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## Voters go to polls Tuesday to decide who moves on to November race

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Predicting an 11 percent voter turnout at Tuesday's primary election, Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc is hoping his guess is wrong.

"I hope we have an almost 100 percent turnout. I hope I'm wrong," LeBlanc said. "I'm expecting there won't be any lines anywhere that day."

Primary voters will narrow the field

of council candidates from 16 to the eight who will move forward to the Nov. 7 general election. There are four council seats to be filled — the top three finishers receiving four-year terms, the fourth-place finisher getting a two-year term.

Westland will get at least two new members to the council as incumbents Christine Bryant and Kevin Coleman aren't seeking reelection.



LeBlanc

Bryant cited plans to run for an unspecified higher office in 2018. Coleman is challenging incumbent Mayor William Wild at the general election.

Two incumbents, Peter Herzberg and Michael Kehrer, are running for reelection.

Other candidates include former councilwoman Meriam Kadi and former Wayne-Westland Board of Education member Debra Fowlkes.

Steven Boron ran for city council in the last election, while Jody White ran for city clerk.

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

The city has 61,000 registered vot-

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Crystal Frank of Livonia hauls many armloads of brush to the curb.

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## Livonians help bust blight in Detroit

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Mary Andrews typically pays for a crew to mow the lawn at the vacant lot across the street from her house on Monterey in Detroit.

The 85-year-old woman didn't have to worry about getting her checkbook out this week for it, as dozens of volunteers descended onto her neighborhood Wednesday as a part of the Life Remodeled project.

More than 120 volunteers from the city of Livonia, Livonia Public Schools and other groups worked Wednesday in the neighborhood surrounding Detroit Central High School as a part of the week-long Life Remodeled clean-up taking place in the area. The Detroit organization decided to spend a week cleaning up the neighborhood around Central High School and Durfee Middle School, which the organization hopes to turn into a community center.

Kept up nice with flowers all over the porch, Andrews is quick to tell you about the plants in her living room, many of which have been there for decades.

She was extremely appreciative of the effort, but wishes more would be done by locals in the community to keep the neighborhood up.

"I get mad," she said. "I said, 'Why the hell does somebody have to come from the suburbs to clean up our

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At left, working on Monterey Street in Detroit. Below, Tyler Rauhe cuts grass along the curb. He is a resident of Novi.



## 3 charged with trying to bribe Garden City officials over dispensary

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Federal prosecutors have filed charges against three men accused of attempting to bribe Garden City officials over establishing a medical marijuana dispensary in the city.

A federal indictment charging Mike Baydoun, 54; Ali Baydoun, 52; and Jalal Baydoun, 38, was unsealed Thursday, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorneys Office for the Eastern District of Michigan. The indictment alleges the three men, all from Dearborn Heights, conspired to bribe several Garden City officials in order to secure authorization for a new medical marijuana facility in the city.

The indictment states the men attempt to pay several city officials, including the mayor, police chief and several city council members. Prosecutors say the men offered bribes in order to secure a new medical marijuana facility, which would require a change in the city's ordinance. The ordinance only allows for two such dispensaries in the city, which were already open and operating. The trio hoped to open a grow facility near Ford Road and Hubbard, and the dispensary somewhere else along Ford Road.

The three are accused of bribing officials, both with cash and offering a percentage of the marijuana center's profits each month in exchange for the issuance of a license to operate the building. One of those officials, the indictment states, was working with federal law enforcement.

The three delivered \$15,000 in cash for three Garden City council members, \$5,000 per person, in exchange for their votes to change the ordinance and allow for the medical marijuana facility. Federal prosecutors also said the three agreed to place \$150,000 in an escrow account to show good faith.

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toward paying off future bribes. Federal officials are seeking forfeiture of those remaining funds, which total about \$133,000.

The timeline of the bribes took place from Sept. 2016 to Dec. 2016, with the three handing

off the envelope with the cash to a city official Dec. 2.

"Citizens deserve elected officials to make decisions in the best interests of their constituents, not on who's lining their pockets," said Acting United States Attorney Daniel Lemisch in a statement.

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# Linear AMS executives repurchase company

Linear Mold & Engineering founder John Tenbusch and director of tooling and manufacturing Lou Young are partnering as majority owner and minority partner, respectively, to repurchase the Livonia-based manufacturing company from Moog Inc. (NYSE: MOG A), effective immediately. Moog acquired the company in December 2015, naming it Linear AMS. The new owners will continue using the Linear AMS name. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Moog filed a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) notice with the State of Michigan in April saying Linear's metal additive manufacturing equipment (at one point the company was known as one of the largest independent service bureaus for 3D metal printing in North



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**Founder John Tenbusch (left) and former director of tooling and manufacturing Lou Young are buying back Linear AMS from former Moog Inc.**

America) would be relocated to Moog's headquarters complex in East Aurora, NY, eliminating approximately 40 jobs in Livonia, according to a press release. Young and Tenbusch say not only are they retaining the approximately 70 jobs currently at Linear, they aim to acquire additional capital equipment and machine operators as soon as possible to service current and potential customers, the press release says.

The new owners are refocusing the company on mold building, prototyping and low-volume production of injection-molded parts for automotive and other companies, the press release says. The company also plans on engaging with local community colleges and universities for apprenticeship and skilled trades training.

Founded in 2003 as Linear Mold & Engineering, Linear AMS LLC has significant mold building design and production expertise along with full machine shop and injection molding capacity to produce prototypes, pre-production, production parts, tooling/injection molds and conformal cooling inserts.

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ers. LeBlanc said the number of voters on the permanent absentee list — most qualifying as

senior citizens — has climbed from 4,600 to the current 11,000.

"In this election, only 4,000 absentee ballots have been returned. That's a lot lower than I expected," LeBlanc said. "I'm not sure why. The

number of absentee ballots is atypical this time."

In November, LeBlanc said he expects there will be one of the larger turnouts for a non-presidential year election.

Westland is alone among neighboring cities to have a primary election this year.

### Garden City

Garden City won't be having a primary election this year. Mayor Randy Walker is running unopposed for re-election to a four-year term. Six candidates are seeking four city council seats, including incumbents Mark Jacobs, Pam King, Jaylee Lynch and Patricia McKarge. The non-incumbents running for council are Brian Earle, Melissa DiMichele and Mike Jones

The top two finishers in the council race will each receive a four-year term, with the remaining

two candidates getting a two-year term. That changes in 2019, when all council terms will go to four years.

The two years remaining on the late Jim Kerwin's council term will also be filled in November.

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

### Wayne

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

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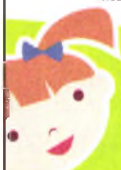
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mess?’ That’s the thought that goes through my head.”

Brought down to the city via Livonia Public Schools buses, volunteers spent a good part of Wednesday morning mowing grass and clearing brush near vacant homes along Monterey, near Rosa Parks. More than 120 people came to the city Wednesday to help clean it up, including various city and school officials.

One volunteer was Melissa Wagner, who works for LPS and lives in Livonia. She spent Wednesday morning taking care of grass along the street.

She said she decided to volunteer this year, her first year doing such a project, and was excited at the level of work being done in that neighborhood.

“I’m really impressed with the organization,” she said. “It’s nice to see community involvement from all different areas of Livonia, businesses, the school district, city hall.”

### Helping out neighbors

This was the second year Livonia has been directly involved with the Life Remodeled project; volunteers helped in the neighborhood around Denby High School on the city’s east side last year.

It’s an effort neighborhood resident Cortez Poindexter appreciates.

The Novi High School alumnus and former Novi resident moved to the area and lives with his mom, Latia. He said the street saw major improvements before lunchtime Wednesday thanks to the volunteers.

“I like it. It’s way bet-



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Livonia City Councilman Scott Bahr.

ter down there than what it was,” he said. “This house has been like this for so long.”

Steve Schreiber spent most of the morning weed whacking the overgrown brush. He said he’s happy he heard of the project from the school district and wanted to come and help out.

“I just got the email from LPS, otherwise I probably wouldn’t have done it,” the Westland resident said. “I do a lot of community service.”

The neighborhood was near the site of the riots that took place in 1967, which recently was recognized for its 50-year anniversary last month and was a big reason Life Remodeled decided to

tackle blight in that part of the city.

Andrews, 85, lived in her home during the riots and remembers seeing the damage happen down the street from her home. She said she went out to a party the night the riots started and came back home to her three children. Businesses, such as a hardware store and barber shops, were later destroyed.

“All kind of beauty shops and barber shops at that time,” she said. “All of that was burned out on this side during the riot.”

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Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright moves a mower to the next location.



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Cheryl Caskey and Krystal Fatolitis clear weeds at the curb.



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David Stechly carries an armload of brush to the curb.

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## Garden City man charged in Westland meth lab bust

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A Garden City man has been charged in connection with a methamphetamine lab discovered by Westland police over the weekend.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said Tuesday it was charging Chad David Wicker, 36, in connection with operating the lab, discovered July 30 in the 34000 block of Decatur Court in Westland.

He was charged with operating/maintaining a methamphetamine lab, attempted possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and breaking and entering a building with intent to



Wicker

July 30 after a call came into the police station regarding suspicious activity in the area. When they got there, officers discovered a lab apparently producing meth. They arrested Wicker on an outstanding warrant in another community. He was charged Tuesday.

Wicker was arraigned on the charges Tuesday and given a \$250,000 cash or surety bond. A probable cause conference is

commit a felony. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison.

Police were dispatched to the area. "Methamphetamine is a very dangerous and highly addictive drug. The possibilities for large explosions are a great risk, especially in urban areas. The alleged activities of this defendant that were thwarted by witnesses and law enforcement potentially saved many lives," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy in a statement.

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## New Kellogg Park fountain design revealed for downtown Plymouth

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A proposed design for the new Kellogg Park fountain has been revealed, as Plymouth moves closer to replacing a 50-year-old downtown landmark where generations of residents have posed for pictures and made memories.

Landscape architect Marc Russell unveiled the new design Wednesday evening during a Plymouth Historic District Commission meeting, drawing mostly positive reviews from officials and residents despite some suggested changes.

Commissioner Glenn Kremer was among those who said it appears the new design will be a good fit for Kellogg Park, a popular gathering spot and home to numerous festivals and other events in the heart of downtown Plymouth.

"I think overall it has captured the character of the park," Kremer said.

Officials are moving to rip out and replace the existing, aging fountain — fraught with mechanical problems — as the city inches closer to a more widespread makeover of the park.

The project encountered what was considered a minor stumbling block Wednesday as the historic commission, in a 4-3 vote, delayed by one month a vote that would essentially give the project the go-ahead and allow the Downtown Development Authority to begin seeking bids for the work. Some commissioners sought more time to



RUSSELL DESIGN

It's here. The design for the new Kellogg Park fountain in downtown Plymouth has arrived.

study the plans.

Commissioners Jeremy Borys, Stanley Cole, Joseph Philips and Jessica Thomey voted to postpone the vote, while Kremer, Joseph Hawthorne and Colleen Polin, who chairs the board, opposed the delay.

Residents said they favored the latest design over an earlier proposal they considered too modern for the historic district.

"I like the evolution that the design has taken from more modern back to traditional," resident Laura Mesner said.

However, she opposed certain changes to the so-called seating wall, where people sit on the fountain's perimeter. It is proposed at 24 inches tall with a 16-inch-wide sitting area, both of which shave off a few inches compared to the existing fountain. She said the changes would make it easier for children to get in the fountain.

Russell, of Northville-based Russell Design, rolled out numerous changes for the new fountain, designed by his firm and Roman Fountains, formerly WESCO

Fountains, of Florida. Consider:

» The old fountain will be ripped out and completely replaced on the same spot. Its diameter will remain 32 feet.

» The top part of the fountain is proposed to be bronze, with water falling to a basin below before cascading down granite steps to a lower basin. The seating wall would be concrete.

» From ground level to the top, the Kellogg Fountain, including its foundation, would be one inch shy of 14 feet tall.

» The fountain will have 25 water jets, including 16 on the lower level, eight in the center and one on the top.

It will have 156 lights that come in four colors — red, blue, green and white. Colors can be easily switched out depending on what look the city wants.

Resident Ernie Hughes said the city should be cautious with the lights. "You really don't want to turn it into a disco fountain," he said.

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# Safety Day helps celebrate Beaumont history

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Correspondent

Officials at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne celebrated their history with the community and promoted safety at home at their second annual Family Safety Awareness Day.

The event, which took place on hospital grounds, brought more than 30 safety-related vendors to the community. Representatives from police and fire agencies from Wayne, Westland, the State of Michigan and more manned obstacle courses and provided information to the more than 400 residents that attended.

"I think it was a great turnout," said Adrienne Gall, an Emergency Department specialist at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne who coordinated the event. "It was bigger than last year and we were able to get more safety information out to the community."

The event featured fire obstacle courses, the Westland Police Department K-9 unit, Michigan Search & Rescue, a driving simulator, gun safety displays, ambulance tours, Lifelight of Michigan, a bicycle obstacle course and more. The Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP) was on hand to create child identification kits. Hospital staff, physicians and residents manned tables where they distributed educational materials and talked about safety in the community and at home.

Thirty bikes, donated by hospital staff groups and community businesses, were given away to children who completed all the activities at the event. Also, 210 bike helmets were fitted and passed out to attendees.



Heather Hammer, representing Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, presents a resolution congratulating Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, for 60 years of service to the greater Wayne community to Eric Widner.

"We had more than 30 vendors on site talking about safety. That's a huge thing for me," Gall said. "We're reaching out to the community to promote safety; that's why we're here."

The event also served to recognize the hospital's 60th anniversary. Beaumont, Wayne opened through the Peoples Community Hospital Authority as Oakwood Hospital in November of 1957. Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe thanked the hospital and staff for their long record of serving the community; the

hospital also received a resolution of support from the Wayne County Commission, courtesy of former Wayne Mayor and current County Commissioner Hal Haidous, and a letter of congratulations from Congressman John Conyers.

"Beaumont Hospital, Wayne has long been a vital part of our community," said Rowe, who credited the hospital for saving her husband's life several years ago. "We're grateful to have such a high-quality facility right here in our home town."

## WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

### Suspected drunken driver arrested

Wayne police pulled a 28-year-old Westland woman over the evening of July 25 near Michigan Avenue and Venoy under the suspicion of drunken driving.

Police noticed a vehicle driving eastbound on Michigan Avenue with only three tires; the fourth tire was being dragged under the car and was creating sparks. Police pulled the car over and spoke to the driver, who said she just had a flat tire and did not know it was missing.

A witness stopped by the traffic stop, saying the woman's vehicle had struck several parked cars near Annapolis and Howe. The officer did a field sobriety test on the woman, which she failed. She was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

### Bicycle stolen

Police were called July 6 to 7-Eleven, 31403 Michigan Ave., on the report of a stolen bicycle.

The victim said he went into the store and parked his bicycle outside the store. When he came out, it was missing. Police checked the security footage at the store and saw a suspect enter the store, then leave and take the bicycle. After checking the area near the store, police reportedly located the suspect and the bicycle near East Michigan Avenue and Dearborn. He was stopped and arrested.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department



Children and their parents learned the proper way to select and wear a bicycle helmet, and many received free helmets. Lindsey Galati, RN, fits 6-year-old James Koch of Westland with a new bike helmet.



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# Shimmy Shack offers tasty vegan alternative

LeAnne Rogers  
hometownlife.com

People often read burgers, fries and shakes advertised on the side of the Shimmy Shack food truck, but overlook a crucial detail — it's vegan food.

"People will come up and order a burger medium rare. They ask, 'If it's not meat, what is it?'" said Debra Levantrosser, owner of the South Lyon-based Shimmy Shack. "We're not mad or aggravated when people ask. We are happy to talk to all kinds of people. The vegan lifestyle is what you put in your body and what you wear."

And to answer what the no-meat burgers are made from, the Classic — which aims to duplicate a McDonald's cheeseburger — is a scratch-made lentil burger with an American-style cheese made with tapioca plus condiments.

The Southwest is a burger made with lentils and black beans, toppings that include salsa and guacamole. There is also a falafel pita, which has a garlic sauce. The milk shakes are made with rice milk and rice-based ice cream.

"People love the food. But more important, we have built a community," Levantrosser said. "We're happy to talk to all kinds of people about a vegan lifestyle."

The Shimmy Shack will be joining other plant-based food vendors 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the VegMichigan SummerFest at Madonna University on Schoolcraft at Levan in Livonia.

"I think people are intrigued and want to learn more (about being



The Shimmy Shack vegan food truck.



A vegan burger from the Shimmy Shack food truck.

**"There is a misconception that vegan food is bland, that it doesn't taste good. It's a myth."**

**DEBRA LEVANTROSSER,**  
Shimmy Shack owner

vegan). The younger generation is certainly more open to trying different food," Levantrosser said. "They are not necessarily vegans, but they are foodies. We love serving omnivores — that means the food must be good."

There are a variety of reasons someone might be interested in a plant-based diet, she said, for health, animal welfare, environmental issues and religion.

The Shimmy Shack is based at the VFW Post 1224 in South Lyon, parking the truck on-site and using the post commercial kitchen for food preparation. The food truck was down for three days due to recent vandalism — someone poured a red liquid into the gas tank while it was parked at the VFW.

A vegan — that means a plant-based diet — for 27 years, Levantrosser began Shimmy Shack

four years ago. She still teaches engineering at the University of Michigan, but gave up life in the corporate world to follow her passion.

"Our whole purpose is to show people how delicious vegan food can be," Levantrosser said. "There is a misconception that vegan food is bland, that it doesn't taste good. It's a myth."

That position is supported by how popular the Shimmy Shack's food is with customers who patronize the food truck when it is open April 1 through Nov. 1. The food truck is at an average five to six events or more weekly during the season.

"We try to stay in a 60-mile radius of South Lyon. Occasionally, we make a further trek. We have gone to Chicago the last two years for a big vegan festival," Levantrosser said. "We tend to stay near Ann Arbor or Dearborn."

# Different options for securing a pile of cash

**Q: I'm in a situation where I need about \$50,000 from my portfolio. I need your help in deciding where I should take it from.**

**The three options that I have are, to withdraw it from my IRA, to take it from an annuity to sell some individual stocks which I own. Because I am still working, I want to minimize the tax consequences as much as possible. You should know that my IRA is a traditional IRA. The annuity no longer has a penalty provision. It's a variable annuity that I bought for \$75,000 and today it is worth just under \$100,000. The stock I own is worth about \$60,000. I bought it a few years ago for about \$40,000.**

**A:** There are tax consequences to all three of your options. The option that is the least tax-friendly is the withdrawal from your IRA. Since this is a traditional IRA, all the money that you withdraw is taxed at your ordinary income bracket, which is your highest bracket. This is the least friendly option.

With regard to the annuity, since this was non-qualified money — in other words, it wasn't in an IRA — you have a basis. Therefore, if you close out the entire annuity, the only thing you would be taxed on is the difference between what you paid for it and what it is worth today, approximately \$25,000. What this means is the first \$25,000 that you withdraw from the annuity would be subject to



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

ordinary income taxes and the remaining money would be tax-free. If you withdraw the \$50,000 from the annuity, \$25,000 would be subject to ordinary income tax and the remaining money would be tax-free.

The third option, from purely a tax standpoint, is the best for you. If you sold the entire stock for \$60,000, the only amount subject to tax would be the difference between what you paid for the stock and what you sold it for, in this case \$20,000. However, unlike the money in the IRA and the annuity, which is subject to ordinary income taxes, the sale of stock is subject to capital gain tax, which is your lowest tax rate. Selling the individual stock would be the most tax-efficient way of freeing up money from your portfolio.

One last note: Since your variable annuity no longer has any penalties, you should look at the expenses being charged in the annuity and consider transferring the annuity into a lower cost, commission-free variable annuity. Many variable annuities have very high fees and, as far as I'm concerned, they are unnecessary.

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# PLANTING TREES FORMS CONNECTIONS

Community arborist finds that unity thrives when people go green together

**JENNY UNG**  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit [onenation.usatoday.com](http://onenation.usatoday.com).

Mari Aviles never expected that her studies would lead her to a career in the woods — she was never an outdoorsy kid — but after volunteering for Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, it was clear where she wanted to be: in nature, while helping her city.

After hearing of a job opening at the nonprofit, where she volunteered for several semesters in college, she was dead set on returning.

“Coming back to Indianapolis and doing what I love in the city that I grew up in and with the ownership I feel of the city was very rewarding,” Aviles said.

What she loves — and does for a living — is planting and maintaining trees across Indianapolis as a community arborist. Although planting trees may not seem like a community unifying activity, that’s Aviles’ and Keep Indianapolis Beautiful’s mission.

KIB connects volunteers to about 500 projects a year focusing on community improvement. The organization supports planting trees, cleaning up neighborhoods and other initiatives.

Aviles and the organization hope to unite people through nature.

“KIB strives to keep the communities beautiful by increasing the green spaces around the city and increasing the canopy,” she said. “These projects take a lot of manpower in the form of volunteers who ... become united by the work and the idea of a greener environment.”

They bring people together from diverse backgrounds, such as economic status, race, age and education.

“All of Indianapolis is diverse,” Aviles said. “Working in the various communities of Indianapolis will result in a diverse group of volunteers on any given project.”



JENNA WATSON/USA TODAY NETWORK

Mari Aviles is a community arborist at Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, a nonprofit that connects volunteers with around 500 annual projects focusing on community improvement.

Aviles emphasizes that it’s the little things that can bring people together and help the environment.

“I’ve faced the issue where people don’t believe they can make a change,” she said. “They see themselves as one person in the whole world of people who are doing the same thing. With that, it seems a bit cliché to say it, but I let them know that if they do anything, it’ll have a positive impact.”

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### Mari Aviles

**Location:** Indianapolis

**Age:** 24

**Profession:** Community arborist

**Mission:** To unite the community in Indianapolis through planting trees

### Q&A WITH MARI AVILES

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

“To be an American to me means being proud of where you live, helping out your community and the people who live in your community, and being open-minded. (It also) means to be open to diversity in every way because people should have the right to be different in (any) way.”

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

“The moment that motivated me to start my career in the environmental field was probably my orientation day at Purdue University the summer before I started my studies. I decided to switch my major to wildlife science without much prior experience, and I never looked back.”

#### What gives you hope?

“What gives me hope is the people I surround myself with — a lot of positivity and my friends and family. I’m hoping that everyone around the world has the same thing — people (who) love and care about them.”

#### What concerns you?

“I’m concerned about what’s going on in the country right now. It’s nerve-wracking, but seeing people stand up for what they believe in and for what they love brings me away from being nervous about it. The violence across the world is something else that concerns me.”

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

“I hope to bring the community together — that’s the mission of this organization — through nature. I love nature and I want to see a lot of positivity in the city, and I think this is the best way to do it. Although a tree planted in front of someone’s yard here in Indianapolis won’t (directly help) many of those suffering through some of these tough times, I hope to bring a bit of joy in the form of nature to the people of this city.”

## WAYNE COUNTY EVENTS

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### Family Field Day & Movie in Park

The third annual Family Field Day & Movie in the Park is set for 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, in Heritage Park, west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

Featured activities on the north side of Heritage Park include classic favorites such as potato sack races, shoe kicks and distance throw. Learn about family fitness opportunities that take place throughout the year through the Fit Family Challenge.

No pre-registration is required. Registration fees are \$11 per family for Canton residents and \$13 per family for non-residents and can be paid on-site; cash only. Food, snacks and popcorn will also be available for purchase. This event is open to the public, and all ages are encouraged to attend.

Following the Family Field Day events, a special showing of the animated movie “The LEGO® Batman Movie” (rated PG) will be held outside in the park on the big screen starting at dusk. Food, snacks and popcorn will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 734-394-5460.

### Free ice cream

Mt. Hope Church (30330 Schoolcraft) will be handing out free ice cream 6-7 p.m. Aug. 23 and 30. Enjoy a cool treat in the summer heat!

### Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership

with the Detroit Blues Society ([www.detroitbluesociety.org](http://www.detroitbluesociety.org)). There is a \$5 donation at the door and bring your dancing shoes.

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d’oeuvres.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, debuts the Sean Dobbins Organ Quartet. Dobbins, great drummer that he is, has been with the Elks numerous times and this time he leads his quartet: Chris Codish on organ, Marcus Elliott on saxophone and Cory Allen on guitar.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plyaa325.com](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

### Dog wash

A dog wash event to benefit Wreaths Across America will be held at noon Saturday, Aug. 26, at 520 Blunk, Plymouth. Baths are by donation. All proceeds benefit WAA. For more information, go to [wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org).

### Bowling fundraiser

A bowling event, with proceeds going to the building fund at VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth, will be held 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Plaza Bowling Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

There will be bowling, desserts, 50/50 drawing and a full tin can basket raffles. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 for kids. Tickets includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop.

Sign-up by Aug. 12 by

calling 734-265-7908 or emailing [strawjazz@yahoo.com](mailto:strawjazz@yahoo.com).

### Blues great to perform

Josh White Jr. will perform a benefit concert for Barefoot Productions at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

Proceeds from the show will help with funds for relocation of the theater company due to redevelopment of the current location. General seating is \$20. For tickets, go to [justgobarefoot.com](http://justgobarefoot.com) or call 734-404-6889.

Barefoot Productions is located at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

### Flea market

Newburgh Village in Livonia will host a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 12. Newburgh Village is located at 11999 Newburgh Road.

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### Hill

**Beverly Ann** Age 71 August 1, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Abel. Loving mother of Abel II (Amy Davidson). Sister of Patricia Irvin, Lisbeth Salach and the late William Salach. Also survived by many nieces, nephews friends and her dalmation Chunch. Beverly was a teacher in the Garden City schools for 43 years, retiring in 2010. Visitation Monday 2-8pm with a 7pm Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. (Between Ford Road and Cherry Hill.) Funeral Service Tuesday 10am at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 3521 Fourth Street, Wayne. Family suggests memorials to Hutcheson Manor. [www.santeiufuneralhome.com](http://www.santeiufuneralhome.com)

### Muir



**Joseph J.** age 86 of Milford, passed away at his home on August 1, 2017. He was born in Detroit, MI on December 4, 1930 to W. Joseph (“Joe”) and Viola L. (Bartel) Muir. On November 18, 1952, Joseph married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Coe, in South Lyon. Joseph and Dorothy made their home in New Hudson for many years. In his youth, he worked on his grandparents’ and father’s farms. Joseph graduated from South Lyon High School in 1949, where he was an accomplished football and baseball player. He was inducted into the SLHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. Joseph served our country in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was a hard worker and usually had 2 full-time jobs. Joseph’s career included employment with South Lyon Lumber, Michigan Seamless Tube, Kensington Metropark, and the General Motors Proving Ground, from which Joseph retired in 1993. Joseph truly loved being able to live-out his retirement years in his childhood home in Milford Township, which his father purchased in 1940. He is survived by his sons Michael and Patrick, grandsons Michael, John, and Robert, and many dear cousins. Joseph was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy in 2011. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton, Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, August 4, 2017 at St. Patrick Catholic Church at 10:30 A.M. with Rev. Fr. Joseph Campbell celebrating. Visitation at the church beginning at 9:30 A.M. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Livingston County with envelopes available at the funeral home. Please visit Joseph’s Book of Memories at [www.keehnfuneralhome.com](http://www.keehnfuneralhome.com)

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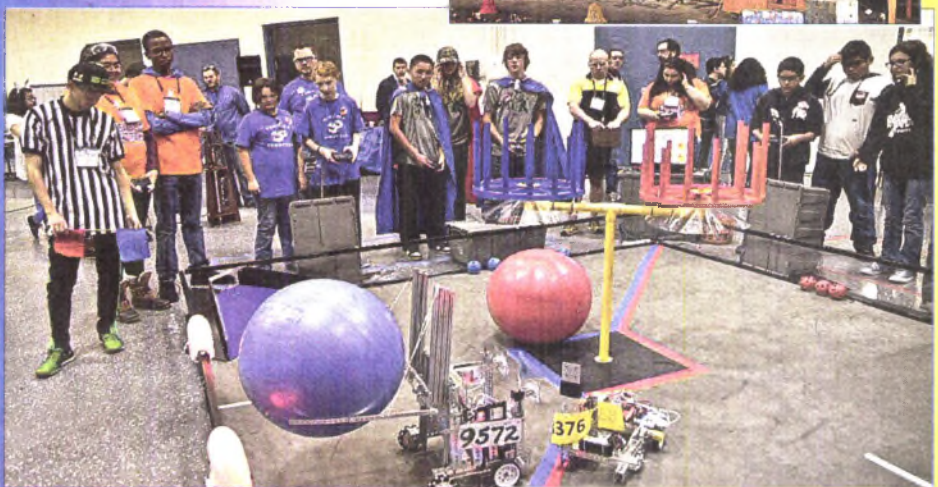
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USA HOCKEY

# Lockwood waiting for his time

Marty Budner  
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Will Lockwood's injured shoulder prevented him from participating in the World Junior Summer Showcase which took place last week at the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Lockwood accepted his fate with a positive frame of mind.

The Bloomfield Hills resident, one of 42 hockey prospects selected to play in the prestigious annual event, was relegated to watching his USA Blue team's games from the stands. However, the 19-year-old Lockwood still skated

with his teammates during practice sessions and described the situation as an important learning tool for his overall hockey development.

"It was a bummer that I wasn't going to be able to play (in the Showcase), but I'm just happy to be here and happy to get the invite," Lockwood said after Tuesday morning's skate. "Right now, I can't play in any of the games, but I'm just trying to do anything I can to be positive around the rink and kind of showcase myself the best as I can during practice."

"I think they're not just looking for hockey players, but they are looking for team guys,

too," he added. "I really want to get to know everyone and give my teammates a positive feedback, like what they can do better in games, and just trying to have an impact as much as I can."

### Valued youth experience

Lockwood grew up with a passion for the sport while attending Berkshire Middle School and spending two years at Birmingham Groves High School. He played with many of the area's more formidable AAA youth programs, including Victory Honda, Honey-



RENA LAVERTY

Will Lockwood played two years for the USNTDP U18 squad before taking his talents to the University of Michigan.

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## Preps gear for new seasons

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's 2017-18 prep sports calendar kicks off this week as fall season teams can begin official practice sessions.

High school football programs which begin regular-season play Aug. 24 must begin practice by Aug. 7. According to MHSAA rules, teams must have 12 preseason practice days at all levels over a period of 16 calendar days before their first game.

This fall, two football game dates precede Labor Day, with 141 varsity games scheduled for opening day Thursday, Aug. 24.

Practices for all other prep sports teams begin Aug. 9.

In girls golf and boys tennis, competition can begin no earlier than after three separate days of team practice and not before seven calendar days. The first day golf and tennis teams can begin formal competition is Aug. 16.

The first formal day competition can take place in girls and boys cross country, boys soccer, girls swimming and diving and volleyball is Aug. 18. Those squads cannot begin play until after seven days of team practice and not before nine calendar days.

## Parros sweeps competition

Wake surfer Nick Parros has continued his excellent summer by sweeping the annual WakeForest competition on Gull Lake in Minnesota last weekend.

Parros, 17, won the Men's Amateur Skim and the Men's Amateur Surf competitions in his debut into surf style of wake surfing.

The three-day competition demands high performance from wake surfers across the world. It was the second time he's won an event this season.

## Twins sign USPBL trio

Three more players from the United Shore Professional Baseball League recently were signed by the Minnesota Twins organization.

Kevin Marnon from the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers and Randy Dobnak and Taylor Grzelakowski from the Utica Unicorns were the third, fourth and fifth USPBL players signed to a Major League Baseball contract this season.

Grzelakowski, a catcher from Fraser, joined the Unicorns following his collegiate career at Madonna University. Grzelakowski was leading the USPBL in home runs (nine) through 29 games before being called up.

Dobnak is a right-handed pitcher from Pittsburgh who went 3-0 in six games with the Unicorns. Marnon is a southpaw from Shelby Township who fanned 29 in 18 innings of work with a 1.50 ERA.

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# STILL PLAYING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS



TOM BEAUDOIN

It's all hands in for the Inspired Packaging Solutions softball team before playing July 21 at Claude Allison Park in Redford. The team is in its 40th season.

## Longtime friends use Friday night softball as excuse to get together

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Four decades ago, a group of college-age softball pals from Redford banded together

to form a recreational softball team.

Virtually all aspects of their lives have changed since 1978 — with marriages, kids, job changes, grandkids and even a

couple of divorces.

That is, *except* their Friday nights out playing softball with their pals.

"It's not just softball," said 57-year-old Ron Hymes, a Red-

ford native and one of nine original players still with the Inspired Packaging Solutions-sponsored team, now enjoying

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SUMMER BASKETBALL

# Elite cage camp brings out best in Seaholm's Flynn

Marty Budner  
hometownlife.com

There are summer basketball camps and there is the Michigan Elite 25 Basketball Program.

The annual Michigan Elite event, which this year celebrated its fifth anniversary, brought together the state's top high school players by invitation only. This year's camp, held this week at Hype Recreation Center in Dearborn Heights, included more than 140 players deemed among the best in their respective age divisions.

Brady Flynn, who will be a senior this year at Birmingham Seaholm, was one of them. He was honored to be among the 37

participants from the Class of 2018 intent on improving their skills for the upcoming high school season.

"I love how talented the players are," said Flynn, a first-year camp participant. "I just learned what works and what doesn't work playing against this level of competition."

"It was really cool to get invited. I was really excited," he added. "It's really fun playing against this high of competition every day and learning a lot about playing in college from the people they brought in."

Flynn was a member of Seaholm's squad last season that advanced to the Class A



MARTY BUDNER  
Birmingham Seaholm's Brady Flynn flies through a dribbling drill during a the Michigan Elite 25 basketball camp.

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RECREATIONAL GOLF



Livonia Stevenson grad Bill Bonnano, with playing partners Marco Yaquinto (left) and C.J. Weiss, celebrate after scoring a hole-in-one on the 320-yard, No. 10 hole at Fox Creek.

# Western football walk-on cards 320-yard hole-in-one

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There are holes-in-one and then there are *other* holes-in-one.

Bill Bonnano, a 2014 Livonia Stevenson High grad who was a walk-on member of last year's Western Michigan University football team that went 13-1 and played in the Cotton Bowl, put himself in the *other* category when he used a King Cobra F7 Plus driver to ace the 320-yard, No. 10 hole July 18 at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

His playing partners that day were former Stevenson football teammates C.J. Weiss and Marco Yaquinto.

Using his compact, 5-foot-8, 190-pound frame, Bonnano normally drives it 290 yards.

"Kind of got a hold of it," Bonnano said. "We were actually driving up to the tee and my buddy C.J. said, 'We're going to drive the green.' And I didn't think anything of it. I teed off last and absolutely pelted one. It was one of those where you twirled your club and picked up your tee and I started walking back to the cart."

Bonnano, however, did not actually see his ball land in the hole.

"The guys ahead of us were walking off the green and we were driving up," Bonnano said. "They were still on the green and I thought they were mad because we hit up on them. When I hit it, C.J. said, 'You're like five feet from pin.' We drove up there and the guy was jumping up and down wav-

ing a one on his hand. When we got closer to the green he said it went in. I walked up there and, sure enough, it was in."

The highest percentage of holes-in-one come on par-3s, but on this par-4 it was important to have at least one witness given the unusual long distance.

"They were literally 10 yards off the green when it hit," Bonnano said. "The guy said he heard it hit and he turned around and he watched it roll in. I couldn't play the next two holes because I was still shaking."

Bonnano, who is working on the bag staff this summer at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield, recorded 82 for his 18-hole round.

"I was actually pretty upset how my front nine went, but I'll take an 82 all day," Bonnano said.

As customary practice, it's a tradition that the person with a hole-in-one buy drinks once they get back to the clubhouse, but Bonnano wasn't of age quite yet.

"Funny story," Bonnano said. "I actually just turned 21 two days ago (July 24). I would have bought everyone and anyone a drink, but I did not unfortunately. I told them I'd come back, though."

At Stevenson, Bonnano was a three-sport athlete who also played baseball and basketball.

"I tried my freshman year, but I was just a little pip squeak, like a 160-(pound) guy," Bonnano said. "I didn't make it, so I said, 'OK, whatever.' I took a summer and a year to bulk up. Gained like 15-20 pounds of

muscle. Tried out again this past junior year and I made it."

Although Bonnano didn't get a chance to get on the field last season, he'll take with him a season full of memories as a member of the Mid-American Conference champions, who captured a school-record 13 games before falling to Wisconsin in the Cotton Bowl, 24-16.

Bonnano, an exercise science major who will not return to the Broncos' squad for his senior season, also got a chance to play for the high octane P.J. Fleck, who went on to take the head coaching job at Minnesota after WMU's Cotton Bowl appearance last January.

"It was unreal, (Fleck) taught me more stuff about life than like football," Bonnano said. "It was more than football being on that team. I wouldn't change a thing and he just made the sport so much more fun to play. He was just always an energetic guy and just great to be around."

Bonnano's Cotton Bowl week in Dallas proved to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"It was absolutely unreal and beyond," he said. "It was everything I could have expected and more. The hospitality that they put on and being at AT&T Stadium practicing there ... during the game running out the tunnel ... was something I'll absolutely never forget."

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# FLYNN

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district championship game, where it lost to Troy. With the lessons he's learned at this camp, he hopes to lead his squad to an even better showing this season.

"Losing in the district championship game to Troy, who made it pretty far (in the state tournament), we thought we were right there," said Flynn, 17. "I think we'll be even better this year, so I'm really excited to keep trying and improving."

### Top-flight instructors

The camp features mentoring from some of the state's top basketball coaches, who run daily drills in a fast-paced environment. Like all camps, the training includes shooting, defense, speed and agility drills, among other things. Unlike other camps, participants are engaged in drills and compete against similarly elite talent.

Terrance Porter, Farmington High School's boys basketball head coach, completed his fourth year as a camp instructor. He is more than happy to offer his knowledge during the unique four-day camp which, in addition to the on-court instruction, also emphasizes the importance of education, community values, leadership qualities and nutritional advantages.

"I think this camp is great for kids, especially coming off their high school and AAU seasons, because they just got off the road playing a lot of games," Porter said. "Now it's a situation where we're focusing on fundamental skill work and teaching them how to play. We're stressing the fundamentals here."

### 'Not an ordinary camp'

Southfield Christian's Bryce Washington, who will be a senior this season, was one of the week's standouts, according to camp officials. The camp also included Michigan State University-bound and four-star recruit Marcus Bingham from Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

"This camp teaches everyone about life after college and how important it is to get



MARTY BUDNER

Farmington boys basketball head coach Terrance Porter was among the group of mentors working at the Elite basketball camp.

an education," said Washington, a Southfield resident in his fourth year as a camp attendee. "It's not an ordinary camp. They teach you so much more."

The Michigan Elite 25 Camp was co-founded by former Clarkston, University of Michigan and NBA player Tim McCormick and former Brother Rice and Western Michigan University player Michael Dietz, who now runs Dietz Sports & Entertainment in Farmington Hills.

"I think coach McCormick and Mike Dietz, the idea of even coming up with this camp is great for our state," Porter said. "This is fun. There is a lot of good basketball here in the state of Michigan and it's great to be able to see guys from different parts of the state that you probably normally don't get a chance to see."

Following are the local players who were registered to participate in the annual camp (listed by graduating year):

**2018:** Tyler Canfield (Bloomfield Hills); Raymond Bryant (Farmington)

**2019:** B. Artis White (Canton); Jiovanni Miles (Novi)

**2020:** Jon Brantley (Brother Rice); Justus Salaam (North Farmington); Leo Skupin (Lakeland); Mackenzy Blackwell (Novi Franklin Road Christian); Jamal Hayes (North Farmington); Wendall Green Jr. (Detroit Country Day)

**2021:** Tariq Humes (Farmington); Deon Hayes (North Farmington); Jaden Akins (Farmington); Kaden Porter (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood)



MARTY BUDNER

Southfield Christian star Bryce Washington (left) checks up on Michigan State University-bound standout Marcus Bingham, who will be a senior this year at Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

# LOCKWOOD

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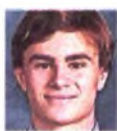
baked and the Oakland Junior Grizzlies.

He spent his last two years of high school at Ann Arbor Pioneer while honing his fast-developing career with the United States National Team Development Program Under-18 squad. In the 2015-16 season, he finished fifth on the team in scoring with 33 points, including 13 goals, in 59 games.

Lockwood's hockey skills made an impression on the Vancouver Canucks, who drafted the fast-skating forward in the third round, 64th overall, of the 2016 NHL Entry Draft.

"That was a great experience and it was a good day to take that and celebrate it with my family and friends," Lockwood said about being drafted. "But that was just one day and, after that day, it was back to work."

"It didn't change my work ethic, the way I play or anything," he added. "Yeah, it was a good experience, but you



*"To make the NHL is always something I dreamed about as a kid...I'm just trying to take the necessary steps to get there."*

### WILL LOCKWOOD

Bloomfield Hills native and current University of Michigan hockey player

kind of have to look past that and focus on what's ahead."

### Skating to Ann Arbor

After graduating from Pioneer in 2016, Lockwood opted to forego the NHL for the time being and skate right down the street to follow in his dad's footsteps at Michigan. His father Joe, also a forward, played 147 games for the Wolverines and posted 36 goals with 33 assists back in the mid-to late '80s.

In his first season with the Wolverines last year, Lockwood tallied 20 points (eight goals, 12 assists) in 30 games, including six multi-point performances. He received the program's Dekers Club Award as the top rookie and earned the Hal Downes Trophy as the team's most valuable player.

Even with a decent freshman season, when he led the Wolverines in shorthanded and game-winning goals, Lockwood knows there's room for improvement.

"It was a good year, but I wasn't really satisfied with the way it went," Lockwood said. "There were too many ups and downs, I thought. I suffered a few injuries but, all in all, I think I can be more consistent in the future and that's something I'm going to work on."

"I'm taking that first year as a learning experience," he added. "Taking the mistakes I made to learn from them and fix them for next year. I'm not really satisfied with where I'm at right now. I'm doing whatever I can to improve as a player."

### A drive to succeed

Lockwood is known as an aggressive winger and play maker who is not afraid to cause havoc in the corners fighting for the puck. The 5-foot-11, 172-pound right-handed shooter's main asset is speed.

"I think I bring a high compete level to each game and I like to use my speed to the best of my advantage," Lockwood said. "I'm also a play maker and I like to play at both ends of the ice."

For now, Lockwood plans to hone his game with the Wolverines and their first-year head coach Mel Pearson, who takes over this season for the legendary Red Berenson. The goal is to learn and improve as much as possible while helping the Wolverines restore their program.

"As a team, we struggled a bit, but it was a good learning experience to kind of get the first year under my belt," said Lockwood, who is wearing the same number (10) that his dad wore during his playing days with the Wolverines.

"I'm looking forward to next year. We have some good in-

coming recruits and we have a new coach, which I'm excited about," he added. "So I think we can take last year and learn from it and be a whole different team next year."

Lockwood's drive to succeed is only surpassed by his desire to reach the game's ultimate level — the NHL.

"I think I'm in a great a position. There really is no better place to be than in Ann Arbor playing for Michigan," Lockwood said. "Where I'm at right now, it's just something you kind of play by ear. It could happen coming up soon or it could happen down the road."

"It's something I have to take day by day and work every day to make my team better, make myself better and, when that comes along, hopefully I'll have that chance to play at the next level."

"To make the NHL is always something I dreamed about as a kid," he added. "There's times of doubt, but to play at the next level is something I've always had in the back of my head. I'm just trying to take the necessary steps to get there."



YOUTH TENNIS

# Youngsters shine at annual King tournament

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The area's youth tennis players once again enjoyed a great experience participating in the eighth annual Scott L. King Serving Aces for Sarcoma tournament.

The U-10 tourney was hosted July 14-16 by the Birmingham Racquet Club and included approximately 60 players competing in three different age divisions — Green Ball (ages 9-10), Orange Ball (ages 7-8) and Red Ball (ages 6 and under).

The King tournament is designed to cater to the ability levels of each participant.

Following are the individual event finalists:

**ORANGE BALL FINALISTS:** Thomas McCormick (winner); Anthony Boschini (runner-up)  
**ORANGE BALL CONSOLATION FINALISTS:** Beatrice



The Scott L. King tourney Orange Ball Division finalists were Thomas McCormick and Anthony Boschini.



The Scott L. King tournament Red Ball Division finalists were Ava Khalil, Ellie Kim, Jade Troupe and Alex Makled.

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**RED BALL FINALISTS:** Ava Khalil (winner); Ellie Kim (runner-up)

**RED BALL CONSOLATION FINALISTS:** Jada Troupe (winner); Alex Makled (runner-up)

**BOYS GREEN BALL FINALISTS:** Patrick McCormick (win-

ner); Prabhath Inturi (runner-up)

**BOYS GREEN BALL CONSOLATION FINALISTS:** Henry Rosenberg (winner); Max Prather (runner-up)

**GIRLS GREEN BALL FINALISTS:** Julia Yousif (winner); Rashi Bajpai (runner-up)

**GIRLS GREEN BALL CONSO-**

**LATION FINALISTS:** Louisa Rosenberg (winner); Megan Puia (runner-up)

Scott L. King attended Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood High School, where he not only excelled in tennis — he was a two-time MHSAA No. 1 singles state champion — but also played

soccer and skied. He earned a scholarship to Michigan State University, where he played four years of varsity tennis.

King lived most of his adult life in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area, where he stayed involved with tennis, passing on his enjoyment of the sport and its life's lessons via a variety of youth tennis programs.

King died nine years ago of sarcoma, a form of cancer that affects the body's connective tissues. The Scott L. King Junior Tournament was created to carry on his legacy.

All event proceeds benefit the Scott L. King Endowment Fund for Sarcoma Research at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Anyone wishing to donate can contact Julie L. King at info@SLKervingAces.com.

## TEAM

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its 40th season in the Redford Leisure Services Adult Friday Night Softball League. "It's playing with these guys and it's being part of a family, is what it all comes down to. Having a couple of pops afterwards doesn't hurt, either."

He added that members of the group "just enjoy each other's company and that's what it's really all about. It's a good time, good fun, win, lose or draw."

Hymes loves the group so much that he doesn't mind making the trek from Rochester Hills to either Handy Park or Claude Allison, the latter venue where IPS played against Stables one recent Friday night.

### Worth the trip

Original team member Mike Mardiros, 58, also of Rochester, one-upped Hymes.

"One year I moved to Chicago and I still made over half the games," Mardiros said. "I was in Chicago for work. But the guys are all the same and the new people that we've brought in are all great guys, too."

"We really haven't changed. Mentally, we're 25-year-olds, we just have really bad bodies now."

The team is managed by two other original players, Redford's John Szybisty and Mike Harris.

"I think it's just the camaraderie of the players," said Szybisty, 61, whose son Mike, 23, is one of the handful of youngsters who have crashed the party in recent years.

"They love getting out here on summer nights. This is what we've been doing since most of these guys got out of (now-defunct Redford Bishop Borgess) high school.

"They pretty much knew each other from St. Robert Bellarmine, going back to grade school years in Redford."

With a chuckle, the 58-year-old Harris said there are more aches and pains each Saturday morning, but not enough for anybody to hang up their spikes.

"Everybody loves playing and doesn't want to give it up," Harris said. "But I think it's more because we've become such good friends over the years and this keeps us together, keeps us talking to each other, seeing each other."

"It's kind of a break from work, from the everyday things of life and stuff that's happened. I think that's what a lot of the guys like."

### The long haul

Right off the bat in the late 1970s, when the team called itself Curtis Mathes (the original sponsor) and guys were in their 20s, longevity for the group seemed certain.

"Our first year (1978), we went 1-11," Szybisty said. "We got our one win because the other team didn't show up that night."

"And we still came back the next season," Mardiros, standing nearby, said with a laugh.

Through the years, when some players had to leave because of various reasons but



Members of the IPS men's rec softball team, celebrating its 40th season in Redford, include: (front row, from left) Dave Kerr, Mike Szybisty, Rob Scherer, Conrad Szybisty and Joe Carrier; (back row, from left) Tim Kubera, Mike Harris, Ron Hymes, Mike Franz, Paul Bonkowski, Pete Graef, Mike Mardiros, Joe Santana, John Szybisty, Mark Azzopardi, Matt Nalepinski, Mike Kohn and Justin Koehler. Also on the team are Fran DePlanche, Bob Brown, Brian Lister and Pat Shugart.

### STILL 'INSPIRED'

**Who:** Inspired Packaging Solutions, a team in the Redford Leisure Service Friday Night Adult Softball League.

**What:** The recreational team is in its 40th season of play, all based in Redford Township.

**Who:** Players remaining from the original 1978 team include IPS owner and team sponsor Joe Santana, Mark Azzopardi, Joe Carrier, Mike Franz, Mike Harris, Ron Hymes, Tim Kubera, Mike Mardiros and John Szybisty. Also on the roster are Paul Bonkowski, Bob Brown, Fran DePlanche, Pete Graef, Dave Kerr, Justin Koehler, Mike Kohn, Brian Lister, Matt Nalepinski, Rob Scherer, Pat Shugart, Conrad Szybisty and Michael Szybisty.

ultimately returned (Matt Nalepinski's career was interrupted for more than 25 years, for example), the team has stayed competitive despite winning only one league championship in 1985.

"We're still playing right around .500 ball and I think that tells me we're in the right place, where we're supposed to be," Szybisty said. "We're competitive with the rest of the guys (in the league)."

"When we've been close to a team or actually beaten a team where they seem quite a bit younger than us, there's no greater feeling anymore. It's that we were able to go toe to toe and see that sorry look on their faces as we go through the handshake line."

### Young at heart

Whatever the prospect for victory on a given night, the guys make sure they make their way to Handy or Claude Allison.

Consider Mark Azzopardi, 61. He entered the picture in 1979 and hasn't stopped grabbing his softball gear and driving to Redford at the end of every work week ever since.

"The emphasis of what we do has changed over the years," Azzopardi said. "Before, it was all about winning. Now, we still try to win, but it's more about staying healthy, having fun and getting to the parking lot in one piece."

Azzopardi nodded when it

was mentioned that the group has uncovered a fountain of youth of sorts by coming back year after year.

"We're buying more Motrin at the drug store these days," he said. "Our intensity level is still there. The mind is willing, but the body not so much anymore sometimes."

"But you get here and you feel like you're 20 years old again — until the next morning, when you try to get out of bed."

Concurring was Harris, noting that it "doesn't feel like we're twice as old or maybe even more than that than most of the guys" on game nights.

The next day brings a dose of reality, of course.

"Sometimes after the game or Saturday mornings, it feels a little bit like that, but not while we're out there playing," Harris said.

### Still got it

On this particular July night, IPS players showed they still had some game left in them. In the second inning, outfielder Pat Shugart charged in to snag a potential base hit before it hit the ground.

A four-run surge in the top of the third put IPS up 5-4, a rally featuring a lot of station-to-station offense. For a group of middle-age guys, extra-base speed no longer is part of the repertoire, Szybisty and others joked.

In the bottom half of the inning, shortstop Mardiros ranged to his right, backhanded the ball and flipped it to Mike Franz at second for the inning-ending force-out.

Unfortunately, Stables took control in the next inning with a five-run outburst. But the final outcome never is the top priority for Inspired Packaging Solutions — what with the much younger opponents in the league.

"Tonight, we're just going to try to stay alive, stay healthy, don't get hurt," Szybisty said. "We have enough (players) and, in fact, I've been having enough guys lately where I haven't needed to play that much. I tend to manage more and play less."

At least he can still get more playing time for other family

members such as his son Michael or John's younger brother, 55-year-old Conrad Szybisty.

"It's a fantastic group," said Conrad, who left the team during the 1990s and early 2000s when he lived in Grand Rapids. "I was the younger guy coming up; these guys were a couple years older than me."

"So it took me a while to get on the team, because there were so many people that wanted to be part of this, and so by the time I got to be 21, my brother had to basically lobby for me to get on the team."

"It's been great to see relationships start and people get married. Then they have kids and the kids grow up and now our kids are playing with us. It's just been a great cycle of life."

### Weekly reunion

Michael Szybisty is a perfect case in point.

"I've been with the team since I was born," said Michael, a Novi Detroit Catholic Central alum. "Every Friday night, my mom would bring me and my brother and sister out, we'd come watch dad and the other guys play."

"When I was about 10 or 11, I became the team bat boy. I was able to be on the bench. I'd run, grab the bats and dust them off for the players and everything. Once I turned 18, I was able to start playing with these guys."

"But it's been an amazing experience. A lot of these guys, even though they're much older than I am, we're still close friends. One of them did work on my teeth as a dentist. Half of these guys I put down on resumes when I was applying for jobs."

Another relative youngster on IPS is 42-year-old Pete Graef, in his 21st season with the squad.

"Half my life, I've been out here on Friday nights trying to catch balls and trying to hit them far," Graef said with a laugh.

### Giving credit

Azzopardi tipped his cap to John Szybisty, Harris and sponsor Joe Santana (an original player, too) for keeping the



TOM BEAUDOIN

Rounding second base for IPS is Tim Kubera, one of nine original players on the squad.

team going for so many years.

"Those are the three guys that keep us heading in the right direction and keep us going, no question," Azzopardi said.

IPS began life as an independent and then played some 20 seasons, primarily sponsored by Curtis Mathes, a television business. Enter Santana, owner of IPS. He started picking up the tab a decade or so ago.

That's an expensive way to stay in the lineup.

Against Stables, Santana and original player Joe Carrier were unable to make the game. But seven of nine holdovers from 1978 did — John Szybisty, Harris, Hymes, Mardiros, Azzopardi, Franz and Tim Kubera.

### Happy return

The tug of friendship brought Nalepinski back after a long hiatus from the softball field.

"I took about 25 years off," said Nalepinski, still a Redford resident. "It was just being young and married and having a kid and I had a back injury. So I just kind of stopped playing and lost track."

He said he left in the mid-1980s and made his IPS comeback in 2012.

"I ran into Joe Carrier at the St. Robert's (Bellarmine) festival and he said come out and watch us play one night," Nalepinski said. "I said, 'You guys are still playing?' And he goes, 'Oh, yeah.' I couldn't believe it."

"So I started coming out just to watch them and just watching them play makes you want to participate, right?"

Nalepinski tore a tendon in his arm in his first game back, unfortunately, missing the rest of that season. But he made another comeback in 2013.

He and his buddies don't plan on stopping their Friday night hits and hijinks anytime soon.

"How can you not like playing baseball? It takes you back to when you were a kid," Nalepinski said, flashing a Little League kind of smile.

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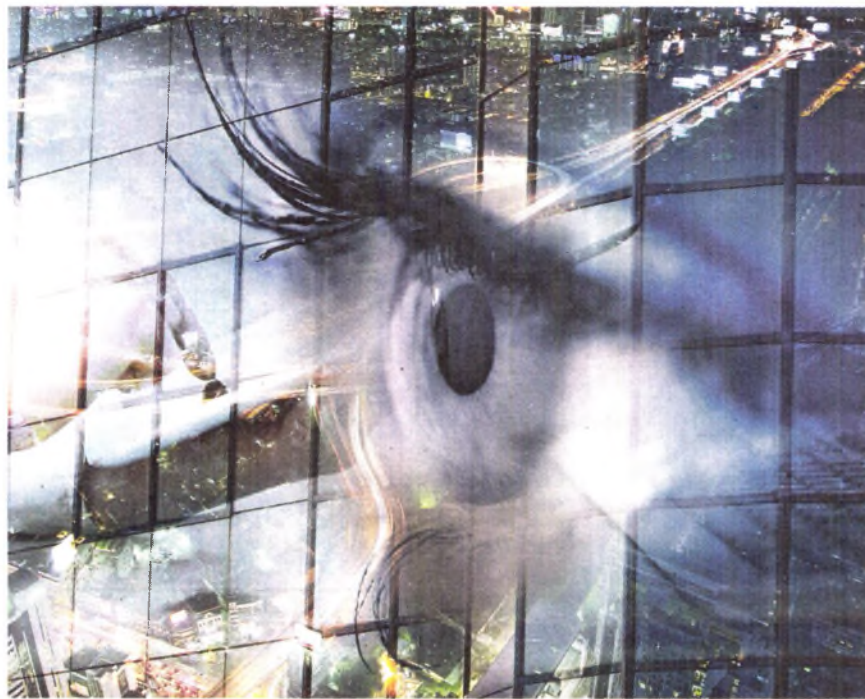
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**W**e all know that to get where we want to be, certain sacrifices are required – especially when we are starting out and getting the engine going in our careers. That may mean late nights, extra hours and constantly going above and beyond what is expected.

You can be willing to do all this extra labor with a smile on your face and still want the possibility of working remotely for a week in the summer or an afternoon off to see your kid's recital. So, when you're job hunting, here are five ways of finding out (without alerting the hiring manager), whether your potential new company prioritizes work-life balance.

### 1. Reverse the reference check

They're going to be checking up on you, after all, so why not check up on them? Sift through your online network and see if you know anyone (or anyone who knows anyone) who used to work for the company and might be willing to chat with you. Avoid asking them to answer any of your questions in writing, but do ask them to be candid. Ask about the culture, the flexibility, the



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diversity and what they would have changed if they had the chance.

### 2. Stake it out

Try to schedule your interview for early in the morning or late in the day. If it's 7 a.m. or 7 p.m. and the office is crammed, despite being advertised as a 9 to 5 job, then you have your answer. While at the interview, be sure

to look for signs of life outside of work: family photos, vacation memorabilia, etc. If you don't get past the lobby or the boardroom, ask for an office tour. Evidence that families and outside interests are prized in the office is a very good sign.

### 3. Social media stalking

Not the creepy kind, just the quick search. Try to get

a sense from different tiers of employees, from executives to interns. Are people complaining? Working all the time? Taking vacations? Do they have families? What sort of press has been generated by the company or its employees?

### 4. Do your homework

Read up on companies to get a sense of work-life bal-

ance policies in your industry. Try Apres, Glassdoor or Fairygodboss for starters. If you don't get this job, or decide you don't want this job, then you'll have a good idea of companies you might try next.

### 5. Ask around it

Direct questions can raise suspicions about your work ethic or intentions. Save them for after you receive the offer and are negotiating with human resources. And, in the interview process, ask questions that might get the answers you want without tipping your hand – questions such as what they love about the company that has nothing to do with their direct work, or the type of person who does best in that environment. You can also ask them to describe the company culture. Pay attention to what they're saying — and what they are not saying.

If you keep your wits about you, it is possible to glean quite a bit about a company's particular work-life balance — all without damaging your chances of getting the job.

*Peter Jones is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.*

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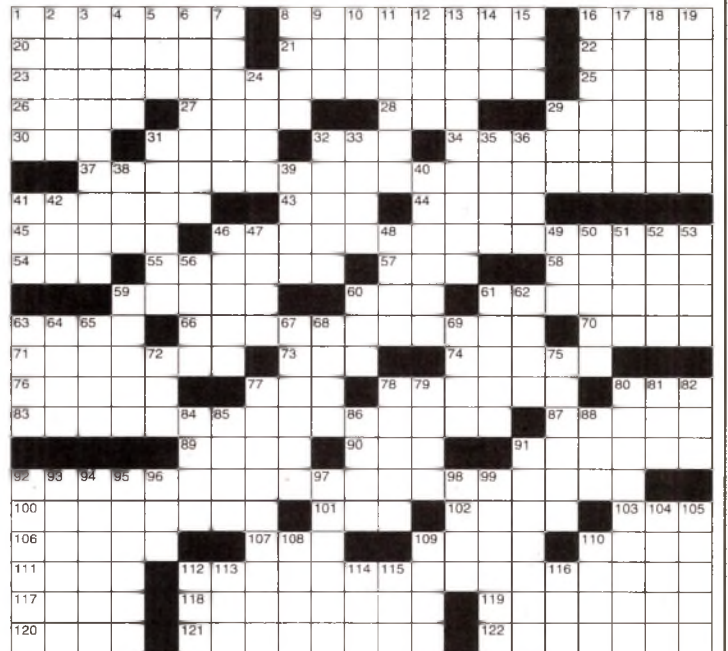
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- ACROSS**
- 1 As a substitute
  - 8 Part of VCR
  - 16 Snow clearer
  - 20 Saint who converted Scotland to Christianity
  - 21 Informal "Leave it to me"
  - 22 Roll-call call
  - 23 Public speech about unity?
  - 25 Dictator Idi
  - 26 D.C. baseball team
  - 27 Dog pests
  - 28 On the — (in hiding)
  - 29 Gun-carrying
  - 30 — devil
  - 31 Roster
  - 32 Canto or esprit lead-in
  - 34 Big online dating site
  - 37 Japanese dancing girls being helpers?
  - 41 Shunned sort
  - 43 Hagen of the stage
  - 44 Former U.N. head
  - 45 Citizen of Muscat
  - 46 Don't leave the Hoosier State?
  - 54 Method
  - 55 Walk atop
  - 57 "Wow!" in a text message
  - 58 Get via logic
  - 59 Reeves of Hollywood
  - 60 Dandy guy
  - 61 Substitute
  - 63 Prefix meaning "both"
  - 66 infant next to a famous British poet?
  - 70 Holders of holy tablets
  - 71 Observant
  - 73 French "yes"
  - 74 Atlanta university
  - 76 Carne — (Mexican dish)
  - 77 Method: Abbr.
  - 78 Feta, e.g.
  - 80 English article
  - 83 Route for some travelers headed for Ohio from Ontario?
  - 87 Housing at 74-Across, e.g.
  - 89 London vehicle
  - 90 Hawaii's Mauna —
  - 91 Style of many ski chalets
  - 92 Police officer in a certain military posture?
  - 100 Having several parts
  - 101 They may be parked at KOA sites
  - 102 Dark film genre
  - 103 Seattle-to-Phoenix dir.
  - 106 Weed B Gon brand
  - 107 Stable diet?
  - 109 Followers of Attila
  - 110 Like two peas in —
  - 111 Miles of film
  - 112 What DNA paternity tests provide?
  - 117 Shah's home
  - 118 Assumed control of
  - 119 Polar light phenomena
  - 120 To be, to Tacitus
  - 121 Fireplace log supporters
  - 122 Adolescents, informally
- DOWN**
- 1 Holy relics
  - 2 Singer Jones
  - 3 Roofing color
  - 4 Mild rebukes
  - 5 Former U.K. record co.
  - 6 Nullify
  - 7 Pastry type
  - 8 French film
  - 9 In time past
  - 10 Prince, e.g.
  - 11 Artist Frank
  - 12 2015 erupter
  - 13 TV show opener, often
  - 14 — a pity!
  - 15 9th letter
  - 16 Big — (drug companies)
  - 17 Actor Jack
  - 18 Get aligned
  - 19 Rival of Burger King
  - 24 Bi- times four
  - 29 Goya's field
  - 31 Act as a link
  - 32 Not — eye (show no reaction)
  - 33 Actor Morales
  - 35 Play of 45s
  - 36 "It's —!" ("That's just wrong!")
  - 38 A. in Berlin
  - 39 Japanese sport
  - 40 Like bikinis
  - 41 "Smack!"
  - 42 Org. for drs.
  - 46 Of kidneys
  - 47 Digital book file extension
  - 48 Tiro PC user
  - 49 Drop down
  - 50 Mosaic piece
  - 51 Miles off
  - 52 Tie locale
  - 53 Eros' father
  - 56 Perfume from Dana
  - 59 Fella
  - 60 Sticky-note dialect
  - 61 Juliet's flame
  - 62 Baseball's Subfinder
  - 63 At the drop of —
  - 64 "You've Made — Very Happy"
  - 65 Pooh, e.g.
  - 67 Cellist with 18 Grammys
  - 68 Total failure
  - 69 Marsh stalk
  - 72 Real admirer
  - 75 West Coast evergreen
  - 77 Hawaii achieved it in 1959
  - 78 Congeals
  - 79 Sun provision
  - 80 Take place sport
  - 81 "I wonder ..."
  - 82 Suffix of nationalities
  - 84 Certain Vette roof
  - 85 Uttered
  - 86 Kingly Norse name
  - 88 Pedro's gold
  - 89 Skirm, maybe
  - 91 In dispute
  - 92 Cheap flick
  - 93 Sirens, say
  - 94 Radicals
  - 95 Gas in fuel
  - 96 AFL —
  - 97 Strive to get
  - 98 Adequate, in
  - 99 Skirm, maybe
  - 104 Subfinder
  - 105 Rims
  - 108 Goller Isao of —
  - 109 — d'oeuvre
  - 110 Elvis Presley
  - 112 K-12 gp. at Hogwarts
  - 113 Pal of Harry
  - 114 Lacto- —
  - 115 Marsh
  - 116 Lead-in to existing



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6	2	6	3	7	7	5	8	4
8	5	3	6	4	6	1	2	7
4	3	7	5	7	9	8	9	2
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 R I V E R W L A R G E M O U T H G A T O H  
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 W S N A K E H E A D P C W H A R E S A F  
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- SNAKEHEAD
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- TETRA
- TROUT
- WALLEYE
- WHITEFISH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**Crossword Answers**

INSTEAD CASSETTE PLOW  
 COLUMBA IGOTTHIS HERE  
 ORATIONONENESS AMIN  
 NATS LICE CLAM ARMED  
 SHITLISTSEL EHRIMONY  
 GETSHASASSISTANTS  
 PARIAH UTA KOFI  
 OMANI REMANININDIANA  
 WAY STEPON DMG INFER  
 MEANU POP REPLACE  
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 ASADA SYS CHEESE THE  
 TORONTO TOLEDO DORMS  
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# Car Report

## CADILLAC RE-ASSERTS ITS BIG-SEDAN BONA FIDES WITH CT6 FLAGSHIP THAT IS WOWING, DRAWING LUXURY BUYERS



By Dale Buss

There's no underestimating the importance of the new flagship sedan that Cadillac introduced last year, the CT6.

Not only did the General Motors luxury brand need a spectacular new nameplate to undergird a premium brand in transition, but also Cadillac simply needed some well-executed new sheet metal to extend its marketplace appeal — and to keep true, alive and relevant the great product story it has been creating for several years now.

Cadillac's product planners and designers didn't disappoint a constituency that was eagerly awaiting CT6. It now sets the standard as GM's top luxury sedan, with the keenest manifestation yet of Cadillac's now-iconic angular styling, a fashion-forward interior, rocket-like performance, and full-size passenger

space at mid-size prices.

Buyers certainly have noticed. Sales for the first half of the year were nearly double the level of a year ago when Cadillac was still rolling out the vehicle. And in June, Cadillac sold more than 1,000 CDT6 units, up 5 percent from June 2016, even as the brand's other sedans struggled in a luxury market that is increasingly tacking toward SUVs and crossovers.

Cadillac's reinvention began a few years ago as its marketers and brand leadership wanted to create a positioning that would build on Cadillac's heritage as the best that American luxury automobiles had to offer, emphasizing the U.S. origins of the brand — but at the same time putting forth a product proposition that was the equal to the high bar being set by German luxury brands and Lexus.

Even amid confusion over the brand that since has been straightened out, everyone said that Cadillac was producing great products, including its ATS and CTS sedans and its iconic — and unique — Escalade SUV. But Cadillac leadership including CEO



CT6 Interior is a blend of avant garde styling and high tech

Johan Nysschen also recognized that the brand needed to come forth with some great new products to support Cadillac's new positioning.

A re-skinning of the SRX crossover as the new XT5 was the first effort; there are more utility vehicles planned for the next few years to fill those gaps in the brand's product lineup.

But their significant bet on sedans was CT6, with a starting price of \$53,795 that can easily grow by another \$30,000 as you add trim levels and option packages. And yet the car you end up with stands up in every way to BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Audi competitors at those rarefied price levels. That was the whole idea behind CT6, after all.

Standing strong for CT6 begins, in very Cadillac fashion, with what's under the hood. CT6 comes standard with a turbocharged, 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that's good for 265 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque. Rear-wheel drive and an eight-speed automatic transmission are standard. EPA-estimated fuel economy with the four-cylinder engine is 25 mpg.

There are two V6 engines available,

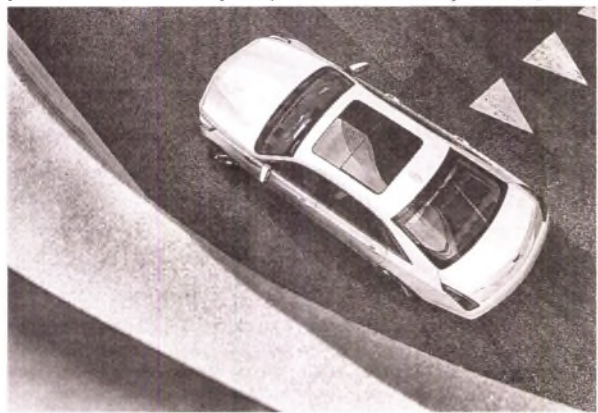
has tuned CT6 to handle with every bit the aplomb of its German rivals — not with the bit of mushiness that Cadillac's big sedans of old would have presented.

One of CT6's greatest strengths is that it's priced like a midsize model but is equipped like a full-size, executive-class car. It's available in four trim levels, and there's a new CT6 Plug-in hybrid. Standard equipment includes all sorts of luxury features such as 18-inch wheels (19-inch with the V6 engine), front and rear parking sensors, LED headlights and taillights, heated mirrors, auto-dimming rearview mirror, leather upholstery, eight-way power front seats, driver memory settings and dual-zone automatic climate control.

Tech is intuitive and prominent, including a 10.2-inch touchscreen with Cadillac's CUE interface, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration, a rearview camera, voice controls, four USB charge ports, wireless charging and an eight-speaker Bose sound system with satellite radio and three audio USB ports.



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**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.

*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, August 9, 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., August 9, 2017. No comments will be accepted over the telephone.*

**Jennifer Lawson, Chairperson  
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PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

**Petition 2017-07-01-04 submitted by Elizabeth Nace** pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 9039 Middlebelt Road, located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Joy Road and Grandon Avenue in the Southeast ¼ of Section 35, from OS (Office Services) to R-1 (One Family Residential - 60' x 120' lots).

The above-mentioned petition will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

**Ian Wilshaw, Chairman  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

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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. Applicant is

*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, August 9, 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., August 9, 2017. No comments will be accepted over the telephone.*

**Jennifer Lawson, Chairperson  
Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Charter Township of Redford (P.C. ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.) will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days notice to the (P.C. ZBA, Board of Trustees, etc.) Further individuals with disabilities required auxiliary aids or service should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Day Rd., Redford MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2750.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR  
REQUEST FOR BIDS  
CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN  
LIVONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT - STATION 1  
HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION**

Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, August 29th, 2017** at which time the RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.

A **mandatory pre-bid meeting** will be held at the Livonia Fire Department Headquarters, 14910 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan at **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 15th, 2017.** Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.

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

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

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN LIVONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT - STATION 1 HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION, name of vendor** and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

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

The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Shadd Whitehead  
Livonia Fire Chief

Dennis K. Wright  
Mayor

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN  
BICENTENNIAL PARK  
PROPOSED DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION - PHASE II**

Sealed bids for the BICENTENNIAL PARK PROPOSED DOG PARK CONSTRUCTION - PHASE II project will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., Local Time, on August 22, 2017 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. Interested bidders shall congregate prior to the meeting time in the public parking lot on the North side of the proposed dog park location located at #35000 Seven Mile Road.

The City of Livonia seeks bids for the following:

Installation of fencing and furnishings associated with the construction of a proposed dog park including, but not limited to approximately 2,600 l.f. of 6' high vinyl-coated chain-link fencing and maintenance gates, installation of benches and other fixtures associated with a dog park, installation of approximately 8 landscape trees and restoration of disturbed areas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2017-2018**

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Livonia Public Schools School District shall be held at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays, in the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 734-744-2500, on the following dates:

July 24, 2017	August 21, 2017	September 18, 2017	October 16, 2017
November 13, 2017	December 18, 2017	January 22, 2018	February 12, 2018
March 19, 2018	April 16, 2018	May 7, 2018	June 4, 2018 June 18, 2018

The Board regularly holds Committee and Study Session meetings throughout the year. Additional Special Meetings and/or Board Workshops may also be scheduled as needed.

Special meetings of the Board of Education may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, location and purpose of such meetings. Service of the notices shall be made in accordance with Board Policy BCAC and with the provisions of P.A. 267 and the General School Laws of the State of Michigan, and may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

The Secretary of the Board shall cause public notice to be given of all meetings of the Board of Education in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Proposed minutes of Board meetings will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Board of Education offices, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, not more than eight business days after the date of each meeting, and approved minutes of each meeting will be on the LPS Web site and available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same location not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved.

The President and/or Secretary of the Board shall be authorized to sign all contracts and legal documents on behalf of the Board of Education following approval by resolution of the Board, unless the Board specifically designates other members of the Board or administration in its resolution to approve the contract or legal document.

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**ANNUAL REPORT  
PLYMOUTH ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
CITY OF LIVONIA  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

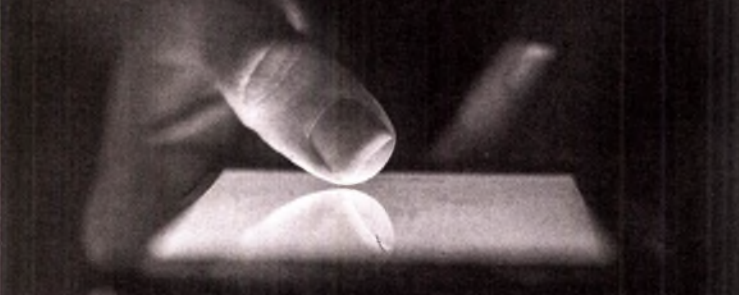
<b>A. Revenue</b>			
Tax Capture			
Winter 2013	0		
Summer 2014	0		
Property Tax Revenue Special Assessment	840,567		
Specials Assessment	0		
Interest	218		
Other Revenue	0		
Total Revenue		840,785	
<b>Proceeds from Issuance of</b>			
Long-term Debt	0	0	
B. Bond Reserve	0	0	
C. Expenditures	0	0	
Operations	447,093		
Capital Projects	0		
Debt Service	590,300	0	
Total Expenditures		10,037,393	
D. Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness	1,125,000		
Principal			
Interest	115,313		
Total Bonded Indebtedness		1,240,313	
E. Initial Assessed Value (1994)			
Ad valorem homestead	0		
Ad valorem	430,555,910		
IFT New (pre 1994)	268,333,300		
New (post 1993)	0		
CFT New	2,458,180		
ITC	0		
IE3	0		
Total Initial Assessed Value		701,347,390	
F. Captured Value			
Ad valorem homestead	0		
Ad valorem non-homestead	321,211,250		
IFT New (pre 1994)	68,390,300		
New (post 1993)	0		
CFT New	0		
ITC	0		
IE3	0		
Total Captured Value		3,893,601,950	
G. Tax Increment Revenue			
Received			
From local school district	0		
From ISD	0		
From SET	0		
From county	0		
From city	0		
From community college	0		
From other	0		
H. Number of Jobs Created		Unknown	
<b>Additional Information</b>			

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- Rear Vision Camera
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