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Two found guilty in double homicide

Sentencings for 19-year-olds scheduled for Wednesday

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Two men will be sentenced later this month after they were found guilty on several charges related to a double homicide and armed robbery case in Westland earlier this year.

Dominik Charleston, 19 of Romulus, and Kobi Taylor, 19 and homeless, were both found guilty of several charges stemming from the armed robbery and killings back on Feb. 6 of Jordan Baker, 19, of Wayne, and Howard Wick, 35, of West-

land.

Charleston was found guilty by a jury on all charges he faced, including two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm, according to Wayne County Circuit Court online records. Taylor was found guilty by a separate jury on two counts of second-degree murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm. He was found not guilty on two counts of felony murder.

Both men are set to be sen-

tenced July 12 before Circuit Judge Qiana Lillard. The mandatory sentence for a first-degree murder conviction is life in prison without the possibility of parole. The maximum penalty for second-degree murder in Michigan is life in prison.

The two were found guilty after more than a week of trial, which wrapped up June 27. Westland police said earlier this year that Baker and Wick were killed in an robbery of marijuana that went south. Testimony from 19-year-old Amber Tackett of Taylor, who was with Charleston and Tay-



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Defendants Dominik Lou Charleston and Kobi Austin Taylor listen to witness testimony.

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Shannon Thompson matches the developed film with the proper order envelope.

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As digital progresses, Livonia business still developing rolls of film

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Be it developing 50 rolls of film or 100 rolls of film, that was how John Kemski determined how well Express Photo in Livonia was doing when it opened more than 30 years ago.

That's definitely not the case anymore.

"Back in the day, when we started here, it was how many rolls of film you did a day was how you based your lab," the Plymouth Township resident said. "You can't really do that today, because it's so diverse."

Even as digital cameras have all but eclipsed their film ancestors, Express Photo, 37108 Six Mile, in Livonia has remained strong in its busi-

ness. It's gone from being the one-hour photo lab to a printing service and digital editing office. It, of course, still develops rolls of film, though that number is much lower now than it did when it opened in 1985.

Kemski began working as a chef back in the 1980s, owning a restaurant named Center Court inside the Franklin Rac-

quet Club. After owning and operating a restaurant for several years, he happened upon a one-hour photo lab nearby. He was instantly hooked on the concept.

"I was enamored with it," he said.

After seeing the strip mall he currently occupies would be built near Six Mile and Newburgh, he decided that would

be a great place for a photo lab. It opened in 1985 and remains one of the few original tenants in that strip of shops.

It was great for about 15 years, until right around 9/11, when everything began to change. The economy shifted and digital cameras began making their move in the mar-

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Next court hearing set for man accused in Livonia sexual assault case

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The man accused of attempting to sexually assault a runner in Hines Park last summer will return to court next month for a preliminary examination.

Floyd Galloway, 30, of Berkley appeared via video Thurs-

day before 16th District Judge Kathleen McCann for a probable cause conference. The hearing is held before a preliminary examination, which takes place to determine whether there is enough evidence to send the matter to trial.

Galloway was charged last month with kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct-assault with

intent to commit sexual penetration and assault with intent to great bodily harm less than murder by strangulation.

Those charges stem from an incident that took place Sept. 4 along Hines Drive near Levan in Livonia.

Police say Galloway grabbed a runner running along the road that day, bring-

ing her down an embankment. There, police say he strangled her, tried to take her clothes off and told her he wanted to have sex with her.

The preliminary exam for Galloway will take place at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 1 in Livonia's 16th District Court.

Galloway has also been connected to Danielle Stislicki,

the 28-year-old Farmington Hills woman who went missing last December. Farmington Hills police say they have spoken to him in the past few months regarding that case and searched his Berkley home. Police say he and Stislicki were acquainted and

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knew each other, as he worked as a security guard at the MetLife office building Stislicki works at in Southfield.

The case file is currently under a court suppression, including the warrant request and witness list. This was done, according to both Galloway's attorney John Dakmak and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Danielle Bennetts, to avoid any type of intimidation toward the



Floyd Galloway speaks to Judge Kathleen McCann via video hookup from the Wayne County Jail.

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woman.

"There's always the potential for threats or harassment," Bennetts said. "Not that there has been any harassment or threats."

Galloway remains locked up in the Wayne

County jail on a \$750,000 cash bond. If convicted on all the charges, Galloway faces up to life in prison.

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lor that night, stated she heard two shots go off from a weapon while Charleston and Taylor were outside their vehicle with Baker and Wick near Norene and Treadwell in Westland.

After the gun went off, the two got back into the vehicle, she said.

"I heard two shots ring off, and then I hear one more shot ring off," the 17-year-old Taylor resident testified to back on June 21. "Dominik said, 'I think I killed the one but not the other.'"

Tackett was originally charged with murder in the case as well, but took a plea deal and pleaded guilty to armed robbery. The agreement states she would be sentenced to serve between 5-20 years for armed robbery, as well as an additional two consecutive years for felony firearm.

Tackett is expected to be sentenced the same day as Taylor and Charleston.

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ket, completely changing the way many photographers shot photos.

"It was a complete drop. Everybody started going digital," he said. "Back then, we were like the No. 2 lab in Michigan as far as quantity."

Film from across the country

Today, Express Photo is one of two locations to regularly develop rolls of film Kemski knows of in the area. The other, Kemski said, is Woodward Camera on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham.

So his business adapted, keeping up with the times and offering services to digital photo geeks. He decided to invest in Kodak printing kiosks, which allow users to upload photos and print them right there. He now operates four such kiosks.

It's a model that's seeing positives: the store was bustling with activity one recent Friday afternoon.

One of those shop-



Film is taped to a plastic card that pulls the film through the developing processor.

pers was Northville resident Renee Hall, who came to pick up some photos taken during a Corvette club event that just took place in Windsor.

She said she first heard of Express Photo from a friend and decided to check it out. Now, she brings others to the shop whenever they have photo needs.

"I love this place," she said. "We need a place like this."

Even the film aspect of the business is seeing growth, thanks to the "hipsters" who have discovered it, Kemski said. In addition to the customers he gets from all over western Wayne and western Oakland counties, the shop is routinely getting film mailed to it from

across the country, looking for someone to develop it.

Kemski, who shoots photos for several area schools, including ones in the Plymouth-Canton district, doesn't know if they have ties to Livonia or if they're just looking for an affordable place to develop film.

"There's a lady who lives on Mackinac Island that has a store there; we process all of her stuff. There's some guy in Colorado, there's a guy in North Carolina. Just smatterings, here and there," he said. "They'll mail us five or six rolls, we'll process it and send it back."

While he admits it does make him feel old, Kemski said it's exciting to see a younger generation learn the way he grew up shooting photos.

"We're seeing a lot of younger kids," he said. "They come in here, they drop rolls of film off. It's retro, it's cool. 'I love it ... The quality of film can't be duplicated by digital.'"

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Westland police seek suspect after restaurant tip jar stolen

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Westland police are asking for the public's help identifying a woman accused of stealing a tip jar at a local Chinese restaurant.

Police saw a woman enter Bamboo Garden Restaurant at 124 S. Meriman in Westland at about 3 p.m. June 27. Police say she placed an order for carry out and then tried to steal the tip jar on the counter while the employees were distracted. She found it was chained to the counter. She then pulled using more force to obtain the jar, breaking the chain and leaving with the jar, police said.

Anyone with information about the suspect is encouraged to call West-



Westland police provided this photo of a woman they suspect stole a tip jar from a Chinese restaurant on June 27.

land police at 734-722-9600.

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Driver ejected from vehicle after striking tree in Westland

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Westland police say a 47-year-old Detroit woman is in critical condition after getting into a crash early Wednesday morning along Ford Road.

Police say the incident, which took place just before 4:30 a.m. on Ford Road near Central City Parkway, involved the driver veering into the westbound lanes while traveling eastbound.

After getting into the wrong lanes, police say

the vehicle left the road, struck a tree and flipped over. The driver was then ejected from the vehicle.

She was the lone occupant of the vehicle and was taken to a nearby hospital, where she remains in critical condition.

Police continue to investigate the incident, and did not say whether drugs or alcohol played a factor in the crash.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Fireworks damage mailboxes

Livonia police were called Wednesday to the 16900 block of Stamford on the report of damage to a mailbox from fireworks.

Police arrived and saw two mailboxes along the street that were damaged. Residents nearby said they heard a vehicle drive off fast down the street the night before, and heard an explosion right after. The residents believed someone had gotten into an accident. When one of the residents checked outside the next morning, they found the mailboxes

damaged.

Shoes stolen

Police were called July 2 to Kohl's, 29580 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud.

Police spoke with a loss prevention employee, who told them she saw a woman enter the store and head to the shoe department. She put on a pair of shoes and reportedly began to leave the store without paying for them. An employee tried to stop her, though she reportedly dropped her purse and ran outside, getting into a vehicle, which drove off onto Seven Mile. The employee located the shoe box

she took the shoes from, but could not find the shoes left in the store by the suspect. The purse was recovered and had several items in it.

Wheels, tires taken

Police were called July 2 to the 17400 block of Country Club on the report of a larceny from auto.

Police arrived and found a vehicle resting on landscaping blocks with all four wheels and tires missing. The owner said he last saw the vehicle intact the night before. Both the wheel locks and the lug nuts were left laying on the ground nearby.

Larceny from auto

Police were dispatched July 2 to a home in the 17400 block of Wayne to report wheels and tires missing from a vehicle.

The vehicle was left at the residence on landscaping blocks. The owner said he woke up that morning and found the wheels missing. He said they were still on his vehicle the night before when several of his friends had left the home.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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ical fitness and talent. At the state program on July 15, contestants will perform an opening number and compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self expression.

Contestants are also evaluated in based on academic scholastics and interview.

"This is an amazing group of smart and talented young women and we are excited to have them showcase their talents at our 60th annual scholarship program," said Angela Bobo, Dis-

tinguished Young Women of Michigan state director. "We invite the public to come and support these accomplished young women."

Competing this year are Ashley Socia, Danielle Deel, Sariah Bolden from Wayne and Westland; Katie Powell, Allison McDevitt, Osten Eschedor from the Irish Hills; Melanie Taylor, Gabriella Petrucci, Sonia Petrucci from Oakland County; Alexandra Mithen from Livonia; Madison Hibbs from Dexter; and Sarah-Grace Hampton from Brighton.

Tickets can be purchased at www.smallvenueticketing.com/23828 for \$19 and also at Skyline High School the day of the event for \$22. Skyline High School is at 2552 N. Maple Road in Ann Arbor. All proceeds go toward scholarship awards.

For more information, visit www.distinguishedyw.org or email michigan@distinguishedyw.org.

'She loved life:' daughter of former LPS superintendent Liepa remembered

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Christie Gajor will always remember Kelsey Liepa as someone full of passion for life.

"She loved life," said Gajor, a counselor at Stevenson High School. "I don't think there was one angry bone in her body against anyone. She was just precious."

Liepa, a Walled Lake resident who formerly lived in Livonia, died this past week in a UTV accident in Antrim County. She was 26.

Liepa was the daughter of Peggy and Randy Liepa, who currently serves as the superintendent of Wayne RESA intermediate school district and was the former superintendent of Livonia Public Schools.

The Antrim County Sheriff's Office said Kelsey Liepa was a passenger on a UTV that was riding Sunday in Mancelona Township. Police say the driver lost control of the vehicle while making a left turn, flipping the vehicle onto its side, trapping her underneath.

Kelsey Liepa, an alumna of Stevenson High School and Michigan State University, worked for Petkey, a way she could stay connected to animals, Gajor said.

Gajor, who knew Kelsey Liepa before she got into high school, said she always had a gift for connecting to animals, be it cats, dogs, horses or even her pet flying



Kelsey Liepa, 26 of Walled Lake and formerly of Livonia, died this past week in a UTV accident in northern Michigan.

squirrel.

"She was a horse whisperer. She loved horses," Gajor said. "She was just gifted."

In addition to her love of animals, Kelsey Liepa was a black belt in Tang Soo Do, a Korean form of martial arts. Valerie Watson, who co-owns the World Class Institute of Martial Arts in Livonia with her husband Duane Pitcher, said Kelsey Liepa would still routinely stop in and visit even after moving out to Walled Lake.

She had trained at the facility beginning in 2004, and Watson said she never knew the im-

pact that had on Kelsey Liepa until she turned in her essay required of those testing for their black belt.

"We didn't even know how important we were to her until her black belt essay," Watson said. "We didn't even find out until the day she turned that in."

"She was just a bright light."

Any memorials are encouraged to go to the Michigan Humane Society.

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The Wayne Housing Commission
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Snyder proposes changes in technical education

More applied-learning strategies, flexibility for industry professionals to teach, more career guidance for students and more out-of-classroom experiences were among a series of proposed changes to career technical education (CTE) at Michigan schools by Gov. Rick Snyder.

The governor announced a series of proposed legislation ideas and administrative orders to revamp CTE during an event June 26 at a high-tech manufacturing facility in Auburn Hills.

The discussion is part of an ongoing effort to address an anticipated massive shortfall of needed skilled, technical and manufacturing workers over the next decade. These jobs include electricians, plumbers, construction specialists, manufacturing specialists, machinists, welders, information technology specialists, mechanics, automotive body shop technicians and computer-aided designers (CAD).

Some analysts predict the country will have a shortage of two million capable workers for



Gov. Rick Snyder speaks at the Brose manufacturing facility in Auburn Hills.

these types of jobs by 2024. As the baby boomers in these jobs retire in the coming years, experts said there are not enough qualified young workers to replace them. To highlight the issue, the state reports the average age of a plumber in 2017 in Michigan is 58%.

"There is not one answer to this, there is a series of things that need to be done," Snyder said.

"The professional trades are opportunities that are not fully understood by many of our citizens."

Some specifics of the proposal include:

- » Help school districts develop new flexibility and project-based learning programs while meeting state curriculum objectives. For example, integrate geometry as CAD, carpentry as algebra and computer science as a foreign lan-

guage.

- » More career exploration and job readiness training in seventh-grade and eighth-grade classes. (For example, Livonia's middle schools participate in Manufacturing Day in October.)

- » Condense teaching certification process and extend authorization period from two years to 10 years for non-teacher CTE instructors.

As part of improve-

ment efforts, schools must submit plans with milestones for career exposure at all grade levels.

"Every educator wants to see students reach their potential, and we're working to give them new tools to help," State Supt. of Education Brian Whiston said.

These ideas surfaced from the governor's collaboration with state education, business and policy leaders. While the policy ideas are a welcome step to those concerned about the state's future workforce, advocates added there needs to be a shift in cultural perceptions about where students study after high school, and perspective in preparing for available ca-

reers.

"This work won't be easy and there isn't a quick fix," said Michigan Talent and Economic Development Director Roger Curtis. "We're looking to shatter stereotypes and shake up the status quo."

Dr. Randy Liepa from Wayne RESA, David Lawrence from AlphaUSA, and Dan West from the Livonia Chamber of Commerce were among the local representatives at the governor's announcement.

Contributing to local, regional and state efforts to promote more young people to explore skilled and technical trades for careers has been a primary focus for the Livonia Chamber for several years.

Livonia residents invited to a play date

Summer is here, which means it's time to get your play on. This July, discover the power of play with Livonia Parks and Recreation as it celebrates Park and Recreation Month. A variety of fun activities are planned for residents of all ages and abilities, including Friday Float Days at Botsford and

Shelden pools, Summer Fun outdoor concert and music series each Tuesday and many more.

Livonia Parks and Recreation is celebrating Park and Recreation Month, an initiative of the National Recreation and Park Association and all the ways parks and recreation has the power to transform our daily

lives. From providing us places to play, get fit and stay healthy to fostering new relationships and forging a connection with nature, our close-to-home community park and recreation facilities provide essential services and improve quality of life.

"Livonia is fortunate to have an abundance of

parks and nature areas, in addition to a state of the art recreation center for the community to enjoy. We invite everyone to Come Out and Play this July," said Ted Davis, superintendent, Livonia Parks and Recreation.

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Todd Bol is changing lives one book at a time.

What started as a project to recycle a garage door -- by turning it into a small book repository in the shape of a one-room schoolhouse to honor his late mother -- has morphed into a global phenomenon, scattering book-filled Little Free Libraries like literary dandelion seeds.

After noticing folks stopping at his garage sale spent more time checking out the library he installed in 2009 at the end of his Hudson, Wisconsin, driveway, Bol began thinking bigger, giving away 30 Little Free Libraries to friends and family.

Anyone can put up a Little Free Library anywhere and attach a small sign that says "Take a Book, Leave a Book." Anyone registering his or her library on the nonprofit's website gets a free "Little Free Library" sign in the mail, and the location is noted on an online map.

"The real key of the Little Free Libraries is people say they meet their neighbors through their libraries. It's an extension of their front porch."

When Little Free Library became a nonprofit in 2012, several hundred libraries had popped up in many states and a handful of countries. The goal was 2,510 libraries, one more than the number of Carnegie libraries. But Little Free Libraries exploded in popularity. Last November Bol attached the 50,000th Little Free Library sign to a library at a homeless shelter in Santa Ana, Calif.

Little Free Libraries are in every state in America and 70 countries.

Bol leads a staff of 14 in an office park in the western Wisconsin community where kits and libraries constructed by local craftsmen are sold online for \$225



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Little Free Library co-founder Todd Bol is shown with the first library he made in Hudson, Wis.

to \$360. The nonprofit's Impact Fund helps provide no-cost libraries to communities. Construction plans are offered free online. Many people decide to make their own or donate their creations.

Bol travels frequently to spread the Little Free Library gospel. A few days after an interview, he flew to the Philippines for 2½ weeks to help with efforts to install thousands of libraries.

"Everybody deserves to read. I see Little Free Libraries as a movement to bring people together," said Bol.

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Todd Bol

Location: Hudson, Wisconsin

Age: 61

Profession: Co-founder and executive director of Little Free Library

Mission: To build small boxes for books called Little Free Libraries throughout the globe

More info: littlefreelibrary.org

Q&A WITH TODD BOL

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To me it's what you give back. I feel it's not what you accumulate and what you have but how you give back to society and culture. A very important thing for me is to ask the question -- not it takes a village to raise a child but how am I part of that village?

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

What touched me to launch the Little Free Library was just how my neighborhood got so excited and thrilled. It was like a new baby or a new puppy. They were thrilled by it. It was something they had never seen. What we did is we put them out there across Wisconsin and Minnesota, and it took off. It's been in the media. It's delighted people around the world.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

There's an old saying that you don't think clearly with clenched fists. I believe too often in America right now we're angry and we're spending time and energy about where we disagree. What is wonderful about Little Free Libraries that gives me hope is it brings neighborhoods together. It brings a commonality of improving literacy within the neighborhood, and they connect. I see that people are more concerned about connecting and being together and building a strong community than I see dissension. I believe dissension is too often emphasized and it's not really who we are. Little Free Libraries are more about who we are, that is, connecting neighborhoods better and making every single child and adult better. I think Little Free Libraries push a ray of hope on us that is more representative of who we are.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

What I believe is that everybody has a right to read. You may not be able to change your city or your town, but you can change your neighborhood. What we're hoping is that Little Free Library acts as a spark in that neighborhood to step up, change your neighborhood, make it better ... It's starting that, and it's happening all across the globe. I just hope it accelerates more and more.

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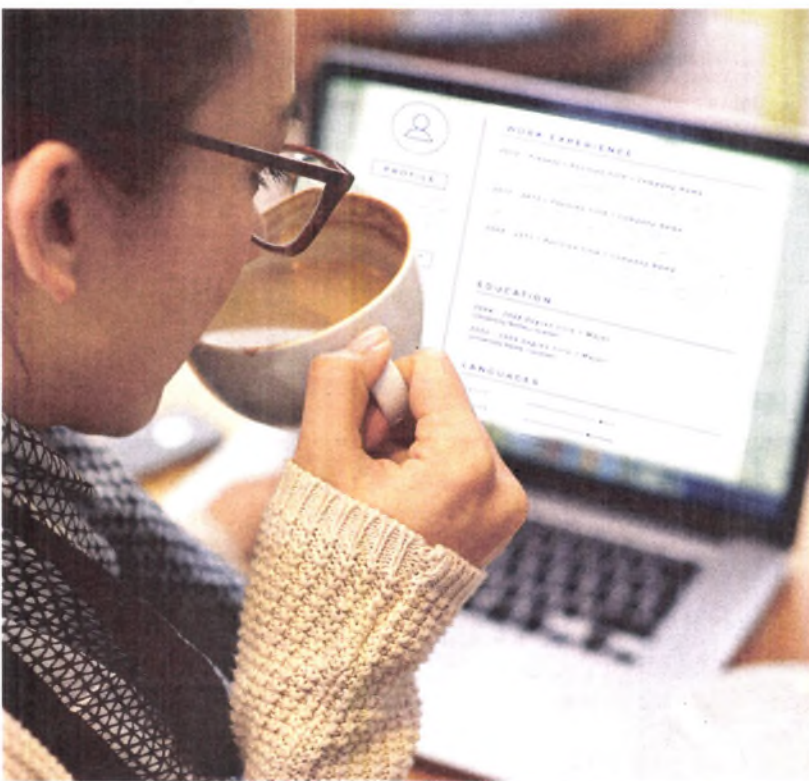
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The Westland City Council has approved \$220,000 to improve fencing on baseball fields at two city parks.

Westland baseball diamonds set for improvements

The Westland City Council has approved a \$220,000 project to fund the removal and replacement of seven total baseball field fencing systems at Jaycee and Voss Park.

The project includes the replacement of three fencing systems at Jaycee Park at the corner of Wildwood and Hunter, and four fencing systems at Voss Park at the corner of Palmer and Henry Ruff.

The project includes backstops and canopies, outfield fencing, safety caps, foul ball poles, benches, dugout fence-

ing, baseline and baseline fencing. Funds for the project will come from the city's Capital Improvement Fund along with grant dollars secured from Wayne County Parks.

"The City of Westland has recently begun a comprehensive investment in the city's parks and recreation assets," Mayor Bill Wild said. "I'd like to credit Wayne County CEO Warren Evans and Commissioner Glenn Anderson with their assistance in securing Wayne County Park funding to help make the project possible."

Help protect Livonia's critical community infrastructure systems

There's a popular television series exploring underground marvels. Livonia probably won't be featured on this show anytime soon. However, our city does have a complicated above- and underground infrastructure system that is both critical to our well-being and interesting.

According to our talented and hard-working City Engineer Todd Zilincik, the city of Livonia has more than 10,112 storm water manholes; approximately 12,476 storm water "catch basins"; approximately 4,741 fire hydrants; approximately 466 miles of water mains (sizes vary between 6 inches and 36 inches in diameter); approximately 575 miles of separated gravity sanitary sewer with 9,600 manholes; 371.61 miles of local roads and 60.52 miles of major roads; and more than 5,000 street lights. Add to this the miles and miles of underground gas and electrical lines owned by public utilities and you have one mega community support network.



Joe Neussendorfer
GUEST COLUMNIST

Together, we can all make Livonia a safer and cleaner city by pitching in when and where we can. The 'V' in Livonia stands for volunteering.

At any given time, due to weather changes and other causes, this mix of critical infrastructure serving our community can be disrupted and in need of constant around-the-clock maintenance and repair. All of this work is performed by an "army" of hard-working and dedicated public service workers. In addition to these all-important, life-sustaining efforts, there are other tasks occurring every day in Livonia that contribute greatly to Livonia's enviable quality of

life. These jobs are performed by proud, average, non-compensated citizen "sustainability stewards." These are you and your neighbors who clear fire hydrants in snow storms, and on other cold winter days, get drenched in rain downpours clearing the catch basins in front of their homes of debris to prevent flooding, and spend their own money and labor to mow grassy rights-of-ways around their property on hot summer days. Without such voluntary citizen work, the kind of spirit of the old-time community barn-raising settlers, Livonia would literally look "ragged around the edges."

Additionally, there are two other very important programs designed to protect our infrastructure. One is the "Michigan Miss Dig" utility damage prevention system to make sure that underground infrastructure is not damaged by digging and gardening on our property. Information on this free and easy notification system is available via the website www.missdig.org or by dialing "Miss Dig 811" on

your phone. The other is Livonia's "Eyes and Ears" Program. Citizens may approach any designated city vehicle driver to report infrastructure damage (if it requires immediate reporting and a driver is in the immediate area.) You may also call the city's Department of Public Works (Public Service) Division at 734-466-2655 to report an infrastructure damage situation. For problems on Wayne County-maintained roads running through the city of Livonia, you may call 888-ROAD-CREW. To report street light outages, call DTE Energy at 800-477-4747.

Together, we can all make Livonia a safer and cleaner city by pitching in when and where we can. The 'V' in Livonia stands for volunteering, a community force for good that we are known for. In closing, "You Just Can't Hide That Great Livonia Pride."

Joe Neussendorfer is a member of the College of Fellows of The Engineering Society of Detroit and an affiliate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is an involved Livonia resident.

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Condominium association can limit short-term leases

Q: Short-term rentals are becoming a big problem in our condominium association, especially during the holidays and summer, where leases may be for a week or less. Short-term tenants rarely follow the rules if they even happen to know about them in the first place, damage to the common elements is on the increase and we have no idea who is doing it, not to mention our property manager is pulling her hair out and is probably ready to quit. The condominium's developer retained ownership of a few units and continually leases them out on a short-term basis. What can we do?

A: I am assuming that your governing documents contain no restrictions on short-term leasing, as it seems the developer specifically chose to draft them that way as part of a plan to retain ownership of some units and continually lease them on a short-term basis after control of the association's board of directors had transferred to the co-owners. Most other condominium bylaws will contain a restriction which states that leases have to contain a minimum initial term such as 30 days, six months or a year.

However, it seems to me that your developer may be relying too heavily on an assumption that



Robert Meisner
GUEST COLUMNIST

there will never be a restriction on short-term rentals. Section 90(2) of the Michigan Condominium Act provides that the bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of the co-owners and it doesn't matter if the developer drafted the bylaws requiring a higher fraction or percentage. Hopefully, the practice of short-term leasing is not so pervasive as to involve co-owners holding more than one-third of the voting power, who could be expected to oppose an amendment adding a restriction on short-term rentals. Since this would be an amendment regarding leasing, you would also have to get two-thirds of the voting power of "mortgages" (basically, the banks that provide mortgages on the units) to approve, but that tends to be an easy process with the guidance of an experienced condominium law firm.

While some co-owners may wish to go even further and prohibit all leasing, that may not be considered a reasonable restriction by the courts, even if you were to exempt current co-owners. But it would likely be acceptable to place a certain percentage cap on leased units with an

exemption for current co-owners, perhaps somewhere between 20-30 percent of all units, which is a common restriction in governing documents. This could be an additional proposed amendment.

Finally, note that you will also have to ensure that the new provisions have teeth. If the penalties for default under that provision or pursuant to your enforcement policy are not tough enough, the short-term lessors may decide that the penalties are an acceptable cost of doing business. Additionally, you need to ensure that your association will be able to recover the costs related to enforcement of the provision. An experienced condominium attorney would be sure to review your enforcement provisions and draft any additional proposed amendments to same that may be needed.

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BOYS LACROSSE

Kelly earns 2017 Mr. Lacrosse award

He becomes 13th player from Brother Rice to win

Marty Budner
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Jack Kelly has joined some very select company at Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice.

The 18-year-old Rice graduate is the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association's 2017 Mr. Lacrosse winner, which recognizes the state's top player. Kelly is the 13th Warrior — seventh in the past eight years — to have captured that prestigious award since its inception in 2001.

Former Rice standout Sergio Percovic, who now plays professionally after a stellar career at Notre Dame, was named Mr. Lacrosse in 2012 and 2013 and is the award's only two-time honoree. The most recent Warriors winners were Jason Alessi (2014) and Morgan Macko (2016).

"There are a lot of great players in the state, a lot of great players that we played against and even players on my own team who probably could have gotten (the award)," Kelly said. "It was kind of a toss-up. I thought there was a lot of good talent in the state

this year. So to get the award is really an honor and I was really thankful and blessed to receive it.

"I've been watching all of those players (who have won previously) pretty much as long as I can remember, since the sixth grade. I've seen Sergio Percovic, Jason Alessi, and Macko play," he added. "Growing up and watching those guys was very motivating."

Kelly helps maintain dynasty

Kelly played a key role the past couple of years in helping Brother Rice maintain its extraordinary lacrosse dynasty.

One of Rice's captains this spring, along with Daniel Reaume, Nick Andoni and Carson Cochran, Kelly led the Warriors with 90 goals and 31 assists for a team-high 121 points. The talented midfielder scored three goals in helping Rice land its 13th consecutive state title earlier this month with an exciting 8-7 victory over arch rival Catholic Central.

As a junior, Kelly was among Rice's leading scorers with 50 goals and 21 assists.

"It is a tremendous honor and not something I was really



See KELLY, Page B2 Kelly

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Canton graduate Dillard goes from being a Gator to being a Tar Heel

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Cameron Dillard is playing college football for more than one team these days.

There's his current team, the North Carolina Tar Heels, where the 6-foot-4, 308-pound center landed in April as a fifth-year graduate transfer from Florida.

Then there's Team Dillard, which includes his wife Riley and 13-month-old son Emmitt, whom they legally adopted after the 2013 Canton grads eloped and got married as first-year freshmen in Gainesville.

Playing for a new program and relocating to Chapel Hill is an adjustment, but the Dillards are making it work.

"It gets tough at times, but I really have an amazing wife," Cameron said. "She definitely takes care of everything at home, gets a lot of stuff done, so she's been awesome. She supports me through everything and just takes care of anything that needs to be done at home. I can't thank her enough for that and that allows me to go to football and focus on football, so that I can take care of them next year."

Dillard, who graduated from Florida with a degree in telecommunications, transferred to UNC for his final season of eligibility following the Outback Bowl.

The red-shirt junior played and started the Gators' first eight games of the 2016 season at center prior to suffering a season-ending knee injury in early November against Arkansas.

Dillard, who sat out Florida's last four games, never required knee surgery.

"I never actually even tore anything," he said. "It was up in the air about what exactly my injury was, but I never tore anything. I just sat out for the rest of the season just so my knee could heal properly."

As sophomore in 2015, Dillard started Florida's first 11 games and played in all 13 games as the Gators finished 10-4 and captured the SEC East title.

And with only one season of eligibility remaining, Dillard hopes to secure a starting position on the offensive line for UNC head coach Larry



Cameron Dillard, with wife Riley and University of North Carolina football coach Larry Fedora, is a graduate transfer to UNC.

"The transition has been really awesome. I think the coaching staff here at North Carolina has done an awesome job of transitioning me. (I've) been trying to get around the guys as much as possible and just really being around the program as much as I can."

CAMERON DILLARD
Canton grad who will play at North Carolina

Fedora, who guided the Tar Heels last season to an 8-5 record.

"The transition has been really awesome," said Dillard, who is keeping his jersey No. 54. "I think the coaching staff here at North Carolina has done an awesome job of transitioning me. (I've) been trying to get around the guys as

much as possible and just really being around the program as much as I can. I'm doing extra stuff with the guys on the weekends, just trying to hang out with them as much as possible, so I can immerse myself as a leader, so the guys get to know who I am."

The former all-state and all-Observer lineman from

Canton likes what he sees so far since arriving on campus.

"I feel like the coaches have done a great job," Dillard said. "I like how they run things here at school. I think this fall there's no reason why we shouldn't go to the ACC championship. With the guys I've seen and being at Florida and stuff like that, there's great talent here at North Carolina."

Dillard, who will be asked to call out line protections from the center position, is taking a speed course in learning new terminology.

"It's been good," he said. "Most offenses are the same scheme-wise and everything. It's just new language, just different words that you use

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks get past K-W, slide into first place

Defending PDL champions stave off Ontario side, 3-2

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

The Michigan Bucks completed their regular season last Wednesday against chief rival Kitchener-Waterloo United, but it wasn't easy.

The defending North American Premier Development League champions built a 3-0 lead before holding on for a 3-2 victory at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

With the win, the Bucks take over first place in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL Central Conference with an 8-1-2 record (26 points), while the visitors from Ontario slipped to 8-4-1 (25 points).

The two teams met just three days earlier at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, with the Bucks scoring a late goal to earn a 1-0 victory.

But this time the Bucks started the third encounter on speed dial, getting a goal by Jacob Bevan on a breakaway in the 14th minute off an assist from Jamie Carey-Morrell.

Less than four minutes later, Kyle Thomson scored on a header from captain Tom Owens to make it 2-0.

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Bucks midfielder Brad Dunwell was a member of last year's NCAA runner-up Wake Forest team.

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CLUB LACROSSE

Local player gets another trip to East Coast

Weber to again represent Michigan at National Lacrosse Classic in Virginia

Tim Smith
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Later this month, Zoe Weber will once again willingly endure the bumps, bruises and unfamiliar style of lacrosse that East Coast teams play.

That's just fine with the 14-year-old Canton resident, who for the second consecutive summer will represent Michigan — a state where lacrosse is on the rise, but not quite to the level played in the eastern United States — at the 2017 National Lacrosse Academy and National Lacrosse Classic in Richmond, Va.

"It helped me by getting more tough for better players than me," Weber said, recalling how last year's academy/classic helped her game. "It's gotten me better with my stick-handling."

"I learned from the experience and I think I'm going to be better this time. I think I'm ready for it."

The four-day extravaganza begins Tuesday, July 18, and continues through Friday, July 21. Top youth lacrosse players from North America will compete on regional teams under the watch of NCAA coaches.



Zoe Weber (right) carries the ball for Plymouth-based Triumph Lacrosse. She is attending the National Lacrosse Academy/Classic later this month in Richmond, Va.



Weber

University.

"The competition level is really good, there's a lot of well-established clubs from the East Coast that come to this thing (National Lacrosse Classic)," Doug Weber said. "As they found out last year, the game's a little bit different (on) the East Coast than what we're used to playing here in Michigan."

A 'Triumph'

Meanwhile, Zoe Weber continues to eat, sleep and drink lacrosse. In addition to the summer trips, the soon-to-be ninth-grader competes for Plymouth-based Triumph Lacrosse and intends to play for Plymouth High School's varsity team next spring.

She didn't become immersed in the sport until around age 10, after watching sister Jill play for the Wildcats.

In the ensuing four years, with a huge assist to her training at Triumph, she has progressed from an unsure player to one with speed,

finesse and a scoring touch. Other Triumph players who will compete at the National Lacrosse Academy and National Lacrosse Classic include Bloomfield Hills' Mallory Brophy and Wixom's Aiden Smith.

"My stick-handling when I first started was terrible," she said with a laugh. "I couldn't catch or throw or anything. It's gotten a lot better ever since I started."

And she changed positions from defense to forward, although she can also play midfield.

"I like the coaches there (at Triumph), they helped me through a lot, throughout lacrosse and different things," Weber said. "They talked to us about different plays, they helped us through it."

"It's just a really good coaching staff. They're like family to me."

And whether through school programs, rec organizations or clubs such as Triumph (triumphlacrosse.com), she emphasized that lacrosse is a fun sport that more youngsters should consider playing.

"I think it would be good for girls to play," Weber said. "It's different and not like soccer, where everyone's playing it."

"It will be good for girls to learn a new sport. When I first started, it was hard at first, but it gets easier."

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On the road

At the end of the tourney, a national champion will be crowned.

"It's a week-long tournament or camp, if you want to call it that," said Zoe's dad, Douglas Weber. "Teams are broken up by their states. They have sessions each day of training and skill-building. And part of the days

are actual games, tournament-style."

The Weber family, including Zoe's mom Kimberly and her older sister Jill (who played varsity girls lacrosse at Plymouth High School), are turning vacation time into lacrosse excursions.

Last week, they traveled to Columbus, Ohio, for the Midwest War Games.

And the Webers recently attended a tournament in the Baltimore area and were able to watch the University of Maryland women's lacrosse team play in the NCAA championship.

During an interview in Plymouth, Zoe Weber wore a University of Maryland T-shirt — even though she wants to play lacrosse at Penn State

BUCKS

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"The start was ideal," Bucks defender Danilo Markovic said. "We put two in the first 20 minutes and you can't ask for a better start, but as the game went on, we kind of let our foot off the pedal and then halftime came and we got our group together and sorted things out and got a third goal."

That third goal came during the 56th minute, when the Bucks' Austin Ricci capitalized on a K-W United turnover to score unassisted, making it a three-goal cushion.

But at the 65-minute mark, the Bucks were called for a foul in the box and K-W United's Jannik Lobe scored on a penalty kick to break goalkeeper Drew Shepherd's clean sheet streak of three.

The Ontario team then made things interesting in the 79th minute, when



Markovic

Krolicki

Wesley Cain came off the bench to score, cutting the deficit to one.

K-W United continued to apply the pressure in the waning minutes and stoppage time, but was unable to score the equalizer.

"Unfortunately, we got a penalty against us, but it happens," said Markovic, a native of Queens, N.Y., who is entering his fifth year playing for Siena (N.Y.) University.

"The second goal put a little more pressure on us and those last 10 minutes, I think, they had everybody on their team inside the box. It was tough, but we battled and that was the whole point of today, that we had to battle to push for first place and we're just going to keep

battling the rest of the season and see where it takes us."

Bucks coach Demir Muftari was pleased with his team's effort down the stretch.

"We just played them three days ago and it's the third time this season," he said. "And they're fighting for their lives, so we knew certainly they would be giving everything. We knew it would be a difficult half for us and, fortunately, we got that third goal, which was great. Great goal by Austin (Ricci) and that was enough."

The Bucks have three more division games remaining, but by beating K-W United for the third time, they're in control of their own destiny.

"For (K-W United) to have any reasonable chance to win the league, we knew they'd come out with some tenacity," Muftari said. "We worked hard trying to match their energy and made sure we weren't

sloppy and (were) eliminating careless mistakes. I thought we did a really good job, scored a really good goal and got the second one, which actually made it a little more comfortable."

Several key players, however, remained out with injuries for the Bucks.

"We are really, really banged up," Muftari said. "We've had so many fixtures between the tournament we went to down in Cleveland (Steinbrecher Cup) and making a good run in the U.S. Open Cup, which we were happy about all of it. But it made for a lot of games. But we've got guys banged up and we don't have much time to recover. We're doing the best we can and different guys are getting opportunities to come and play and they're doing really well with it. Proud of guys."

Despite giving up a PK and a goal, Muftari thought his team defended well.

"Tonight, they got the penalty call and that gave them a little bit of juice," he said. "The second goal was a really good goal and they had a lot of good movement. You play good teams with that kind of quality and they're going to be able to cause problems at times. I still thought we defended quite well today and that last five to 10 minutes, when they were throwing everything at us, I thought we defended really well. We knew we had to band together and we did."

Meanwhile, digging itself three-goal hole didn't bode well for K-W United.

"They had a 2-0 lead going into the second half and that was big," Canton native and Michigan State standout Ken Krolicki said. "Credit to them, they scored a couple of good goals. Overall, I think I'm happy with the way we played and the way we came back with two goals. But unfortunately, we couldn't win

today."

Krolicki said what makes the Bucks so tough is that individually they have a large cast of quality players.

"They've been good, historically," Krolicki said. "They've won two national championships in three years. They attract great players, obviously. I think that is what makes them good."

For Markovic, in his first season with the Bucks, it's been a good ride this summer.

"The experience has been great," he said. "Every player is talented, definitely has potential to play at the next level and it's just been great being with these guys every day and learning new ways to play. And I'm just getting better and better by being around them. We're jelling more as a team each and every day."

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KELLY

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thinking about or worried about," Kelly said about being named the state's top player. "My coach told me about it before the state championship (game), but winning the state championship was really the only thing that mattered."

The Michigan High School Athletic Association began sponsoring the boys lacrosse state tournament in 2005. The Warriors defeated the Shamrocks in this year's title game for the fourth straight season. It marked the third time the teams had played this season, with Rice escaping with a one-goal triumph on two different occasions.

Catholic Central held a lead as late as the third quarter before Rice rallied to tie the game — on a goal by Kelly — at 7-7

heading into the final 12 minutes. Rice scored the lone goal during the last quarter to keep the streak alive.

"People kind of think you're going to go to Brother Rice and winning (the state title) comes easy," Kelly said. "But I learned through my junior and senior years, and even my sophomore year even though we kind of dominated a bit, that it's not easy."

Senior leadership is key

Kelly believes it's the Rice system that allows the program to continue its unparalleled success. The coaching expertise, combined with the senior leadership and abundance of talent, fuels Rice's winning ways.

In fact, the Warriors haven't missed a beat since Ajaw Chawla took over as head coach four years ago from Rob Ambrose.

"Before my senior year, I kind of looked

around and there are always guys who kind of lead the team and lead the program and put the team on their back when we need it the most," Kelly said. "Guys like Macko, guys like Alessi, guys like John Lockwood and I played with all of them. Then it's your senior year and you look around and you are one of those guys."

"The thing I would say is, when everyone expects you to win and expects you to be the best, our program, and myself included, we try to rise to those expectations. You don't want to fall. When you're expected to do something like that, you work harder in practice and you go out there as a senior and lead the team."

"When you're a senior yourself, you see it the most ... this is our team, this is our year to show that we are going to stay dominant and rise to those expectations. When you get on the varsity,

you see at every level that this is a serious program."

"Everyone on the Brother Rice lacrosse program wants to be there," he added. "The coaches have an environment where they make it enjoyable. We love to practice and we love to compete. Everyone is in it all the way and that's what makes this program unique."

Georgetown is next

Kelly is spending the summer playing lacrosse in the Champions Lacrosse men's league at Seaholm, working at the Birmingham brewery Griffin Claw his father built and helping out at various camps.

In late August, Kelly will head to Georgetown, where he will continue his education and play lacrosse on a scholarship. He verbally committed to the Hoyas in December and officially signed his letter of intent in April.

Kelly selected Georgetown mainly because the Washington, D.C., university best suits his educational interests of international business and foreign service. The Bloomfield Hills resident had also considered Marquette, Lehigh, Richmond and Providence.

"My goal initially was to find the best school that I could get into for a lot of my interests, which were global business, foreign service and things like that," Kelly said. "Georgetown made sense for that once they expressed interest in me. I just see the lacrosse program and the academics at Georgetown as an incredible opportunity for me."

"I'm super-excited to get going. I wasn't so sure when I was in high school that I was going to play (lacrosse) in college, but I had always kept my options open," he added. "I had looked at other schools but, when

Georgetown came around, it made perfect sense for me. I'm really looking forward to it."

Kelly said his high school days are something he'll always remember, not just for the athletics, but for all the friends he made and experiences he encountered.

"I came to Brother Rice because I had a lot of friends going there, but I met a lot of new friends and played soccer as a junior and I got exposed to a lot of people," Kelly said. "I was a vice president, I was in a couple of clubs and I got to see a lot of the school."

"Every year that went on, I fell more in love with it," he added. "By the time my senior year rolled around, I was so happy to be there. And looking back on it, especially lacrosse-wise, I was surrounded by so many great players and great individuals, it really made the experience an enjoyable one."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Madonna names Patton as team's new general

Thomas exits after one season in second stint

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Patton Thomas

Paul Thomas is out and Paul Patton is in as Madonna University women's soccer coach.

Madonna athletic director Scott Kennell, citing university policy, did not elaborate on Thomas's departure in May.

Thomas, who could not be reached for comment, was in his second stint with the Crusaders last season. The Manchester, England, native finished 10-6-3 overall, with a 5-4-1 record in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, after replacing Jeff Hodgson, who went 52-48-11 in his six seasons.

During his three previous seasons at MU (2006-08), Thomas finished 35-14-4 overall while earning the WHAC regular season title in 2008 with a 12-0 record. That season, the Crusaders finished 15-4 overall and were ranked No. 22 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

He currently serves as an assistant coach for the Premier Development League Michigan Bucks and was previously director of coaching for the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association.

Patton has a total of 19 years and 24 seasons as a collegiate head coach. He most recently served as an assistant men's coach at Midway (Ky.) University, where the Eagles finished 10-8-1 in their inaugural season.

"We did a national search, we had many candidates apply for the position and he stood out above the rest," Kennell said. "He had a strong background as a head coach over the last decade and we know his model of coaching on and off the field matches what we have here at Madonna."

Kennell said Patton will also serve as a game day manager, overseeing MU's winter, spring and summer sport events.

"I am excited and honored to accept the position of women's soccer head coach at Madonna University," Patton said in a press release. "I want to thank athletics director Scott Kennell and President Dr. (Michael) Grandillo for choosing me to lead this program."

Prior to Midway, Patton served 10 seasons as the women's soccer head coach at St. Catharine (Ky.) College, including

2006-09 when he was both the men's and women's head coach.

He oversaw both teams transition from a two-year, junior college program to a four-year NAIA program as a member of the Mid-South Conference. In 2010, Patton dropped the men's head coach title.

During his tenure at St. Catharine, the men's soccer team was National Junior College Athletic Association Region VII runner-up in 2006 and 2007 and captured the Southern State Shootout in 2008.

Meanwhile, the St. Catharine women's team won the NJCAA Region VII Crown in 2007 and was also NJCAA Region VII runner-up in 2006.

The Patriots women posted program records for wins in 2013, when they finished 14-6-0 overall with a best-ever fourth-place finish in the Mid-South Conference. The women also excelled in the classroom, as they earned recognition as an NAIA Scholar Team five times (2008, 2012-15).

In 1995, Patton started the men's and women's soccer programs at Spalding (Ky.) University.

After coaching both teams in 1995, he continued to coach the women's team through June 2004. During his tenure, he guided the Golden Eagles to six consecutive top three finishes in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and one NAIA Region VIII tournament appearance.

Patton owns the career record for most wins by a soccer coach at both St. Catharine (86) and Spalding (63).

Patton's first day at Madonna will be Monday, July 10. The Crusaders open their 2017 season Sunday, Aug. 27, at the University of Detroit Mercy.

"I look forward to getting to know the players, putting an exciting team on the field and taking the next step forward in building a comprehensive program that will compete for conference championships on the field and reach for excellence in the classroom," Patton said.

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He'll be an Ocelot



Recent Livonia Stevenson grad Michael DiPonio (center) proudly displays where he will be playing college baseball in 2018 — at Schoolcraft. The infielder is flanked by Ocelots assistant coach George Kontos (left) and head coach Rob Fay.

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2017 GIRLS TENNIS ALL-STATE TEAM



MARTY BUDNER

Bloomfield Hills sophomore Tia Mukherjee was named all-state in singles play for the 2017 season.

DIVISION 1
FIRST TEAM SINGLES: Katie Sesi (Ann Arbor Huron); Karl Moore (Ann Arbor Pioneer); Caroline Allen, Tia Mukherjee (Bloomfield Hills); Kayla Grundy, Ava Dunlap (Grand Blanc); Maddie Paolucci, Laurel Sullivan (Grosse Pointe South); Kaitlyn Rogosch (Livonia Churchill); Jessica Brown, Sarah Ismail (Midland Dow); Shanoli Kumar, Joanna Gao (Northville); Jessica Braun (Plymouth); Maja Pietrowicz (Sterling Heights Stevenson); Hannah Cimpeanu (Troy); Ava Thielman (Utica Eisenhower); Melissa Strome (West Bloomfield).

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FIRST TEAM DOUBLES: Alexa Bernard & Maddie Fox (Bloomfield Hills); Lauren Sommerville & Audrey Doherty (Grosse Pointe South); Meghan Killmaster & Kelly Livingston (Midland Dow); Neha Chava & Maya Mulchandani, Serena Wang & Sohie Zhuang (Northville); Sahaja Pinnu & Alexis Morse (Troy).

HONORABLE MENTION DOUBLES: Caroline Courtwright & Tara Shetty (Ann Arbor Skyline); Mina Fabiano & Tatum Matthews (Midland Dow); Jessica Lyuka & Ashley Zhou (Novi); Allie Shermertaro & Haley Wrona (Rochester Hills Stoney Creek).

DIVISION 2
FIRST TEAM SINGLES: Madison Damiano (Birmingham Seaholm); Korren Dering (Bloomfield Hills Marian); Sloane Teske, Hannah Stuurmsa (East Grand Rapids); Taylor Barrett (Holly); Olivia Hanover (Mason); Kate Nowak (Matawan); Monika Francis (Okemos); Casey Smith (Portage Central); Claire Holley (Portage Northern); Ivona Gorgjovski (Royal Oak); Ashley Ke (St. Joseph); Maya Campbell (Swartz Creek); Autumn Roberts (Traverse City Central).

HONORABLE MENTION SINGLES: Audrey Olson (East Grand Rapids); Hanna Peterson (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern); Makenzi Sells, Nicole Johnson (Holly); Sophie Hanover (Mason); Arianna Hohner (Midland); Georgie Padalec, Sema Colak (Okemos); Caroline Qvist (Port Huron).

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HONORABLE MENTION DOUBLES: Mackenzie Beckert & Sloan Wysocki (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood); Heather Zimmerman & Tara Rahmani (Detroit Country Day); Sarah Adams & Quinn Lancaster (Flint Powers Catholic); Anjari Raja & Sophia Vogelsang (Haslett).

DIVISION 4
FIRST TEAM SINGLES: Colleen O'Leary (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Kate Shaffer, Julia Freedman, Vidhya Rajaprabakaran (Ann Arbor Greenhills); Elizabeth Eterbeek (Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart); Melanie Zampardo (Grosse Pointe University L'Esperanza); Filiza Solarewicz (Grand Rapids West Catholic); Taylor Smith, Sela Clifford (Jackson Lumen Christi); Natalie Moyer, Maggie Ketels (Kalamazoo Hackett).

HONORABLE MENTION SINGLES: Marissa Jaggi (Berrien Springs); Kendall Gassman (Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart); Keegan Malpass (East Jordan); Lindsey Mertz (Frankenmuth); Brooke Norder (Grand Rapids West Catholic); Lilly Chamberlain (Harbor Springs); Grace Haley (Lansing Christian); Brittany Bailey (North Muskegon); Michelle Dorshimer, Brooke Butterfield (Portland); Anne Bandrowski (Traverse City St. Francis).

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HONORABLE MENTION DOUBLES: Jordan Zawi & Anna Scharrer (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard); Ashlee Tolson & Olivia Vanerem; Katie Faber & Tressa Berends (Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian); Kenzie Kraus & Kate Nawrocki (Grand Rapids West Catholic); Mckenzie Lamour & Danielle Patania (Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central); Morgan Wittkopp & Hannah McNaughton, Rebekah Ludema & Ainsley Ludema (Portland).

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAMS
DIVISION 1: Northville, Novi
DIVISION 2: Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Farmington, North Farmington
DIVISION 4: Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart

PDL SOCCER

Bucks stop K-W United, move closer to first

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James Haupt's goal in the 89th minute July 2 propelled the Michigan Bucks to a 1-0 Premier Development League soccer victory over first-place Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) in a match played at Wilfrid Laurier University.

The win inched the Bucks, who improved to 7-1-2 (23 points) closer to first in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL Central Conference, while K-W United fell to 8-3-1 (25 points).

As the game appeared headed to a scoreless draw, Jared Timmer (Butler University) cruised down the flank and sent a cross into Haupt, the University of Dayton product, who knocked in for the game winner.

"We aren't the scoring machine we were a year ago, but we may be better defensively than the team that led the PDL in goals



JAY DUNWELL

Michigan Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd posted his 10th shutout of the season in a 1-0 win July 2 over host Kitchener-Waterloo United.

against last season," said Bucks coach Demir Muftari, the reigning PDL Coach of the Year. "Getting any result when you play at

K-W is big. Getting a late goal and walking out with three points may just be the defining moment of the season so far."

Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan University) cut down a couple of late crosses and made a last second save to preserve the win.

K-W's Ken Krollicki (Canton/Michigan State) did get one free kick past Shepherd, but it banged off the cross bar in the 60th minute and that was as close as the home side would come.

It was the Ann Arbor native's 10th shutout of the season and the sixth in PDL regular season matches. He also posted a clean sheet against K-W United in the season opener and has yielded only four goals in eight starts for the defending North American PDL champions.

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DILLARD

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for the same combinations. It's just getting used to taking the old words that you've been using for four years and learning the new ones. But other than that, scheme and everything like that are the same."

North Carolina plays an offensive scheme that has many of the same concepts of what Gators head coach Jim McElwain ran at Florida.

"I think we're a high-intensity offense ... I wouldn't say spread, but we do a lot of pro-style out of the gun," Dillard said. "That's what we did at Florida with the types of quarterbacks that we had there. That's the type of quarterbacks we have here at North Carolina, so it's pretty much similar for me."

And with a degree in hand, Dillard decided he needed a change of scenery. He is currently enrolled in UNC's business school pursuing a leadership certificate.

"I got injured and it just gave me an opportunity to pursue another school," he said. "When North Carolina came, I thought it was the best decision for me to go there. I thought they were going to help me



FAMILY PHOTO

Team Dillard includes Cameron, wife Riley and 13-month-old son Emmitt, whom they legally adopted after the Canton grads married.

position myself to get ready for the next level and stuff like that, so I chose to come here.

"Physically, I'm 100 percent. I think this training program here has done an amazing job. Coach Fedora and his staff here are phenomenal at North Carolina. They're taking care of me here really well."

Dillard can only look now in the rear-view mirror, but he'll miss "the good friends I had built up over the last

four years."

"I had some really good friends there," Dillard added. "But it wasn't that difficult because I knew that I was making the move not only for myself, but my family, so when it comes to them it's easier to make moves for other than just yourself."

Cameron met his wife, the former Riley Carpenter, late in their senior year of high school. "One of my buddies,

he's a family friend, just introduced me to her at the end of my senior year and we just hit it off and got married, then couple of years later, decided we wanted some kids," Dillard said. "I was already committed to Florida and she was going down there on a lacrosse manager scholarship."

Riley got pregnant during their sophomore year, but she lost the baby due to a miscarriage. She shared her story online during Pregnancy Lost Month in October 2015, which led to a Facebook message in January 2016 from a young pregnant woman who had heard her story and had felt compelled to reach out.

After the two talked, it ultimately led to an adoption process and Emmitt Christopher was born May 13, 2016.

Now a family of three, their team jerseys have changed to powder blue and Dillard hopes he'll get an opportunity to play the next level — the NFL.

"That's definitely the plan," he said. "After this season, just continue to have a great year and let everything take care of itself."

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How to recover from a bad interview

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Bad interviews happen. Sometimes — no matter how much you prepare — something goes wrong in the moment and you fail to make a good impression on the hiring manager. While it may seem like you've ruined your chances of landing that job, don't count yourself out just yet. There are steps you can take to recover.

If you've recently left an interview feeling less than confident, consider one of these strategies to turn the tides and get the job — or prepare yourself for the next interview.

Send a thank-you note
 Regardless of how the interview went, it is important to thank your interviewers for their time and the opportunity they have given you. In addition to being polite, it shows the hiring manager you have good character and a positive attitude, both of which go a long way when it comes time to make a hiring decision.

Furthermore, it gives you the opportunity to address some of the questions you may have floundered on in the actual interview. Natasha Bowman, founder of Performance ReNEW, a talent and performance management



solutions company, suggests recapping the interview and re-emphasizing how your background and experiences align with the organization's needs. "Also, don't be ashamed to acknowledge that your work ethic far surpasses your interviewing skills and guarantee the hiring manager that if they reach out to your references, they will find that sentiment to be true," says Bowman.

Ask for a second chance

If you feel like you really did blow the interview, you have nothing to lose by calling back and asking for a second chance. Admitting that the interview didn't go well and asking if the hiring manager

is open to trying again shows courage, says Erica McCurdy, certified master life coach.

"Courage, interest and a willingness to try again in the face of failure are all things that employers tend to respect in employees and in management," McCurdy says. "While the phone call is difficult and embarrassing, there is only an upside advantage to be gained."

Even if you don't get a second chance, you can walk away from the experience knowing you did everything you could to get the job, and that action will improve your confidence for the next interview.

Don't grovel

It's one thing to ask for an-



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other chance. It's something completely different to badger a hiring manager after a bad interview.

New York-based relationship and etiquette expert April Masini recommends making one gesture at recovery and then letting it go. "Do appropriate damage control," Masini says. "Don't grovel, beg, hound and stalk an interviewer for a second chance. Desperation and overkill are not your friends."

If you don't hear back after reaching out once, learn from your mistakes and move on. A mistake is not the end of the world. It's an opportunity, so treat it like one.

Reflect

If an interview doesn't go well, it's important to take some

time to analyze why so you can avoid making the same mistakes in the future. "After each interview, write down what you did well and what you could improve on," says Kimberly Marek, chief creative officer at 7 Charming Sisters, a jewelry and fashion accessories store. Be objective and focus on those areas you wrote down in order to improve for the next interview.

Conduct mock interviews

After you identify exactly what went wrong, workshop your new strategy before trying it out on the next hiring manager. Agnes Butterworth, founder and director of Bridgewater Resources, a UK-based recruitment solutions company, believes preparation is key. "Conduct thorough research on the company and industry, prepare answers for common interview questions and make sure you look the part," Butterworth says. From there, recruit the help of family or friends to ask you questions so you can practice the delivery of your well-researched responses.

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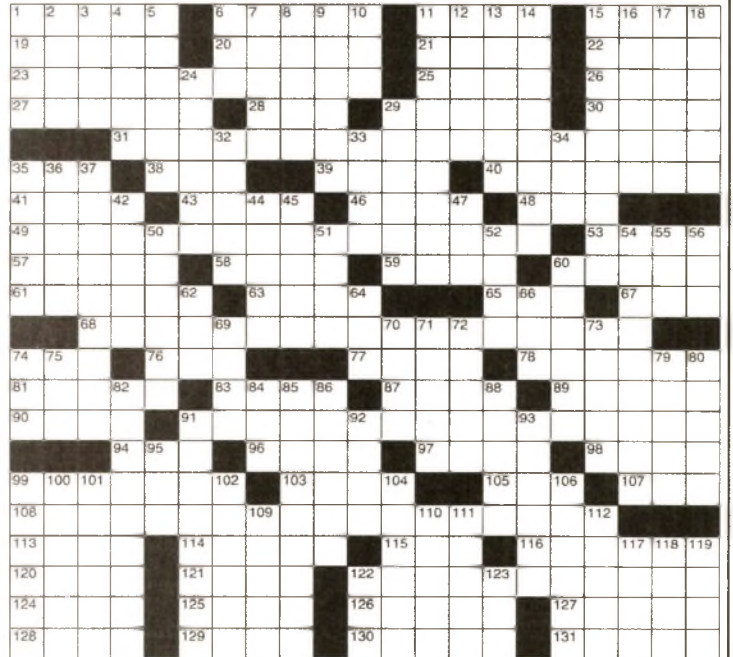


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SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Letters with twists
 - 6 "For want of the horse was lost"
 - 11 "Fernando" quartet
 - 15 Tax-deferred svgs. plans
 - 19 Not express, as a train
 - 20 Daring feat
 - 21 Briny expanses
 - 22 Roman historian
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Back talk
 - 26 Caustic compounds
 - 27 "Silkwood" star Meryl
 - 28 Hail, mostly
 - 29 Paper-
 - 30 iPod option
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 35 700, to
 - 22-Across
 - 38 --Julie, Que.
 - 39 Morays and congers
 - 40 Lays away
 - 41 Momentous stretches
 - 43 "Silence!"
 - 46 Skinny
 - 48 Six-pl. scores
 - 49 Riddle, part 3
 - 53 One of Isaac's twins
 - 57 Prenatal exam, briefly
 - 58 "I'm so hungry I could -- horse!"
 - 59 J.D. Salinger title girl
 - 60 Old Russian overlord
 - 61 Movie house, in Spanish
 - 63 Moreno of movies
 - 65 Moo -- pork
 - 67 Rural tract
 - 68 Riddle, part 4
 - 74 Jackie O's Onassis
 - 76 Feel lousy
 - 77 -- Alto, California
 - 78 Old -- (Disney dog)
 - 81 Ridge on a fingerprint
 - 83 -- mater
 - 87 Gilbert of "Roseanne"
 - 89 Go away
 - 90 Individual
 - 91 Riddle, part 5
 - 94 Sothern of "Blind Date"
 - 96 "Nuts!"
 - 97 "Scat, cat!"
 - 98 Email button
 - 99 Flashy keyboard composition
 - 103 Ruess of the band Fun
 - 105 German city where Einstein was born
 - 107 Real mess
 - 108 End of the riddle
 - 113 Prefix with presence
 - 114 Shutter parts
 - 115 -- de plume
 - 116 Privy to the plot
 - 120 City in Texas
 - 121 El -- (city in Texas)
 - 122 Riddle's answer
 - 124 "Son of --!"
 - 125 Kuwait, e.g.
 - 126 -- Lodge motels
 - 127 Fashion's Oscar de la --
 - 128 Deep wishes
 - 129 Parcel (out)
 - 130 Halt
 - 131 Bar seat
 - DOWN
 - 1 Students at Yale
 - 2 Cushiony
 - 3 Injury vestige
 - 4 Loosens up
 - 5 Rains down cold pellets
 - 6 Stubborn quadruped
 - 7 Unemotional
 - 8 Intuitive
 - 9 Cyclops' facial feature
 - 10 Sched. guess
 - 11 Leo Harvey Oswald and others
 - 12 Shore area
 - 13 Big parties
 - 14 Approve
 - 15 Infirmities
 - 16 Capital of Saudi Arabia
 - 17 Broad road
 - 18 B-board admins
 - 24 Indifference
 - 29 "Thoroughly Modern --"
 - 32 Don't throw away, maybe
 - 33 Sludy fixture
 - 34 The old man
 - 35 Trim, as meat
 - 36 Perjury, e.g.
 - 37 Pink flower
 - 42 Actress
 - 43 Jacyln
 - 44 Initiate
 - 45 "Begin the tunnel"
 - 47 "Get Shorty" studio
 - 50 Parent of Maybelline
 - 51 Roman orator
 - 52 Musician John
 - 54 Habitats for brine shrimp
 - 55 Live
 - 56 USSR's Cold War rival
 - 60 Mississippi city
 - 62 Far Eastern sash
 - 64 Gig gear
 - 66 "Over here!"
 - 69 Kingly name in Norway
 - 70 Oven for drying hops
 - 71 Weak spots
 - 72 Shul text
 - 73 Butter alternatives
 - 74 Piercing tool
 - 75 Pi-sigma link
 - 79 Occurrence
 - 80 "Angie Baby" singer Helen
 - 82 Knee jerks, e.g.
 - 84 British "Inc." series, for short
 - 85 Destined
 - 86 Orderly groupings
 - 88 Nary -- (no one)
 - 91 Serving to block junk email
 - 92 Obsessed by
 - 93 Sheltie relative
 - 95 Hanoi's home, briefly
 - 99 Having give-and-take
 - 100 Measure of resistance
 - 101 Mexican resort on the Yucatan
 - 102 Blindingly bright
 - 104 One of JFK's sisters
 - 106 Coal diggers
 - 109 Tears into
 - 110 Chocolate quaff
 - 111 Church cries
 - 112 Flat rental sign
 - 117 Taboo deed
 - 118 "... as -- say ..."
 - 119 Popular cookware brand
 - 122 "Parks and --" (NBC series, for short)
 - 123 "The Raven" poet



For assistance or suggestions on the Puzzle Corner, contact Steve McClellan at (517) 702/4247 or smcclellan@michigan.com. Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

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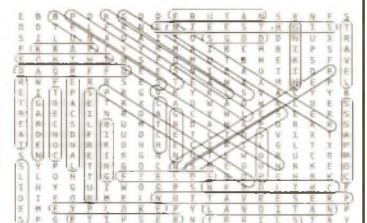
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MERCEDES-BENZ EXTENDS ITS LEAD IN U.S. LUXURY SALES WITH TIMELY NEW PRODUCTS, OPPORTUNISTIC MARKETING



By Dale Buss

Mercedes-Benz took the top U.S. luxury-sales spot from BMW last year and, so far this year, has extended its lead in the American market.

But at a time when analysts are saying the general U.S. auto market finally will level off this year after a seven-year boom, Mercedes-Benz's grip on the premium pinnacle in America may be tested.

Mercedes will continue to enjoy an advantage with a fleet of utility vehicles that it has been overhauling at a time when luxury buyers are turning to that segment more than ever.

And one way Mercedes is responding

to an iffier market is to move even more determinedly upscale with its ultra-expensive AMG sub-brand. The company continually celebrates AMG's success in motorsports, for example.

And Mercedes just launched its biggest digital and social media campaign of the year, to promote the AMG high-performance division. Its "Join the Obsessed" campaign celebrates AMG's 50th anniversary by highlighting innovations, including in a mobile video that was developed in tandem with Facebook's Creative Shop.

Drew Slaven is vice president of marketing for Mercedes-Benz USA, and I talked with him about marketing the sterling Mercedes-Benz brand in the US.

Q: Why is your sales lead over other luxury brands lengthening in the US?

Drew Slaven: It always comes



And I have to give our design team a lot of credit too.

down to product. As much as we'd like to say it's brilliant marketing communications, in every category [product] reigns supreme. Mercedes-Benz has put some real focused effort into this. Years back when the financial crises hit the world, companies realized there would be a drop in purchases. Many, many companies cut costs and that choked development of product. Mercedes did a pretty bold and courageous thing: put our foot down and invest heavily in product during those years, and that continues to pay tremendous dividends during a multi-year product offensive.

You can see this at auto shows where we show up and other competitors don't have press conferences because they don't have products to introduce. We have to cherry pick which products we do introduce. We're rolling out 40 products over an eight-year period that began in 2015 and 2016.

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a lot of credit too. Mercedes-Benz really has leapfrogged in a space that hasn't always been the lead for us, in the design-style space. The cars today in design have leapfrogged the competition to take a lead in this very important attribute for an American car-buying public. They're expressions of people's personality in the luxury space and now you have this very expressive design from a brand that previously was known for reliability and [comfort].

Q: How is marketing taking advantage of the edge Mercedes has in crossovers and SUVs vs. the competition?

Slaven: We can tell a bit more of a brand story rather than just bear down and ramble off a list of features and price. That's a great place for a company to be. I'd point to a spot last winter called "Snow Date" in which a young kid is going on his first date and there is this catastrophic blizzard, but

he drives his parents' Mercedes-Benz and arrives there. And we see that the girl does show up because her parents, too, drive a Mercedes. It was a clearly understood message that you can do when you're in a position of strength: paying back into your brand bank.

We've got a great arsenal of SUV products and the only thing that is of concern for us is to be sure to balance against sedans given the fact that we have a real [heritage there]. We would love more SUVs than we're able to build. The demand is there so you don't have to throttle down on strong SUV messaging right now because inherently we have such an advantage.

Q: Speaking of customer experience, how is your relationship with your dealers evolving? I read that they get more advertising leeway now. What does that reflect?

Slaven: We believe what our dealers do well is deliver the best automotive experience. To our dealers we deliver an ease of experience. [Mercedes-Benz USA CEO] Dietmar [Exler] wanted to make doing business with Mercedes-Benz as easy and uncomplicated as possible with our dealers so they can improve that customer experience.

For example, for many years inside automotive category, OEMs have provided funds to dealers to use those funds specifically to market new cars. What was uncommon was our move to tell dealers to use those funds however you see fit, and in whatever priority you want. Each individual dealer knows what brings traffic into their dealership and they don't need a factory telling them about the specifics.



The company continually celebrates AMG's success in motorsports.

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Don Rohraff Director of Public Works

Dennis K. Wright Mayor

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals

July 25, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor) 33000 Civic Center Drive Livonia, MI (734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-03-13 (Rescheduled from June 27, 2017): Michael Kohn, south side of West Chicago (27655) between Cardwell and Inkster, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an existing detached garage, resulting in excess garage area, height and excess number of garages. A nonconformity exists because the detached garage existing is located in the side yard, which is not allowed. All detached garages must be located in the rear yard.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-03-18 (Rescheduled from June 27, 2017): Nicholas Presutti, south side of Clarita (36695) between Margareta and Dardanella, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-06-38 (Rescheduled from June 27, 2017): Shadow Investments (Bryan Gill Sr.,) 7376 Driftwood, Fenton, MI 48430, seeking to continue a use for an animal day care, upon property located on the west side of Stark (12615) between Glendale and the C and O Railroad, previously granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals - use variance 2008-08-41. The building is now vacated and the original variance was granted for the previous tenant only. This use is not allowed in an M-1 zoning district.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-06-35: Livonia Market II, LLC, 38500 Woodward, Ste. 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, seeking to erect a ground sign and excess wall signs on the proposed LA Fitness Building located on the south side of Seven Mile (29659) between Melvin and Middlebelt, resulting in excess ground sign height, area and width. Also, excess wall sign area and number of wall signs.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-07-40: Livonia Market II, LLC, 38500 Woodward, Ste. 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, seeking to erect wall signs on two (2) commercial retail buildings located on the south side of Seven Mile (29601 and 29701) between Melvin and Middlebelt, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

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

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Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Appeal 17:01: Applicant James Lohman, 26802 Vassar Ave., Redford Twp. MI 48240, located on the north side of Vassar Ave. between Gaylord and Denby Streets.

Requests a variance to build a garage with 9'8" tall walls, total height of 20' three feet from back fence.

Zoning Ordinance 152N, Section 3.11-D-a limits overall height of accessory structure to 15 feet. Ordinance 152N section 3.11-D.b limits wall height to 9' measured from grade. Ordinance 152N, Section 3.11-F. requires a minimum of 8 foot rear setback.

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

This appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Redford Township Hall board room, 15145 Beech Daly Road, on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Written comments must indicate the above appeal number and will be accepted no later than 4:30 p.m., July 12, 2017. No comments will be accepted over the telephone.

Jennifer Lawson, Chairperson Zoning Board of Appeals

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Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Appeal 17:02: Applicant Daimay North American Automotive Inc., 24400 Plymouth Rd., Redford, MI 48239

Requests a variance to erect a 60,000 square foot addition with two additional truck docks.

Zoning Ordinance 152N, Section 19.01-(p) requires front/side/rear setbacks equal to 10% of the property width on M2 zoned parcels. On this parcel the resulting setback would be 79.2 ft. The applicant is requesting a setback of 30 feet requiring a variance of 49.2 feet.

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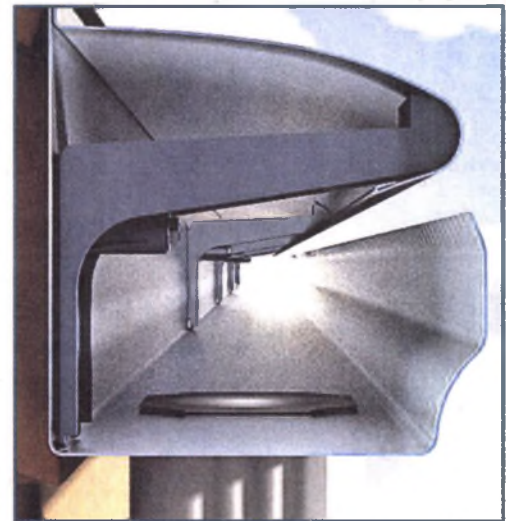
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- Previous Courtesy Vehicle Approx 2,500 miles
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- Rear vision camera
- Bluetooth® wireless technology for select phones
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