved in committees to increase your visibility in the organization and make a contribution outside of your department," says Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of Call to Career. "Many large companies have committees to review processes or improve employee retention. Joining such a committee can expose you to other people in a large organization that you might not otherwise meet and can open the door for future job opportunities."

5. Become an authority

Career advancement often hinges not only on the quality of your work, but on your ability to differentiate yourself from the rest of the pack. A great way to do this is to find a useful area in which you can specialize. "Any worker who wishes to move up the ladder in terms of both responsibility and compensation is wise to find a topic of some kind about which to become an expert," says Jacob Dayan, partner and co-founder of Community Tax, a national provider of tax preparation, bookkeeping and accounting services. "If, for example, you work in an accounting firm, then become the firm's go-to resource on a nuanced but important tax issue. Then, find ways to share this knowledge regularly."

Dayan suggest writing posts for your company's blog, conducting lunch-and-learn meetings at the office or speaking at industry groups about the topic of your expertise to spread the word and establish yourself as an authority both inside and outside of the company.

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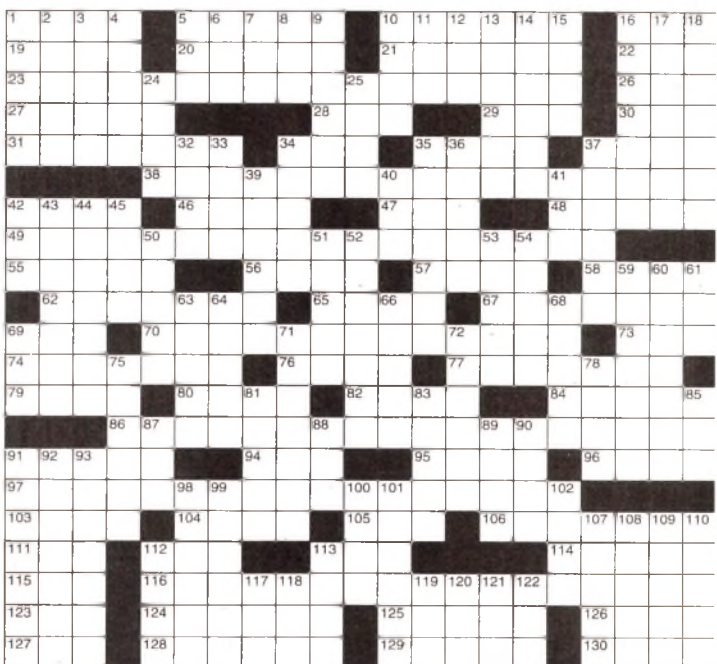
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Really dislike
 - 5 First-string athletic group
 - 10 Black mark
 - 16 Suffix with friend
 - 19 27-Across' continent
 - 20 Elder Obama daughter
 - 21 Approached to assail
 - 22 Bakery treat
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Carte or mode lead-in
 - 27 Seoul's land
 - 28 Engine sound
 - 29 Also include
 - 30 Erfurt article
 - 31 Spider-Man co-creator
 - 34 Declares, informally
 - 35 Spread of puréed liver
 - 37 Wish for
 - 38 Riddle, part 2
 - 42 Romanov ruler
 - 46 Very regretful one
 - 47 Pretense
 - 48 Lew of "State Fair"
 - 49 Riddle, part 3
 - 55 Jewish holiday in spring
 - 56 Give — on the back
 - 57 Pop singer
 - 58 Times of distinction
 - 62 Informal name for
 - 65 Easter entrées
 - 67 Many truck engines
 - 69 Farrow of films
 - 70 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 Beer in Bath
 - 74 Gucci or Armani rival
 - 76 "That's all there is —"
 - 77 Trials by fire
 - 79 "Hey, you there"
 - 80 Suffix with switch
 - 82 Brand of hair remover
 - 84 Prefix with tasking
 - 86 Riddle, part 5
 - 91 Moved like a kangaroo
 - 94 Stock debut, for short
 - 95 "Oh, uh-huh"
 - 96 Spanish for "other"
 - 97 End of the riddle
 - 103 "Bill" penner
 - 104 Butterlike product
 - 105 — -di-dah
 - 106 Stir fry lidbit
 - 111 Meyers or Onassis
 - 112 Leave agape
 - 113 Sun. church talk
 - 114 Sphere
 - 115 Giant in pens
 - 116 Riddle's answer
 - 123 Feline sign
 - 124 Fighting spirit
 - 125 Old major-league team
 - 126 Inert element
 - 127 N.J. hours
 - 128 Elmo's street
 - 129 "10" star Bo
 - 130 Darns, e.g.
 - 5 "I love," to Ovid
 - 6 Frat "T"
 - 7 Pipe lifting
 - 8 Give a boost
 - 9 Chaos
 - 10 Pond coating
 - 11 Sea- Airport
 - 12 "— little product
 - 13 Cold Italian desserts
 - 14 Actor Karl
 - 15 Very little
 - 16 Apple debut of 2013
 - 17 Quiet
 - 18 Brick floors of fireplaces
 - 24 Young cow
 - 25 Anise-flavored liqueur
 - 32 Italian money
 - 33 Adequate, to Lil' Abner
 - 34 Waffle pour-on
 - 35 Painter Pablo
 - 36 Alstate rival
 - 37 "Indubitably!"
 - 39 Counteract
 - 40 Dirt Devil, e.g., for short
 - 41 — -Mart
 - 42 Phone bug
 - 43 Crams, e.g.
 - 44 Overdue debt
 - 45 Social reformer
 - 50 Frat "O"
 - 51 Loutish sort
 - 52 Endurance
 - 53 Opposite of chaos
 - 54 Water nymph of myth
 - 59 Portion out anew
 - 60 Sports VIP
 - 61 Louisville-to-Atlanta dir.
 - 63 Houston college, for short
 - 64 "If — Would Leave You"
 - 66 Silver or gold
 - 68 Rival
 - 69 Sports VIP
 - 71 Go as low as
 - 72 What the weary get, in a saying
 - 75 Walk over
 - 78 Sedan, say
 - 81 Of sheep
 - 83 From Cork, e.g.
 - 85 "— perfect world..."
 - 87 Fourth of a fiscal yr.
 - 88 — au vin (chicken dish)
 - 89 Shar- — (wrinkly dogs)
 - 90 Russia's Trotsky
 - 91 Pleasant
 - 92 Manicure boards
 - 93 Yellowish fruit
 - 98 Red-eyed sparrow
 - 99 Tips of
 - 100 "—s Gold" (1997 film)
 - 101 Part of ERA
 - 102 Usual
 - 107 Takes off the bottle
 - 108 Check recipient
 - 109 Ulna's end
 - 110 Prayer ends
 - 112 PIN points
 - 113 Pal of Hook
 - 117 11-Down guess, briefly
 - 118 Wood for darkboards
 - 119 Hack down
 - 120 "World Cafe" aier
 - 121 Female koala
 - 122 "Fire away!"



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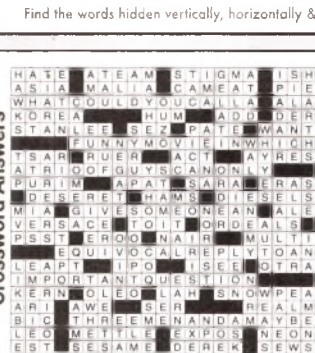
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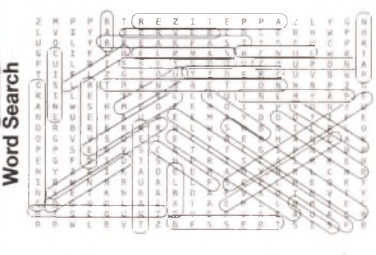
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- A LA CARTE
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- BAR
- BEVERAGES
- BILL
- BREAKFAST
- BUS
- BYOB
- CHEF
- COUPON
- COURSE
- CREDIT
- CUISINE
- DESSERT
- DINER
- DINNER
- DISCOUNT
- EVENING
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MERCEDES-BENZ RIDES GLE, OTHER SUVs TO LEAD U.S. LUXURY MARKET – WITH PLANS TO DO EVEN BETTER



By Dale Buss

Mercedes-Benz overtook BMW in the U.S. last year, blasting past its rival to claim the overall luxury auto sales crown for 2016. Much of that was due to the brand's growing offerings in the hot

Q: Congratulations on your U.S. success. How do you intend to build on the momentum and sustain it?

Dietmar Exler: What it does kind of mean—and we always ask how important it is—it that it isn't important from the pure fact of being No. 1 but as an indication of the success of our product lineup and focus on customer experience and processes that we've employed together with dealers. We focus on the right things and what we do resonates with the customers.

We still have the youngest, freshest product lineup in the industry. Look at our SUVs: We have the freshest SUV lineup. The same is true with passenger cars. In New York [at the March auto show] we showed in sneak preview, and at the Shanghai auto show, the new S-Class sedan, the flagship of the industry.

Q: What have been the implications for Mercedes-Benz of the huge shift to SUVs and crossovers from sedans? Sedans were a historical strength for you.

SUV segment of the market, which is not BMW's strong suit.

Almost halfway into 2017, while he can't promise that Mercedes will hold on to that title, Mercedes-Benz USA President and CEO Dietmar Exler does expect another record year for sales in the American market. "We had a very good 2016, but 2017 starts us all over again," Exler told me.

I talked with Exler about helming the US operations of a brand on the rise in the US and around the world:



The GLE is helping Mercedes-Benz dominate the luxury-SUV segment

SUVs as well as sedans. Our design is cutting-edge. It'll certainly resonate with customers extremely well. I don't know where it will end up, sedans vs. SUVs, in luxury. This is very strong in the mass market, and in luxury there is a trend toward SUVs as well.

We're celebrating 20 years of SUVs. It's pretty much a success story. No one was really sure back then how this would turn out but it turned out to be huge success story, and now our GLE is shaping the segment.

Q: What have been the key strategic considerations that have allowed the brand to achieve this position over rivals, especially BMW?

Exler: Our product lineup is fantastic. And we continue to focus on the customer experience. We're working very closely with our dealers. For example, we had our executives all spend a week in a

comfortable behind closed doors and challenge each other constructively.

Q: How are you elevating customer experience and making that a competitive differentiator for the Mercedes-Benz brand?

Exler: We have a more digital presence for customers, and we have to understand, most importantly, our customers. No one customer is a proxy for all customers.

We have a wide variety of them, with very different preferences. Some buy the same vehicle every two years and tell the dealership that they're ready for a new one and "get it ready fully loaded"; and others come in who've spent hours on our web site and know the vehicles to the point that they might know more about the cars than any sales person can ever know about this one model.

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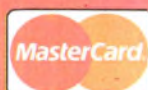
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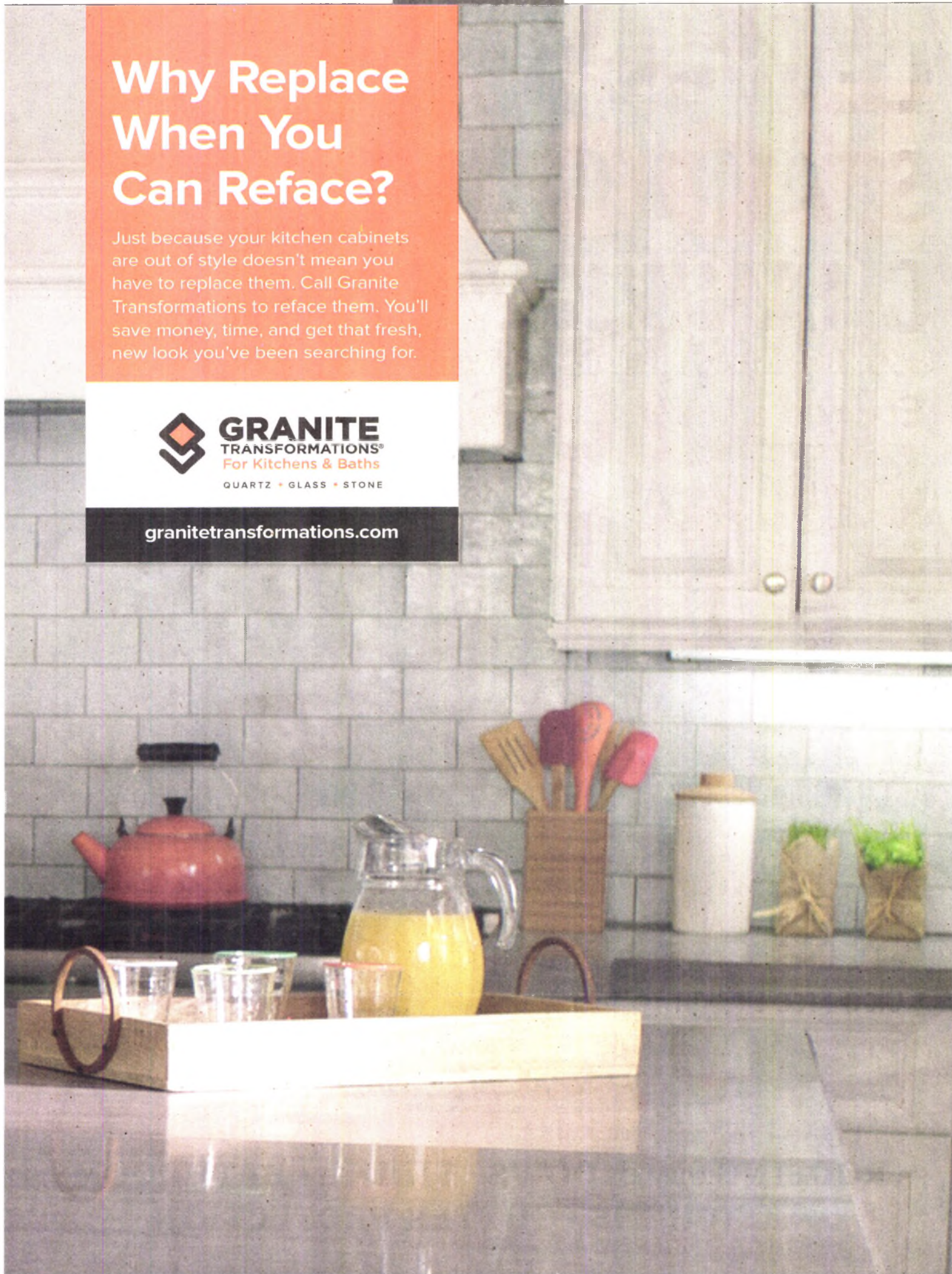
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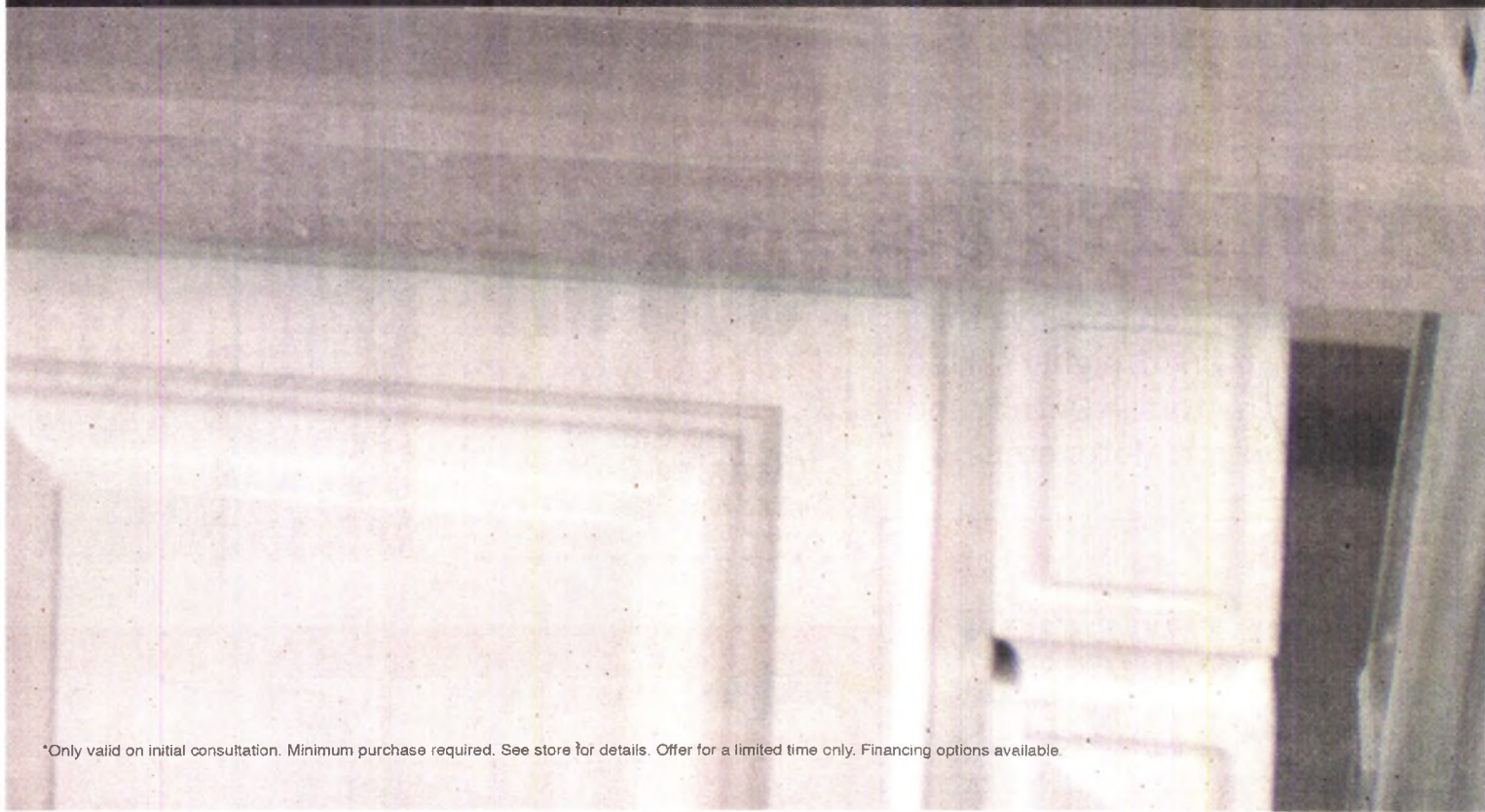
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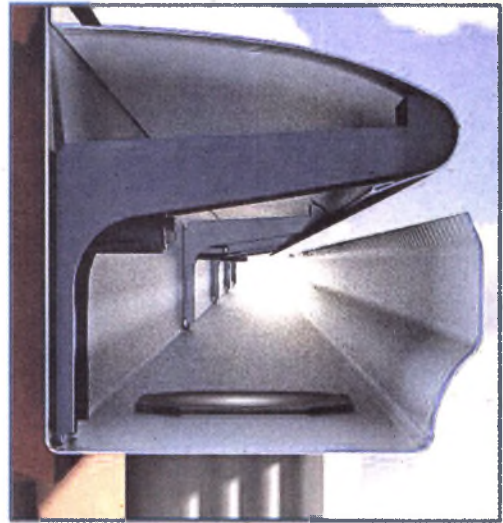
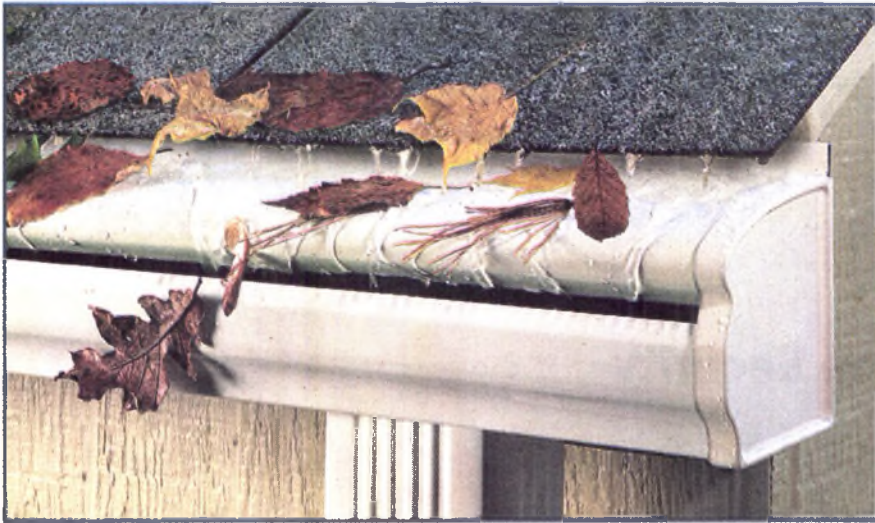


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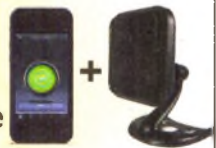
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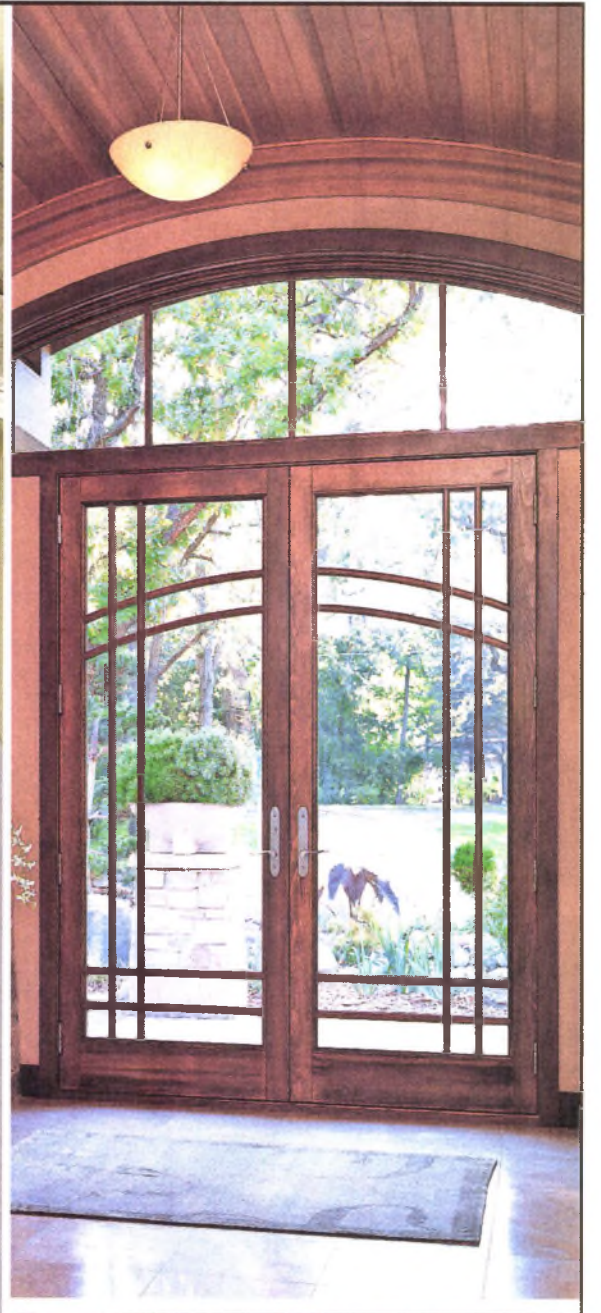


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