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Grindstone Smokehouse owner to rebuild after fire

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The owner of a Westland restaurant damaged by fire is planning to rebuild his business.

"I'm moving ahead with every intention of reopening. We had a big staff meeting with pizza to talk about ideas on how to keep moving forward," said James Raptoplous, owner of the Grindstone Smokehouse.

Located on Wayne Road just south of Ford, the restaurant suffered extensive interior damage during an early morning fire May 6.

"We were going to have a big new menu launch and new uniforms. This is heartbreaking for everyone," Raptoplous said. "I think it is not as bad as the photos (indicated). I think it's easily fixed with elbow grease and some two-by-fours."

The cause of the fire is still

under investigation by the Westland Fire Department fire marshal division, which will soon be joined by insurance private investigators.

"It is still an undetermined cause of the fire. We can change an undetermined cause (based on additional information)," Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said.

Much of the fire damage was on the restaurant interior, Stradtner had said, adding the damage was significant but

could be rebuilt.

The Grindstone Smokehouse opened late in 2015 after extensive remodeling of the former Beaver Creek. Raptoplous had operated Beaver Creek for about 18 months prior to opening the new restaurant.

"I had so much community support — someone wanted to do a fundraiser. People want to help," he said. "Time is the

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James Raptoplous shown just before his Grindstone Smokehouse Restaurant opened in 2015.

Livonia boy appearing on 'Little Big Shots' this weekend

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Nash Abrahams has seen quite a bit of the world for only being 10 years old.

Of course, half the time he's away from home, he's on a unicycle. And perhaps juggling some clubs or knives.

Sunday, the Livonia boy and Riley Upper Elementary fifth-grader will have an even bigger platform to show off his unicycle skills. He'll be one of the featured performers on NBC's "Little Big Shots," airing at 8 p.m. locally on WDIV-TV.

The show focuses on youngsters who do amazing things. It launched last year and is hosted by comedian Steve Harvey. It's currently in its second

season.

Abrahams said his demonstration on the show was his ability to juggle while riding a unicycle, a skill he's been able to do for several years. But he got a surprise of his own during filming last summer when Harvey grabbed some juggling balls himself.

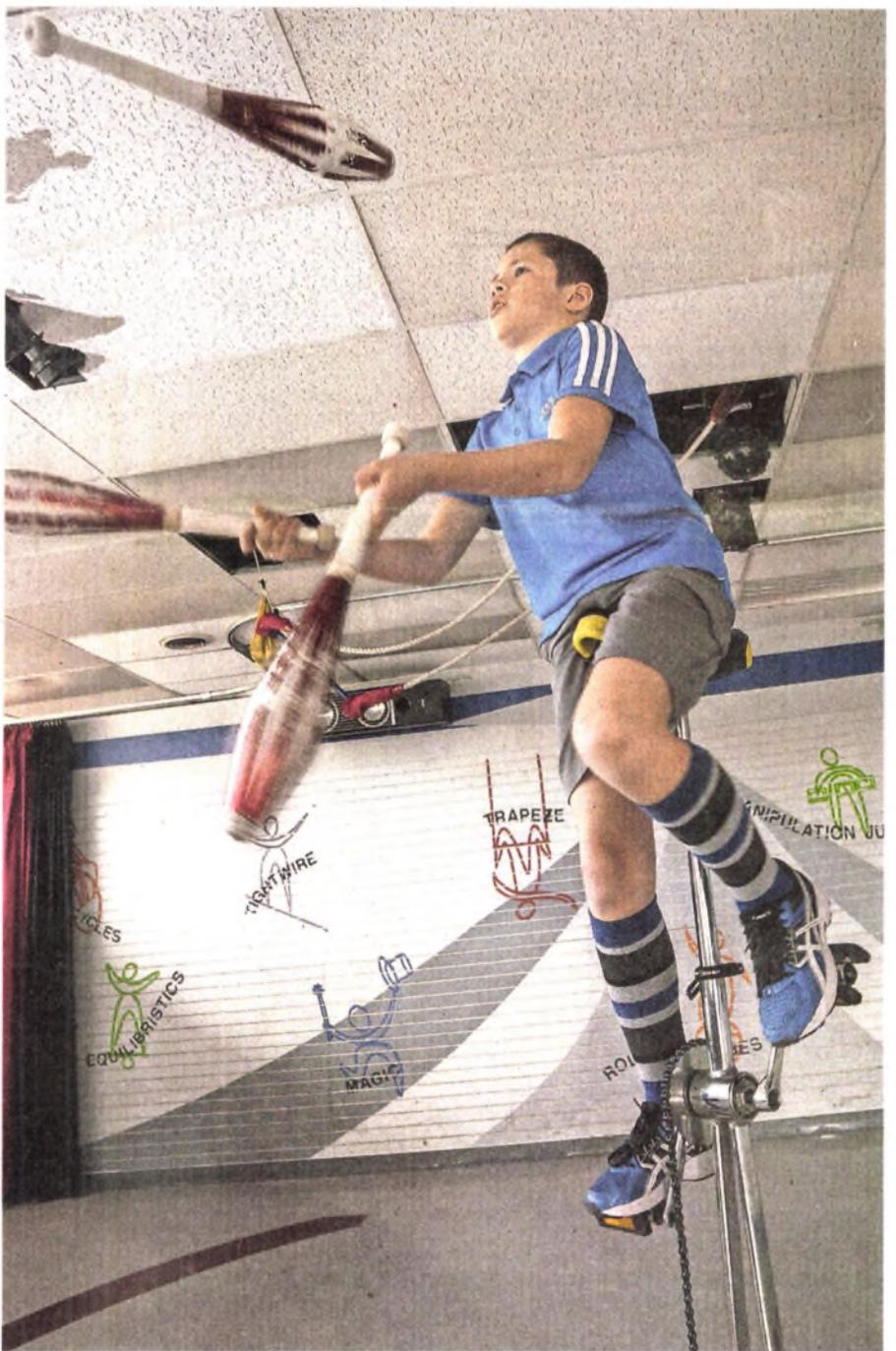
"I was really surprised when I saw Steve Harvey juggling three balls," he said.

Abrahams, whose parents, Sem and Teresa Abrahams own Cirque Amongus on Five Mile in Livonia, has been around circus stunts all his life. He and his parents have traveled around the world, performing at places such as libraries, schools, festivals and college

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Livonia resident Nash Abrahams, right, reacts to seeing Steve Harvey juggle. Abrahams will appear on the NBC show "Little Big Shots" at 8 p.m. Sunday on NBC.



Nash Abrahams is no stranger to performing.

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Man sentenced to jail in theft of lizards from exotic pet shop



Bates

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The man believed to have broken into a Livonia exotic pet shop is serving a jail sentence on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property.

Kristin Bates, 32 of Inkster, was sentenced May 3 to 45 days in jail and 12 months of probation after

pleading guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property more than \$200 but less than \$1,000. That charge stemmed from an investigation Livonia police did in connection with the March 27 break-in of Stinger's Exotics, 18774 Middlebelt.

That break-in saw more than 20 bearded dragons and other reptiles taken during the late-night heist. Police were able to recover several

of the lizards through detective work and investigations, though many, including the shop owners' pets, remain missing.

Bates was arrested and charged with the misdemeanor, which he pleaded guilty to and was sentenced on by District Judge Kathleen McCann in Livonia's 16th District Court.

As of Monday afternoon, he re-

mained locked up in the Calhoun County Jail, a facility Livonia contracts with to house those serving jail time for misdemeanor charges.

Police continue to investigate the break-in and hope to recover more of the stolen lizards.

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basketball halftime shows. The family has even performed at the NBA Finals, riding unicycles to the amusement of the crowd.

Quite the opportunity

The family went to Los Angeles last summer to film the segment, which took a whole day before he took the stage. While waiting to film, his family spent time sight-seeing around LA, and

partaking in the Pokemon Go craze that hit the nation last summer.

"We only did rehearsal once, then we waited around and did stuff around town," he said.

It's not the first time Nash Abrahams has been on the silver screen: in addition to appearing on local television news programs, he also performed on Italy's version of "Little Big Shots." He has some clips of performances on his website, iamnashabrahams.com.

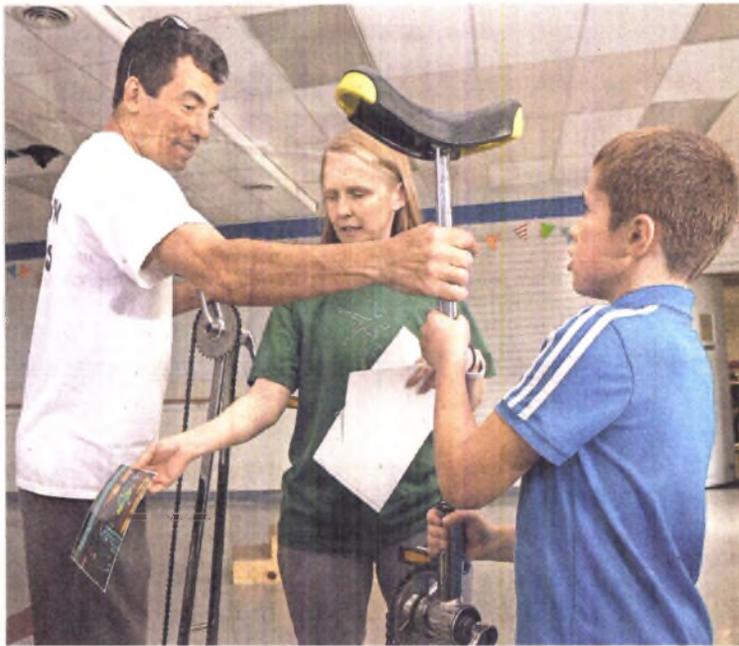
And it's a great experience for his parents, who have performed on national TV before.

"It's awesome," Sem Abrahams said. "It's a blast watching him."

Nash Abrahams feels right at home riding the one-wheeled vehicles, and has his eyes set on a larger one soon.

"The taller it is, the more space you have to move your unicycle around," he said. "My next unicycle is going to be 8 feet tall, because we do halftime shows together and I always ride my tall unicycle. When I get an 8-footer, I'll be able to dunk on a basketball rim."

He's expecting to hear plenty from his classmates next week about the show, especially after one of his teachers told the whole school about him appearing on the program. He won't be able to watch it Sunday night, but is planning to



Nash and parents Sem and Teresa Abrahams work together as a family.

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have some friends and family over Monday night to Cirque Amongus to watch his performance.

It's a type of exposure, Teresa Abrahams said, that didn't exist when they were his age.

"We never had that opportunity when we were young," Teresa Abrahams said.

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Nash Abrahams will share his talent with the world on Steve Harvey's "Little Big Shots."

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problem, not money. I had 30 staff looking at me (at a meeting). I'm going to continue to pay them. We will reopen bigger and better. I expect an even bigger suc-

cess." Describing the fire as a little setback, Raptoplous said, "I don't see how I can fail. The community is so behind me. It will all come together."

When work gets going to rebuild the restaurant, Raptoplous said he'd like to work with the city to do some outdoor events behind the building —

the smoking kitchen wasn't damaged by the fire.

Earlier in the week, firefighters gathered to remember fallen Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke, 29, who died May 8, 2013, fighting the fire that destroyed Marvaso's Italian Grille/Electric Stick. Like the Grindstone fire, that

blaze started overnight while the restaurant was closed. The fire was later ruled arson and Woehlke's death ruled a homicide. No arrests have been made following a lengthy investigation.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Shoplifting suspect returns to store

Livonia police were called the afternoon of May 5 to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud that had taken place. An employee told police they saw the suspect come in earlier that day and conceal several items, including boxes of Lego Dimensions, and try to leave. He was not apprehended. About four hours later, he returned to the store and went back to the electronics area. He concealed some items there, including Lego Superheroes, and tried to leave again. This time, he was stopped and detained until police arrived. When police got to the store, they discovered the merchandise, including some of the items taken earlier in the day. He was issued a citation and released.

Bluetooth speaker stolen

Police were called Monday evening to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud that had taken place. An employee told police the suspect had left the store with a Bluetooth speaker in his possession that he did not pay for. Police searched the area around the store and located the suspect on Middlebelt, north of Plymouth Road. Police arrested him and recovered the speaker. When they returned to the store, an employee told them they saw the suspect select the speaker over the security footage and walk out without paying. Employees tried to stop him, but he fled out of the store.

Gloves taken

Police were called Monday morning to Menards, 12701 Middlebelt, on the report of some stolen gloves. An employee told police another team member saw the suspect select the item and conceal it. The suspect was later seen selecting a pair of gloves, taking them out of their packaging and concealing them. They went to the checkout and paid for one item, but not two others. They were stopped and detained until police arrived. The suspect was issued a citation and released at the scene.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Backpack taken from rec center

An online report was filed with Wayne police the morning of April 26 regarding the theft of a backpack from the HYPE! Recreation Center, 4635 Howe.

A patron said he was there for a basketball tournament. He said he left a backpack containing a camera, chargers and cables on the ground and went to set up a tripod to record a basketball game. When he returned, he found the backpack was missing. He spoke to management and could not find it, nor was it turned in to the lost and found. Employees checked the security cameras, though they did not cover the area where the backpack was left.

False unemployment file claimed

A resident in the 3000 block of Flora Lane filed a police report the afternoon of April 28 over the false filing of

an unemployment claim.

His place of employment contacted him, telling him someone had filed for unemployment benefits the month before. He said the claim was not filed by him. He said the suspect had been denied the benefits, though did file an appeal. It appeared the suspect had the victim's social security number and other data in order to file the claim.

Wheels taken from vehicle

Police were called the morning of May 3 to a residence in the 5700 block of Hickory Hollow on the report of a set of stolen wheels.

The vehicle was resting on several bricks with its wheels and tires missing. The lug nuts were left behind on the ground, though no other evidence was found. No suspect information was available.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department

WAYNE COUNTY PARKS EVENTS

June is a great month to explore some of the unique locations in Wayne County Parks. Take a guided tour through the historic Bennett Arboretum to explore the tree collections or a naturalist-led hike through Holliday Nature Preserve to learn how to identify many different ferns and other plants. You can also attend indoor programs at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center on fern identification or the history of the Detroit Riverfront. A wide variety of program topics about local nature and history are offered throughout the year for the public to enjoy.

All programs require pre-registration by calling the Parks Division at 734-261-1990. The programs offered in June are for adults only. Program fee is \$3 per person, payable in advance or at the door by cash, check or charge. Checks should be made payable to Wayne County Parks. Charge payments for hikes must be made in advance by calling the Parks Division.

Deciduous Tree Collections - Bennett Arboretum
1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 3

Bennett Arboretum was originally planted in the 1930s, with rare trees from around the world as well as native Michigan tree collections. Participants will leisurely hike the rolling hills of this beautiful area to explore and enjoy the trees. Meet at the Disc Golf Parking lot on the east side of Hines Drive, north of Six Mile Road.

Ferns of Southern Michigan - Indoor Presentation at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center
1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10



Take a naturalist-led hike through Holliday Nature Preserve to learn how to identify many different ferns and other plants.

Ferns are some of the oldest groups of plants on earth. They can be difficult to identify. Join this indoor presentation at Nankin Mills to learn clues about how to recognize these botanical treasures.

Detroit Riverfront History - Indoor Presentation at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center
10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17

From the ancient Native American mound builders to the current riverfront parks revival, the Detroit riverfront has seen many changes over the years. Join the park naturalist for this indoor presentation at Nankin Mills to learn more about the Detroit

riverfront history.
Foraging for Ferns - Holliday Nature Preserve Koppernick
1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 17

The western end of Holliday Nature Preserve features a rich forest habitat with around 20 different fern species as well as large beech and tulip trees and many other botanical wonders. Meet the Park Naturalist at the parking lot on Koppernick Road, off of Hix Road between Joy and Warren, to enjoy a hike in this unique natural area. Insect repellent recommended.

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Walking and running for water

Close to 900 participants took part May 6 in the World Vision 6K for Water at Kensington Metropark.

Noah Boye of Westland was one of eight to carry a five-gallon Gerry can filled with water weighing around 42 pounds the entire 3.75 miles. The distance and weight represents what many in parts of the globe must endure each day to find drinking water.

Globally, 27,000 participants in 18 countries raised \$1.6 million to bring clean water to 32,000 children.



Lindsey Pagnatiello from Plymouth with Podrick before the start of the race.



Noah Boye of Westland (center) and Vince Basile, during the playing of the national anthem at the World Vision 6K for Water at Kensington Metropark in Milford.



Karen and Richard Morin of Westland take a selfie before the start of the World Vision 6K for Water on May 6 at Kensington Metropark.



Emily Bullock of Canton is fired up about participating in the World Vision 6K for Water.

St. Baldrick's events combine to combat childhood cancer

The planning committee for one of the largest St. Baldrick's events in the state announced a merger this year.

The Plymouth ROC St. Baldrick's event will be joining forces with the Walled Lake (Lakes Area) event for this year's efforts in fighting childhood cancer at an event happening Sunday, May 21.

Organizers said this year's event is bigger than ever. The ownership of The Plymouth ROC will be expanding their normal service area to fit the over-sized crowd of cancer-fighters. Much of the parking lot will be tented with extra food and beverage service stations outside. Considerable efforts are being put into outdoor activities as well, including a bounce house and dunk tank. This event will be fun for the whole family.

Robb Drzewicki, the Plymouth event's co-organizer, said he's excited to bring in a new team of veteran cancer fighters to help grow and develop his amazing group of volunteers.

Since the event started in Livonia seven years ago, the event has shifted to the Plymouth ROC and grown to be one of the largest in the region. With this new injection of passion and experience, the May 21 event "may be capable of breaking all previous records," Drzewicki said. Plymouth co-organizer Tabitha Lyngvar, who will be taking the event over in the coming years, is ready willing and able to take the reins of the exciting and invigorating



Wendy Banfield gets her spirits lifted during her head-shaving by Kelly Wadle, the mother of a children's cancer survivor.



Eric Bacyinski (from left), co-chair Robb Drzewicki and Jordan West helped St. Baldrick's raise \$60,000 at the 2014 event.

event. "I'm so excited to have the added support and experience that Emily's Lakes Area team brings

to the event," Lyngvar said. "As this event gets bigger, our planning committee needs to grow along with it."

Emily MacBeth began fundraising, shaving her head, organizing events and speaking at Michigan events in support of St.

Baldrick's after the loss of her 2-year-old daughter to Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She brings over 10 years of experience, and a core of committed volunteers, who have organized the annual Lakes Area events at the Walled Lake Firehouse, as well as several events in WLCSD Elementary Schools.

Her hope is to "bring the communities together, and to consolidate the creativity and dedication of the combined volunteers, to create a SB event to raise the most funds possible for finding cures for childhood cancers."

Kelly Wadle, the organizer of the 2015 Royal Oak St. Baldrick's Event, wanted to "get out and do something" when her daughter was going through treatment. Her event started with a goal of \$5,000 and eventually made over \$50,000. Kelly decided to bring her passion and creativity to the Plymouth event in 2016 instead of running one as a "one woman army."

The events have grown over the years:

» The Plymouth event (previously held in Livonia) grew from \$10,000 in its first year to over \$100,000 in the sixth year.

» The Royal Oak event, organized by a mom with a newly diagnosed 2-year-old raised over \$50,000 in the premier year.

» The Lakes Area events started with one brokenhearted mom shaving her head in her living room, to eventually raising over \$50,000 annually. The group has

raised over \$400,000 in that time

By joining together, the merged groups and combined efforts of the Plymouth, Royal Oak and Lakes Area volunteers and shavers are raising the bar and have high hopes. With the help of their communities, the group could potentially hit the million dollar mark this year.

"This event just won't stop growing," Drzewicki said. "It's amazing to see how the planning committee and the event itself have changed over the last seven years. To think that two people started this event in 2011 and raised \$10,000 and now we're aiming to hit a half million dollars. It's unbelievable."

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. St. Baldrick's coordinates its signature head-shaving events worldwide where participants collect pledges to shave their heads in solidarity with kids with cancer, raising money to fund research.

How to help

» Like the group's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MetroDetroitBaldricks/

» Contact event organizers to volunteer or sponsor the event: plymouthstbaldricks@gmail.com

» Sign up to "Brave the Shave" at www.stbaldricks.org/events/MetroDetroit

Clarenceville hires two new elementary principals

Clarenceville School District has hired a new principal for its elementary schools. Both start July 1.

Christine Teff will fill the role of Joseph Schiffman, who is retiring following a 20-year career as principal and 32 years of service to Botsford Elementary School and the district.

Teff has been an elementary principal for seven years in the Port Huron School District and has a 23-year educational career. Her experience as a special education teacher, early literacy specialist and elementary classroom teacher will help her provide experienced leadership at Botsford.

Michelle Barsh will fill the role of Renee Valentine, who was promoted to assistant superintendent for learning services within the district after serving Grandview Elementary School for three years as principal.

Barsh has been an elementary instructional specialist in Huron Valley Schools for 19 years. Her experience with intervention strategies, leading teacher professional development and teacher coaching, along with her classroom teaching experience at the elementary level will benefit the students and teachers of Grandview.

"We are excited to welcome both Mrs. Teff and Mrs. Barsh to the Clarenceville family," said Paul Shepich, Clarenceville School District superintendent. "Both of these dedicated educational leaders have wonderful leadership and instructional skills that will benefit Botsford and Grandview."

"The hiring process in both instances led to a unanimous choice by



Barsh Teff

both interview panels. Both new principals will be a great fit for their respective buildings as their abilities to provide strong instructional leadership while fostering strong relationships with all staff and families will provide a great educational environment for students."

Redford McDonald's celebrates reopening

The McDonald's restaurant at 15301 Telegraph Road in Redford Township recently held a grand reopening celebration. The event included a breakfast meeting with members of the Redford Township Chamber of Commerce.

Highlights of the remodeled restaurant include soft cushion seating, high-top tables, comfortable lighting, free Wi-Fi Internet and an updated decor throughout the restaurant. The restaurant's updated exterior landscaping complements



As part of the grand reopening celebration, McDonald's restaurant owner Jon Campbell presented Redford Township Police Officer Jennifer Mansfield with a \$500 check in support of the Redford Township Police Explorer Program.

the neighborhood and includes a dual lane drive-through to increase

efficiency for on-the-go customers. "We are very excited

to unveil our new dynamic restaurant to our local community," owner Jon Campbell said. "This McDonald's restaurant has been in Redford Township for more than 20 years and we are proud to continue to offer great food, high quality customer service and excellent value to our customers for many years to come."

In addition to the Redford Township location, Campbell owns and operates 10 McDonald's restaurants in Detroit and Garden City.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
ORDINANCE # A17-xxx

The City Council of the City of Garden City, in accordance with the City Charter and Labor Negotiations between it and the Garden City Supervisory and Professional Personnel Association (GCSPPA), hereby adopts and establishes the following salaries for its employees effective July 1, 2014.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

GARDEN CITY SUPERVISORY AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION EMPLOYEES

SALARY ORDINANCE PAY GRADE	JOB TITLE	Effective 7/1/2014	
		FROM	TO
I	• Administrative Assistant (Police & Fire Chiefs) • Case Manager	\$41,000	\$55,000
II	• Executive Assistant • HR Assistant	\$45,000	\$60,000
III	• Building Inspector • Family Services Coordinator	\$49,000	\$65,000
IV	• Community Center Supervisor • Streets/Water Foreman • Code Enforcement Officer • Building Official • Buildings and Grounds Foreman	\$62,000	\$75,000
V	• Recreation Supervisor • Dir. Human Resources • DPS Supervisor • FRC Supervisor	\$67,400	\$80,000
VI	• Deputy Treasurer • Deputy DPS Director	\$59,900	\$85,000
VII	• Dir. Community Development • Dir. Parks & Recreation • Dir. Community Resources	\$69,900	\$93,000
VIII	• Dir. Public Services	\$76,900	\$102,000
IX	• City Clerk-Treasurer • Fire Chief	\$79,900	\$110,000
X	• Police Chief	\$83,900	\$115,000

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

Sealed proposals will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, June 27th, 2017 at which time the RFP's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each proposal shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Proposals shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive." Late proposals will be returned unopened.

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

All Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the proposal must be provided to the City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed proposals in response to this request will not be accepted.

All proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: **CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN, 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 his proposal 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 proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any proposal does not constitute a binding agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties.

Mark Taormina
 Planning and Economic Development Director

Dennis K. Wright
 Mayor

Published: May 14, 2017

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GIRL DELIVERS LOVE TO THE HOMELESS

10-year-old's survival kits, called Snuggle Sacks, offer necessities, encouragement

CHRISTINA HALL
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 onation.usatoday.com.

Addisyn Goss believes that everyone deserves snuggles.

Even the homeless. Just like her grandpa was.

After meeting her grandfather for the first time two years ago at a veterans home in Indiana, Addisyn, now 10, learned he had previously been homeless for years. That's when she decided to go on a mission.

The fourth-grader created Snuggle Sacks — survival kits with toiletries, snacks and warm coverings for men and women on the streets — and delivers them to soup kitchens and other locations in Lansing, the state capital of Michigan, and Flint, about a 20-minute drive from Addisyn's Genesee County home.

Addisyn, with help from her family, has delivered more than 1,075 Snuggle Sacks, with more expected to go out thanks to recent donations.

And thanks to gifts of child-themed toothbrushes and smaller gloves, Addisyn now plans to create similar care kits for children who are homeless.

"I'm happy knowing I help other people beside myself," the Lake Fenton girl said.

A room in the finished basement of Addisyn's home is Snuggle Sacks headquarters.

In about two minutes, Addisyn loads a clear plastic zip bag with the toiletries and goodies, such as granola bars and fruit snacks. She also adds a card entitled "a word of hope."

"I know you may be feeling down right now and don't think life is fair," the card reads. "Please remember that there are people who care about you, and things will get better. I hope this makes you smile. With love, Addisyn."



RYAN GARZA | USA TODAY NETWORK

Addisyn Goss of Lake Fenton collects donations of toiletries, snacks, bottled water, clothing items and blankets for the Snuggle Sacks she distributes to homeless people.

The toiletry bag is put into a cloth bag with a handle. A blanket and a bottle of water are final touches. The blankets and socks are some of the most popular items for the recipients.

"To see her take her own cause and run with it, it blows my mind," Addisyn's mother, Stacy Daul, 34, said of what her daughter is doing for the homeless. "You can see it on their faces — it makes their day."

ONE NATION NOMINATE AN AMERICAN

Who are your American heroes? Share stories and nominees at onation.usatoday.com or via email to onenation@usa.today.com or post a video submission to Twitter, Facebook or Instagram (no longer than 2 minutes, please) with the hashtags #IamAnAmerican #WeAreOneNation.

Q&A WITH ADDISYN GOSS

What does it mean to you to be an American?

For me to be an American, we have our freedom instead of being slaves.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

Addisyn was motivated to launch her effort after visiting her grandfather for the first time at a veterans home in Indiana. She learned from him that he was homeless for at least six years, that he moved from Michigan to Indiana during the years that he was homeless, and that he when he was homeless, his leg was run over and injured.

I told him that it was because of him when I started it. He said, "I'm so proud of you, and I'm glad you did it because of me."

What gives you hope?

When everybody comes up to me and says, "You're doing a good job on it," and that just makes me keep on going, and it gives me a lot of hope.

What concerns you?

Addisyn said that what concerns her the most is that people, including criminals, could harm the homeless or those who are living on the streets.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to accomplish, like, where it can go all over the nation and ... we can help several people all over the state.

For more: Find Snuggle Snacks on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/snugglesacksmi/> or via email at snugglesax@gmail.com.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Plymouth Library DIA celebration

The Plymouth District Library invites folks to see the newly placed artwork from the DIA, along with enjoying some music from the Motor City Boogie Woogie Kid, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 27.

Matthew Ball, the Motor City Boogie Woogie Kid, is the attorney turned musician who now has more than 3.7 million YouTube views. Michigan's reigning boogie 'n' blues heavyweight, Ball left the practice of law in 2001 to pursue a life in music.

The library is at 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. For information, call 734-453-0750.

Senior luncheon

The next free luncheon at Salem National Lutheran Church in Westland will be at 11 a.m. May 24. The church is at 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Festival of Song

The Langford Men's Chorus will be in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. The internationally renowned chorus will present its third concert in the 2017 Festival of Song series. The concert repertoire includes music from many genres, such as spirituals, classical compositions, Broadway and doo-wop.

Formed in 1999, the group, under the direction of Steve SeGraves, has grown to a chorus of over 60 voices featuring men of many different musical experiences. The LMC namesake, from Wayne State, Harry Langford, provided a legacy to achieve exciting male chorus productions. In addition to local performances, the chorus has toured throughout the state. The group made two very successful concert tours in the UK in 2008 and 2012 and plan to return in 2018. The chorus toured Washington, D.C., in 2014 and performed a concert with the U.S. Army Men's Chorus.

Advance tickets are \$15 and will be available at the church. Tickets on the day of the concert are \$18. Tickets can also be ordered at langfordmenschorus.org

For more information, email dhcatherman@aol.com or call 248-478-1336.

Westland Farmers Market

The Westland Farmers Market will run 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 13. The market is located at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road, in Central City Park. The market features

produce, plants, fresh foods, crafts and live music weekly. EBT is accepted.

For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society will present its final concert of the season at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, featuring Beverly Meyer. The concert is at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

Meyer has a rich, soulful voice that spans the blues, jazz, folk and pop genres. She is a singer/songwriter with a simple guitar style that complements her beautiful, heartfelt vocals. She will perform a 30-minute set beginning at 8 p.m.

Host Scott Ludwig and friends have a special number for us that he calls the "Banjo Bonanza"! As host, he will perform two songs and introduce the open mic performers.

Admission is \$5 and refreshments are included.

Michigan vision walk

The 10th annual Michigan Vision Walk is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

Walk with the foundation fighting blindness and make the world a brighter place for millions of Americans with blinding diseases. Learn more and sign up online at www.fightblindness.org/michiganvisionwalk.

Mariners Inn Golf Classic at Inn at St. John's

The Mariners Inn's Golf Classic will be held Friday, June 9, at Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Proceeds will benefit the mission of Mariners Inn, a Detroit-based homeless shelter and rehabilitation facility for men.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The cost is \$150 per golfer, which includes golf, lunch and admission to the awards dinner. The event will also include on-course games and contests, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and hole-in-one prizes compliments of Dixon Golf and DBusiness. Sponsors of Mariners Inn's Golf Classic include UAW Ford, TEAM Wellness, Club GM, HopCat Detroit and Strategic Staffing Solutions.

For more information about the event, sponsorship opportunities or to register for the golf classic, contact Stephanie

Maurice at 313-962-9446, ext. 230, or go to www.marinersinn.org/golfouting.

St. Colette to host car show

A car show will be hosted by St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 3. The lot will open at 8 a.m. for car participants, with all vehicles in place by 10:30 a.m.

Cost of \$15 per show vehicle covers entrance and provides for door prize eligibility (drawn every half-hour). Admission is free to spectators.

There will have food/beverages, music and raffles. Voting for awards will go on throughout the day, with presentation at 2:30 p.m.

Contact Bob Rais at bobdebrais@hotmail.com or www.dooleyknights5492.com.

LIFESPAN garage sale

A garage sale will be held May 18-20 to benefit the Wayne County Chapter of Right to Life - LIFESPAN.

Sale hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at 36709 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

For more information, contact Anne Marie Morin, garage sale coordinator, at 734-422-6230 or Eileen Brandt, Wayne County Chapter office, at 734-422-6230.

Drawn to the Night

Drawn To The Night, set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, is an unstructured, Open Life drawing event for artists of all ages to practice drawing the human form. Our model and set will be inspired by "The Card Players." Host is Christina Evans.

Cost is \$10 at the door, \$5 for students. Bring your art supplies.

For more information, go to www.plymoutharts.com.

Author presentation

The Finnish Center is having lawyer, historian, car enthusiast and author Steve Lehto give a presentation about his latest book, "Preston Tucker and his Battle to Build the Car of Tomorrow," at 7 p.m. Friday, May 19. The Finnish Center is located at 35200 W. Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Lehto will talk about his book, which the Library of Michigan named as one of its 2017 Notable Books of the Year. He has written many books and this is his fourth one to be named a Notable Book by the Library of Michigan.

Lehto's love of cars led him to write about Tucker's struggle to bring an innovative car

to market in 1948 and the book is the first comprehensive account of this magnificent car and its brilliant creator.

Crohn's & Colitis support group

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Michigan Chapter's next monthly support group for patients and caregivers affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25. Held at Beaumont Hospital, the group is facilitated by a trained volunteer and allows participants to connect to others sharing a similar journey. Patients and their loved ones can share their stories, seek emotional support, find answers to their questions, and connect with a community who share their challenges.

The Farmington Hills IBD Support Group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at Beaumont Hospital, Ziegler A & Center, Classrooms A & B. The address is 28050 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills. For more information, call 248-737-0900, ext. 2, or email michigan@crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

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Groat



Janice S. May 9, 2017 age 65 of South Lyon. Beloved wife of James T. Loving mother of Ryan (Jennifer), Kenneth (Christina), and Suzanne (Peter) Wyckoff. Proud "Nana" of Charles, Jillian, Kyle, Shane, and Jacob. Dear daughter of the late Charles and Ruth Rumbold. Sister of Sharon (Michael) Pollock. Visitation was held at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth. Funeral Service was held at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Interment was made in Glen Eden Memorial Park. Janice was a member of First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, as well as the Little Stone Church on Mackinac Island. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Lung Association, 1475 East 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071 or First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



Harris



Hugh Arthur Age 51, born in Cardiff, Wales on October 29, 1965 and died November 3, 2016 in England. Beloved son of the late Frank and Sigrid Harris. Loving father of Megan and Ryan. Dear brother of Ingrid (Larry) Runnion, Robert (Gerald) Harris, Gerald Harris, Rosalie (John) Taube, Scott, Ivan and Michael Harris. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Hugh grew up in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High School in 1983. He joined the US Navy in 1985 and was accepted into the Nuclear Program where he studied nuclear power theory and later oversaw nuclear submarine engine room operations. He was stationed upon the USS Tennessee and was honorably discharged in 1991. Hugh was extremely academic and pursued higher education for a span of over 16 years, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lawrence Tech, Master of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering from Oakland University; MBA from Wayne State University and a Master of Science in Financial Planning from the College of Financial Planning. Hugh contributed his talents to a number of companies including Chrysler and the EPA where he was awarded a Gold Medal, the highest award in the EPA, for his work on reducing greenhouse gas emissions for light duty vehicles. Hugh loved his children more than anything. He had an infectious laugh, he lived life to its fullest and was always ready for an adventure. He loved getting outdoors and working with his hands. He was always there to help others and will be forever missed by his family and friends. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, Friday, May 19, 2017 from 12 p.m. until his Memorial Service at 2 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Boy Scouts of America. Please share a memory at www.rggharris.com.

Karr



Clara W. passed away May 4, 2017 at the age of 101. Loving wife of the late Robert H. Karr Sr. Beloved mother of Bonnie (Ray) Bihary, Dolores (Ken) Long, Robert (Mary) Karr Jr., Peter Karr, Deborah (Steve Nowak) Davis, and Margaret (Germaine) Jacky. Cherished sister of Anna (George) Pernicano, the late Matthew Whitman, and the late Steven Wittman. Clara is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Clara worked for 32 years as the Secretary for the City of Livonia Parks and Recreation Department. Proud member of Business and Professional Women Organization of Livonia. Clara was also Citizen of the Year for Livonia in 2012. Memorials can be made to American Cancer Society, the Alzheimer's Association or a hospice of your choice. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

Livinstone

Betty Jean passed away from natural causes at the age of 97 in Dana Point, California on May 2, 2017. Betty was born April 10, 1920 to Clarence and Erma Mae Baxter in Pontiac, Michigan. She attended school in Pontiac and continued her studies at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Betty lived most of her life in Bloomfield Hills and Troy. In 2014 she moved to California to be closer to her oldest daughter E.J. and her family. Betty was a member of Orchard Lake C.C., The Village Woman's Club and Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. Preceding her in death are her parents Clarence and Erma Mae, her loving husband Jack and his parents George and Bertha Livingstone and her sister Adeline Teague. Betty is survived by her three children, daughters E.J. Tracy of Dana Point, Ca., Ann Schoenherr of Fort Collins, Co. and son John Livingstone II and wife Jane of Jacksonville, Tx. Betty delighted in her many grandchildren and great grandchildren throughout her life. Also surviving her are her grandchildren, Cynthia Tracy of Laguna Niguel, Ca., Christina Tracy of Los Angeles, Ca., Kerry McKenna and husband Greg of San Clemente Ca., Kilian Ollison and husband Fitz of Mandeville, La., Katie Calavan and husband Matt of Cumming, Ga., John Livingstone III and wife Jordan of Dallas, Tx., Bradley Livingstone and wife Jennifer also of Dallas, Tx., Lauren Romano and husband Ron of Rosemary Beach, Fl., Jody Wood and husband Dr. Ian Wood of Fort Collins, Co., Brook Schoenherr of Loveland, Co. Betty is also survived by 21 great grandchildren. She was laid to rest next to her loving husband Jack Thursday, May 11, 2017 at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Mother, Love you more, E.J., Ann, & John. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com

Schwaegler



Ann Marie (Nee Smith) Passed away on May 6, 2017 at the age of 53. Loving wife of 27 years to Jim Schwaegler. Beloved mother of Tyler and Ashley. Cherished daughter of Alice Smith. Sister to Patrick (Joan) Smith, Mike (Edith) Smith, and Judy Edl. Aunt to 10 nieces and nephews and 6 grand nieces and nephews. Ann will also be lovingly remembered by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. She has now joined her father, Robert Smith, in heaven.

Ann lived in the Glengarry subdivision for 14 years where she had many friends. In 1982, she graduated from Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School and in 1986 went on to become a Badger Alumna after graduating from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. In 1991 Ann and Jim ventured to Canton, MI to raise a family. Her most favorite vacation spot was the sandy shores of the Sleeping Bear Dunes in Northern Michigan. In 2009 they returned to Wisconsin to settle in Brookfield. Go Badgers!

Ann's passion was her involvement in La Leche League of Canton, MI, The Michigan Tri-County Collie Rescue, and the Bible Study Moms of Brookfield.

Visitation was held at Becker Ritter Funeral Home in Brookfield, WI on Friday, May 12th. An additional visitation and Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, May 13th at St. John Vianney Catholic Church (1755 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield, WI). Committal services will be held in Wisconsin Rapids at a later date. Becker Ritter Funeral Home serving the family, 262-782-5330.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Michigan Tri-County Collie Rescue through their website.



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COLLEGE SIGNINGS

Churchill sending 28 to colleges



CHURCHILL ATHLETICS

Livonia Churchill student-athletes show where they will be attending college during a recent signing day event.

Seven Chargers seniors will play athletics at nearby Madonna University

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Livonia Churchill student-athletes, by and large, won't be straying too far from home

when they join their college teams.

Twenty-eight senior Chargers recently signed national letters of intent and seven will be going to Madonna Univer-

sity — including twins Caroline and Kathleen George, who will run both cross country and track and field for the Crusaders.

Also headed to the Livonia college will be Alyssa Facione (volleyball), Michael Lubonja (soccer), Devin McCulley (soccer), Christina Murphy (track and field) and Joe Wozniak

(baseball).

Yet another Livonia destination, Schoolcraft College, is where basketball player Kennedy Carrier will play come 2017-18. Oakland Community College will be the future school for Brianna Fulton (volleyball) and Sam Zonca (volley-

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Tim Shaw camp

The eighth annual Tim Shaw Football Camp will be 5-9 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Livonia Clarenceville High School football field.

The camp is free for students in grades 3-11 with four hours of coaching and competition hosted by former NFL linebacker and special teams ace Shaw, a Clarenceville grad who played football at Penn State.

The camp is limited to the first 200 registrants. To sign up, go to facebook.com/timshawfootballcamp.

Ladywood outing

The 24th annual Ladywood High School golf outing will be Tuesday, June 20, at Livonia's Fox Creek Golf Course.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m. for the four-person scramble format. Lunch will be provided at the turn, followed by a sit-down dinner and cash bar.

The cost is \$440 per foursome or \$110 per single golfer. Dinner only is \$35.

For more information, email [Trish Murray](mailto:TrishMurray1219@gmail.com) at trishmurray1219@gmail.com.

Panthers football

Registration is underway for the Michigan Panthers, a new youth football team for freshman through varsity levels (ages 8-13) for the fall 2017 season in the Western Suburban Junior Football League.

The Panthers will also offer cheer. The season will run from late July through November, with home games played in Canton. Equipment and uniform will be supplied.

To register, go to michiganpanthersyfc.com. For more information, call 734-892-5075.

Optimist golf tourney

The 2017 Optimist International Junior Golf Championship will conduct a local qualifier at the Royal Oak Golf Club.

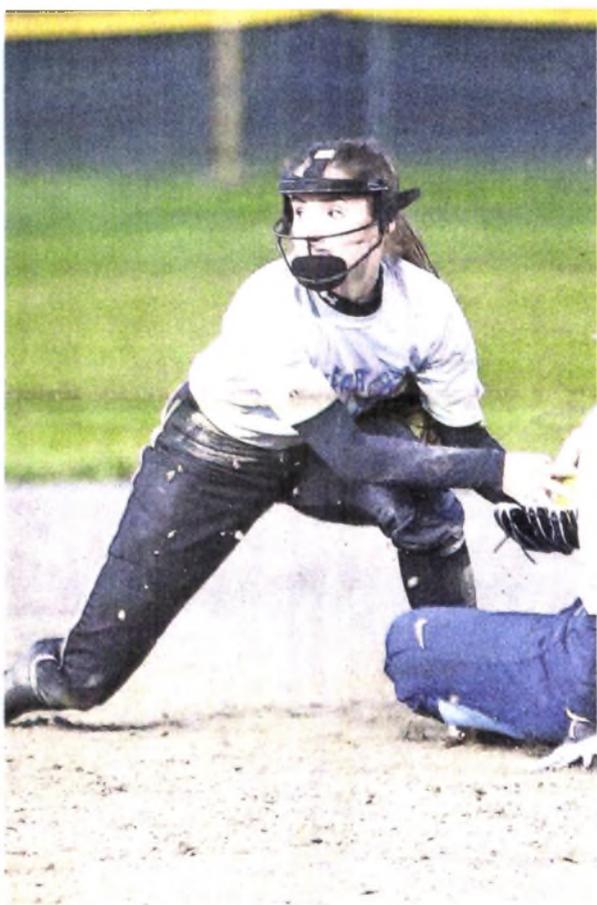
The annual tournament, sponsored jointly by the Royal Oak and Birmingham Optimist clubs, is scheduled for Saturday, May 20. Tee times begin at 9 a.m. and junior golfers ages 10-18 years are eligible to play.

The registration fee is \$45 for 18 holes (walking, no carts) and \$30 for nine holes (10-11 boys and 10-12 girls divisions).

Registration forms are available at the Royal Oak Golf Club (248-554-0019) or Royal Oak Golf Center driving range (248-549-4653).

For more information, contact event chair Mike Ripinski at 248-789-2735 or email at mripinski@yahoo.com or tomtlongh@aol.com.

BENEFIT SOFTBALL GAME



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Livonia Churchill infielder Brooke Hanson (left) tags out a Livonia Stevenson baserunner during Monday's game at Ford Field.



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Livonia Churchill junior pitcher Paige Hanson flings the ball during Monday's benefit game for colon cancer research.

TWIN TRIBUTE

Churchill sisters Brooke and Paige Hanson play 'lights out' to honor mom's memory

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There's no doubt Kim Hanson was watching from above while her daughters Brooke and Paige played softball Monday night for Livonia Churchill.

And it was almost heaven-sent how the twin sisters came through for the Chargers in a 3-2 win over Livonia Stevenson at Ford Field, capping a benefit game for colon cancer research.

Kim Hanson died of colon

cancer in January and both teams wore identical "We Wear It For Kim" T-shirts for the game. About \$800 was raised for research through the sale of gift baskets and 50/50 raffle tickets.

"They both played lights out," Churchill coach Steve Gentilia said. "It was kind of a fitting tribute to their mom to play the way they did in honor of her on the night where they

had a lot of family and friends out there."

Trailing 2-1 entering the bottom of the seventh, the Chargers immediately went to work in a bid to close out the emotion-packed night with a dramatic victory.

The rally started when Stevenson starting pitcher Sarah Mesack plunked Colleen

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PREP ROUNDUP

Stevenson netters capture city crown

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After splitting singles flights Tuesday against Livonia Churchill, it was time to double down — literally — if Livonia Stevenson wanted to capture the city girls tennis championship.

The Spartans did just that, taking all five doubles matchups, to prevail 7-2 and win the coveted city title for a fifth consecutive season. Recently, Stevenson also defeated Livonia Franklin.

"The girls are very excited to win our fifth in a row," Stevenson coach Don McEachney said. "This is a direct effect of our girls working hard in the off-season to improve their games."

"Our seniors have set forth a great example of dedication and hard work for our younger players to emulate." Those veteran players had their say against the pesky Chargers.

Stevenson seniors Noelle Hillert and Jill Weiland dropped the 1 and 2 singles contests (6-1, 6-2; 6-1, 6-0, respectively) to Churchill's Kaitlyn Rogosch and Allison McConnell.

But Molly Cormier came through at 3 singles with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Mya Grant and Natalie Hay followed at 4 with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Mary Jiang.

Seniors Allison Malkowski and Julia Seychel each had a role in Stevenson's wins at 1 and 2 doubles.

Malkowski and junior Natalia Roznowski won 6-0, 6-0 at 1 doubles while Seychel and junior Kayla Parker prevailed 6-1, 6-1 at 2 doubles.

Stevenson's Shannon Ward-Jillian Cormier won at 3 doubles, with sophomores Mackenzie Wilson-Jessica Hinkle and Mackenzie Pisko-



Livonia Stevenson's varsity girls tennis team celebrates winning the city championship after a 7-2 win over Livonia Churchill.

Alyssa Engle took care of the matchups at 4 and 5 doubles, respectively.

McEachney said the city title is something to be proud of because Churchill and Franklin "great programs so its an honor to be able to compete against such fine coaches and their great kids. There's a great deal of respect between these three programs. Which is nice to see in a rivalry situation."

RU NETS VICTORY: In a WWAC match Wednesday host Redford Union (6-2-2, 5-2-1) earned a 7-1 Western Wayne Athletic Conference girls tennis triumph over crosstown rival Redford Thurston. The Panthers won six of the seven flights and also received a default at No. 4 singles. In the feature match on a warm and sunny day, RU's No. 4 doubles team of Brittany Peraino and Claudia Duggan won in a third-set super-breaker against Thurston's Davenoya strong an Tashila Green, 3-6, 6-0, 10-4.

Boys golf
CHURCHILL 181, WAYNE 221: On Wednesday at Whispering Willows in

Livonia, the Chargers prevailed in a KLAASouth Division matchup against the Zebras. For Churchill (3-2 overall, 3-2 in the KLAAS), Max Proulx was match medalist with a 41. Other finishers for the Chargers included Blake Ebling and Rob Gulick (43 each), Adam Sinclair (48), Andrew Czajka (49) and Logan Welch (51).

Andrew Aigeltinger recorded a 44 for winless Wayne Memorial. **CHURCHILL 160, FRANKLIN 178:** Livonia Churchill earned a division win Monday over Livonia Franklin at Idu Wild. Medalist was Churchill's Peyton Elkins, with a 37 for the day. He was followed by teammates John Doyle (40), Aaron Walton (41), Davis Coughlin (42), Rob Gulick (44) and Chase Fallu (48).

For the Patriots (2-2, 1-3), Brandon Tirador tallied a 41, with other scorers including Eric Liberati (45), Graham Opie and Jacob Kenward (46 each) and Trevor VanVliet (47).

Girls soccer

BELLEVILLE 8, CLARENCEVILLE 0: Goalie Allison Lay made 24 saves in a losing cause as Livonia Clarenceville (1-9) dropped a WWAC match Wednesday against the host Tigers.

"We played more defensive tonight, which resulted in less opportunities offensively," Clarenceville coach Amanda Truitt said. "We couldn't stop their corner kicks or crosses, which led to their goals." Truitt singled out the defensive play of Michelle Marzolo, Yumeko Sakamoto and Breanna Ford, while Allie Snage, Nickendera Thomas and Paola Gonzalez fought hard on the offensive end. **GARDEN CITY 8, REDFORD**

UNION 0: The Cougars improved to 7-5-1 overall and 5-1 in the WWAC with Wednesday's win, which ended with 17 minutes to go due to the mercy rule.

Brooke Collins was a standout for Garden City with three goals and an assist. Single tallies were registered by Skyler Clendenning, Faith Staley, Angie Dimopolus, Summer Saltana and Madison Niemiec (her first varsity goal).

Chipping in with two assists was Ashley Hahn. "The girls did a great job of combining passes and working the ball up the field, and utilizing the wings," Garden City coach Jeff Szypula said. "It's not a very wide field and the game can sometimes get cluttered in the middle."

"There was some physical play and our midfield had to do a good job of playing quickly and releasing the ball wide or up to a forward."

Szypula said the Cougars can share the conference title by winning out and having Bellefonte lose against Dearborn on May 17.

CHURCHILL 4, JOHN GLENN 1: On Tuesday at Westland John Glenn, the Chargers scored three unanswered goals in the second half. Livonia Churchill's Addison Mussen scored three of her team's goals, including an unassisted tally just 10 minutes into the game.

The other goal was scored by Emily Halkey with about 20 minutes remaining. Assisting on Halkey's goal were freshman Kayla Osen and Katherine Ristola. Coach Reid Friedrichs said Hannah Damico was strong on defense, "anchoring it in the center covering for three other defenders who were not playing." Earning the win for Churchill was goalie

Britney Hayes.

Girls track and field

PLYMOUTH 98, FRANKLIN 39: Plymouth finished their KLAASouth schedule with Tuesday's win over host Livonia Franklin.

Winning for the Wildcats (4-1) were Paige Sanders (100 dash, long jump), Allison Range (100 hurdles), Reghan Draper (400 dash), Kayla Dudek (300 hurdles), Ana White (800 run), Faith Washington (200 dash), Annie Bonds (two-mile run), Kennedy Chastang (high jump) and Natalie Janke (pole vault).

Plymouth also took two relays. The quartet of Annie Bonds, Izzy Tiplady, Emily Britton and White won the 4-by-800 relay while Erin Bradley, Sanders, Reghan Draper and Ryan Draper took first in the 4-by-100 relay.

Victorious for Franklin were Alexis Browning (shot put, 32-1, discus, 100-5) and Erin Seibert (1,600 run, 5:27.62).

The Patriots also won the mile relay, with Emily Esker, Mikaela Hille, Hannah Strasser and Cierra Echebelem turning in a time of 4:19.41.

"We may not have won this meet, but we had some breakthrough performances that I am super proud of," Franklin coach Megan Wilson said. "Alexis Browning had a huge throwing performance today. Brooke Geitzen and Cierra Echebelem both dropped about a second each off their times and our 4-by-8 took 30 seconds off (for) their best time this year." **LADYWOOD FALLS:** Ally Hill, Maddie Bastin and Kelly Solak each won a pair of events Wednesday, but it wasn't enough as host Livonia Ladywood (0-4) fell to

Birmingham Marian (2-2) in Catholic League Central Division girls track meet. Hill earned firsts in the long jump (15 feet, 8.25 inches) and 400-meter run (1:02.1), while Bastin swept the 100- and 300 hurdles in 18.01 and 51.3, respectively. Solak added wins in the shot put (30-4) and discus (85-8).

Other winners for the Blazers included Sarah Fracala in the 200 (29.66) and Sam Horn in the 3,200 (13:44.28). "We had lots of season record times," Ladywood coach John Dunn said. "We continue to show consistent improvement."

Boys track and field

CHURCHILL 82, CANTON 52: On Tuesday at Livonia Churchill, the Chargers prevailed to earn the KLAASouth Division championship.

Canton firsts were recorded by Andrew Koenigsnecht (pole vault, 14-0), James Deese (shot put, 41-5.75), Jemal Vauvado (110 hurdles, 15.85; 300 hurdles, 42.18), Steven Walker (100 dash, 11.87) and Dirk Thornhill in the 400 dash with a career best time of 49.07 leading a sweep in the event. Thornhill was followed by Caleb Moraw (second with a career best 49.92) and Srikar Komanduri (third with a personal best 50.47).

For Churchill, wins were collected by Niguel Smith (200 dash, 23.07), Dash Dobar (800 run, 2:02.35; 1,600 run, 4:34.42), Tyler Opyckye (3,200 run, 9:49.07), Evan Cummings (discus 126-1; high jump, 6-0 and long jump, 20-8.5).

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Players and coaches from the Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson softball teams pose for a group photo Monday at Ford Field. Both teams wore specially designed T-shirts to honor the memory of Kim Hanson, a Churchill mom who died of colon cancer in January.

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McGowan with a pitch and McGowan promptly stole second base.

With one out, Paige Hanson then beat out an infield single and Rachel Klisz drove a two-run double off the fence for the deciding blow.

Churchill's last-ditch uprising enabled Paige Hanson (3-for-4, two doubles) to be the winning pitcher. She went

the distance and struck out seven.

"It was a very great game and to know my mom was watching, it was just amazing," said Paige Hanson about Monday's win.

Brooke Hanson also had a big game, with two hits in four at-bats and a run. She doubled and scored in the third on her sister's base hit.

The annual game for the city championship always is a high-stakes affair.

But with the colon

cancer benefit for Kim Hanson, this year's game was ratcheted up to what Stevenson coach Kevin Hannigan called "an emotional night for both teams."

"Sarah (Mesack) pitched herself out of two jams, one with the bases loaded and the other with runners on second and third in the middle innings," Hannigan said. "We didn't get enough run support to get Sarah the win when we had runners in scoring position."

One of the runs for Stevenson (6-11) came home on a base hit by freshman Riley Hannigan.

PLYMOUTH 9-17, FRANKLIN 3-2: The Wildcats swept a Wednesday doubleheader against Livonia Franklin, with Jenny Bressler and Angela Schmidt each pitching Plymouth to a win.

In Game 1, Jessica Tucci had three RBIs to pace the Plymouth attack.

Whitney Holden slammed her fifth homer

of the season in the nightcap, but the Wildcats offense also featured big games from Haley Gagnon (2-for-5), Tucci (3-for-5, four RBIs), Arie Bartholomew (2-for-4), Gina Barber (2-for-4), Mikayla Rose (2-for-3, three RBIs), Kiersten Metz (3-for-4, four RBIs) and Alexis D'Alexander (2-for-3). Schmidt added a hit and RBI for Plymouth.

CHURCHILL 13-19, JOHN GLENN 0-2: On Tuesday, the Chargers (14-11) routed Westland

John Glenn in both ends of a KLAASouth Division doubleheader.

In Game 1, Madison Christensen was the winning pitcher, fanning four batters in five innings. Kaitlyn Vinitski was the winner in the nightcap, with offense provided by Mackenzie Brown (double, three runs), Maria Targosz (2-for-2), Jenna Kwiecinski (2-for-3) and Kendra Juliette (2-for-3).

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ball).

Headed to Central Michigan University will be Takia Bradley (track and field), which is where

basketball player Annie Yost also will compete.

Going to the University of Michigan-Dearborn's cross country program will be Josh Mussen and Frank LaFave. Running cross country at the University of Detroit Mercy will be

Dash Dobar, who also is set to run for the Titans track and field team.

Football players Jamal Allen, Evan Cummins, Jacob Chantres, Michael Hill, Jake Osen, Omar Morris, Brett Stern and Mason Heilman also are college-bound.

Chantres and Osen will be teammates at Kalamazoo College. The other choices are: Cummins, Ferris State; Allen, Toledo; Hill, Saginaw Valley; Morris, DuPage (Ill.) Junior College; Stern, Wooster (Ohio) College; Heilman, Kala-

mazoo College.

In addition to Carrier and Yost, other Chargers signing to play college basketball include Shae Smith (Concordia) and Genesis Barnes (Glen Oaks Community College).

Rounding out the im-

pressive list of college signees are Ashley Salvorio (soccer, IUPUI), Uthman Babatunde (soccer, Siena Heights) and Noah Cross (baseball, Northland College).

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BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Canton nips Plymouth; Spartans fall short

Stevenson splits twinbill with Northville to lose chance at title

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Picking up Tuesday when they left April 19 when their game was halted due to darkness, the Canton Chiefs and Plymouth Wildcats looked to finish the game and decide — for all intents and purposes — crown the KLAA South Division champion.

Canton managed to score in the top of the 10th and Seth Marano wiggled out of a jam in the bottom half as the Chiefs prevailed, 3-2. Jake Dattilio and Justin Dolney opened the decisive inning by get-

ting on via errors and Lou Baechler followed with a hit to load the bases. A missed squeeze bunt resulted in Dattilio being picked off third, but Aaron Dolney ripped a two-strike single to right to score Justin Dolney from second.

In Plymouth's 10th, back-to-back singles by Zach Beadle and Nik Patel and a walk to Evan Good loaded the bases with two outs. But Marano got the game-ending strikeout.

STEVENSON 3-0, NORTHVILLE 1-7: In a Wednesday doubleheader between top teams in the KLAA Central Division, each squad came away with a victory.

With their win in the nightcap, the Mustangs clinched the division title. The Spartans won the opener with a three-run surge in the sixth with a two-run hit by Dan Bos keying the uprising. Brandon Posky was the winning pitcher, going five frames and striking out eight. Earning the save with two perfect innings of relief was George Ferguson. But host Northville responded in Game 2,

scoring two runs in each of the first two innings and going on from there.

Ben Schmidt limited the Spartans to five hits, one each by Chris Tanderis, Ferguson, Bos, Danny Morris and Nick Olsen.

Stevenson's record dropped to 22-5 overall and 12-4 in the KLAA Central. Northville improved to 16-5 and 13-3.

CHURCHILL 3-5, JOHN GLENN 1-3: On Wednesday in a twinbill between KLAA South opponents, Livonia Churchill came away victorious in each game.

Game 1 featured a complete game from Chargers pitcher Luke Jaroszewicz, who gave up one unearned run and two hits while fanning six Rockets.

Connor Burnette and Mitch White each went 1-for-2 for the Chargers, with Burnette tripling and scoring a run. Churchill won the nightcap with two runs in the eighth to break a 3-3 tie. Burnette (2-for-4) singled and Chris Sergison doubled. After Drew Alsobrooks was intentionally walked, Brett Stern walked to force in a run. Brendan Lowry then reached on an error to plate Sergison with the insurance run. Jake Osen went 2-for-5, scored a run and drove in one for the Chargers. Earning the win in relief was Mitch White, who came in for starter Burnette in the seventh. Burnette pitched 6.2 innings, gave up one run and two hits while striking out seven.

FRANKLIN 6-3, PLYMOUTH 0-8: In a KLAA South Division doubleheader on Wednesday, the host Patriots prevailed in the opener behind a complete-game effort from senior pitcher Kolby Dewhurst (who threw a five-hitter with four strikeouts). Franklin took an early 2-0 lead in the

second on an RBI double by Colin Metzler, who went 2-for-3 and drove in two runs.

Other Patriots with RBIs included Johnny DiPonio (1-for-2), Harrison Merrill (1-for-3), Kyle Wollam (1-for-4) and Ryan Celmer.

For Plymouth, Evan Good collected two hits in four at bats.

Game 2 went to the Wildcats, thanks to a seven-run fourth inning that put them up to stay.

Chase Every was one of several Plymouth players who swung big bats. He went 3-for-4, scored a run and drove in two. Also with multiple hits for the Wildcats were McKenzie Marco (2-for-4, run, three RBIs, two doubles), Good (2-for-4), Zach Beadle (2-for-2) and Michael Wischer (2-for-4).

Earning the win for Plymouth was starter Kai St. Germaine, who pitched into the fifth, giving up all Franklin runs. Finishing up with 2 2/3 innings of one-hit relief was Michael Harber.

Franklin's offense was keyed by Wollam, who went 4-for-4 and scored twice. Celmer went 1-for-2 and drove in two runs while Ben Raisch went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

REDFORD UNION 9, DEARBORN 5: Jacob Gagnon doubled twice and had three RBIs to lead Redford Union (9-7, 2-4) to a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division win Wednesday over the host Pioneers.

Brandon Pratt and Trevor Hamilton each added two hits. Hamilton ended the game with a spectacular catch down the left field line with two Dearborn runners aboard.

Winning pitcher Tyler Collard improved to 5-1 with the victory. "Overall our kids played hard the entire

game as always, but we had key two-out hits from Hamilton and Gagnon that put us over the top," RU coach Bob Miller said.

"Collard continues to pitch well for us. It was a great win for RU."

ROMULUS 13, CLARENCEVILLE 7: In a WWAC Red Division game Wednesday, the visiting Eagles broke a 7-7 tie with four runs in the top of the sixth and two more in the seventh to beat Livonia Clarenceville (8-7, 5-1).

The key blow was a bases clearing double after Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter gambled by intentionally walking two Romulus batters with a runner at third.

"I played a hunch, the guy had one hit in two games and struck out four times against us," Cotter said.

That three-run double came after Clarenceville batted back from a four-run deficit thanks to a two-run single by Zack Richards to tie the game in the fifth.

Tavian Cruz, making his varsity debut, scored three runs and added two RBIs with a double. He reached base three times. Other hits came from Matt Drain, Demond Scrutons, Bisaro and Bobby Jaber.

The Trojans used three different pitchers with Bisaro, who gave up six runs, taking the loss. Jaber started and gave up five runs in two innings before Logan Calmazzo came on an allowed two.

SOUTH LYON 10, WAYNE 2: Despite two hits from Tyler Napier, Wayne Memorial took it on the chin on Tuesday.

LUTH WESTLAND 13, HURON VALLEY 3 (5 INNINGS): Kory Barikmo went 2-for-2, including a homer, and scored three runs to pace the Warriors to a mercy-rule win over Huron Valley Lutheran. Jeremy Orne (2-for-3) doubled and

homered and drove in three while Grant Ingersole and Ben Brown each went 1-for-2.

Evan Zagata was the winning pitcher. "We did a good job of hitting today for the most part," Warriors coach Kevin Wade said. "We were able to take advantage of some of their mistakes and that led to an increase in the lead early on."

LUTH WESTLAND 15-12, INTERCITY BAPTIST 4-1 (5 INNINGS): Kevin Wade won his 200th game as head coach as Lutheran Westland mercied Allen Park Inter-City Baptist in both games of a twinbill on Monday.

There were many contributors to the wins. In the opener, Evan Zagata went 3-for-4 and drove in three. Drake Synder went 2-for-3, with three runs and three RBIs. Grant Ingersole had a 2-for-2 game.

Game 2 continued the hot hitting, with Kory Barikmo (2-for-4, three runs), Andy Faith (2-for-4, two runs, two RBIs), Jeremy Orne (2-for-2, three-run homer, five RBIs), Ingersole (2-for-4, three RBIs) and Luke Konkel (2-for-3) helping the cause.

FRANKLIN 2, S.L. EAST 1 (9 INNINGS): On Monday at Livonia Franklin, starting pitcher Jon Montie gave up one run and four hits while striking out six, but the Patriots needed to work extra innings to get the victory over South Lyon East.

Two errors and a passed ball by the Cougars led to the winning run in the bottom of the ninth. Nick Hoyer earned the win with three innings of spotless relief. Johnny DiPonio and Trey Gorman chipped in with two hits for Franklin.

COLLEGE FISHING

BASS ANGLERS READY TO TAKE NATIONAL STAGE

Schoolcraft College Bass Fishing Club teammates to compete later this month

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When it comes to fishing, the one-and-done rule doesn't apply to these three area anglers.

Although the thought of turning pro is alluring, South Lyon's C.J. Hatten and Jake Dorony, along with Livonia's Anthony Gilmore, are currently satisfied being hooked on competing at the collegiate level.

Hatten, who graduated from South Lyon High School in 2015, and Gilmore, who graduated from Livonia Stevenson High in 2014, are Schoolcraft College Bass Fishing Club teammates who will compete later this month in the Fishing League Worldwide College Fishing National Championship on Wheeler Lake in Decatur, Ala.

Dorony, an environmental science major at Lake Superior State University who graduated from South Lyon in 2014, just completed his junior year and has also qualified for the FLW College Fishing Nationals with partner Hunter Sharporn (from Grand Haven).

First taste

"When I was younger, I used to watch the college fishing on TV," Gilmore said. "Going to back-to-back national championships and actually being pretty successful in college fishing ... I never thought I'd be able to do that. It's pretty cool."

Last July, Hatten and Gilmore earned a spot in the 2017 FLW College Fishing Nationals by tying for first in a qualifying tournament held at Lake Chautauqua in Jamestown, N.Y. And April 29, the Schoolcraft duo earned another berth in the 2018 nationals by placing sixth out of 87 teams in the Northern Conference qualifier at Place Smith Mountain Lake in Roanoke, Va.

The bass anglers will have high expectations entering the nationals, but when it's all said and done, "it's just fishing" to them.

"A lot of teams now take it way too serious," said Hatten, who is two-time B.A.S.S. junior state champion. "Anthony and I always make sure to be serious, but have fun while we're doing it. It's what we like to do and we just like to have fun."

Teaming up

The Schoolcraft connection was made when Gilmore and Hatten were members of the same Michigan Bass Anglers youth club for 10 years.

"We fished in clubs and the big thing for the tournaments is just the competition factor, so we're just both super-competitive people," Hatten said. "And just to bring that part to fishing, it has just brought it to another whole level for us. It's been really awesome."

Gilmore has tournament fished since he was 11. He began traveling to out-of-state tournaments with Hatten when he was 17.

Gilmore founded the Schoolcraft College Bass Fishing Club after attending Adrian College for one semester. In 2015, he signed up through Schoolcraft's student activities club.

"I found out C.J. was going there and I said, 'Dude, we should fish together,'" Gilmore said. "Didn't know we'd do this well."

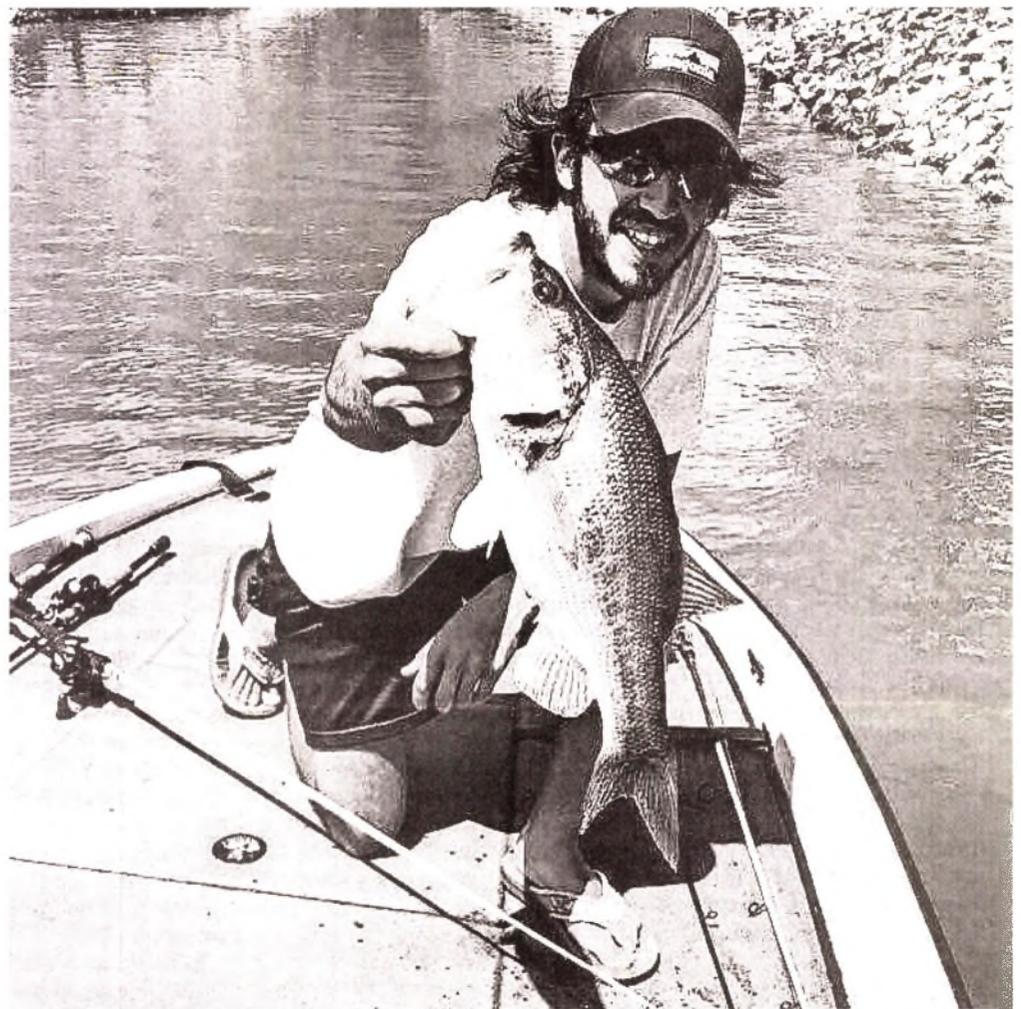
High school days

Gilmore already had a strong track record prior to entering college as he earned a top 10 finish in the TPF Outdoors Grand Lakes O' the Cherokee's 2014 National Federation High School National Championships in Grove, Okla. He was also the Lake Erie High School and Central Conference champion that year as well.

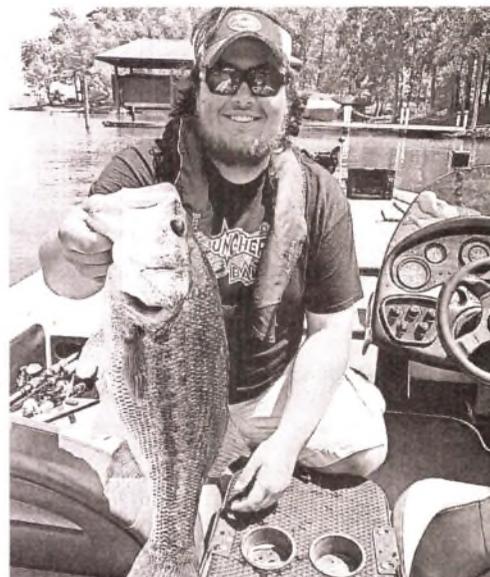
Gilmore's biggest catch to date in a bass tournament is 8 pounds, 14 ounces (Guntersville, Ala.), while Hatten's is 6 pounds, 2 ounces.

"Obviously, we want to win. There's no doubt about that, because how often do you get to fish in a tournament that big with that much media coverage and stuff like that?" Gilmore said. "I think the key to any kind of tournament fishing, honestly, on any level, is just keeping an open mind because stuff changes. Everything changes throughout the day — might pull more current, might drop the lake. It might be completely different than days of practice. Might be completely different conditions ... just keep an open mind, follow your gut and just go fishing, pretty much."

Meanwhile, Dorony has competed in multiple bass fishing tournaments



Livonia's Anthony Gilmore's top bass catch is 8 pounds, 14 ounces.



South Lyon's C.J. Hatten displays a recent bass catch.

Scouting the lake

A week before the nationals, Hatten and Gilmore will haul their Triton TR-21 bass boat to Alabama and get the lay of Wheeler Lake waters.

"We've done a little bit of research, but not much," Hatten said. "The week before, we'll look into it. There's multiple baits. We use jigs or drop shots, different kinds of techniques."

Meanwhile, Dorony has competed in multiple bass fishing tournaments

at the college level, having qualified for the FLW Nationals for the second time. He and Sharporn have been instrumental in Lake Superior State earning a No. 1 team ranking by bassranking.com.

Dorony and Hatten grew up just five minutes apart in South Lyon and were both members of the Lions golf team. (Hatten was also a member of the South Lyon bowling team.)

"The key to success for us is to keep moving,

keep trying new things," Dorony said. "We have two teams (at Lake Superior). Recently, it's just been teamwork. It goes with C.J. and Anthony, too. We usually just try and keep in contact and give each other information about what we've been doing and how we've been successful out there and we can piece it together as a team."

Proper lures

The teams will all use artificial lures during the three-day event in Decatur.

"We think that the main patterns in Alabama are going to probably be shallow water, so we're hoping for all hollow body frogs, soft plastic stick baits or stuff like that for typical soft water patterns," said Dorony, whose biggest catch was a 5-pound bass at the Lake of the Ozarks tournament in Missouri. "We've fished lakes in the area, but not Wheeler Lake."

Dorony plans to return for his senior year at Lake Superior and compete another year in fishing, but would like to explore the professional ranks someday.

"I think it would be a really cool thing to do," he said. "But it's just the whole money factor. It takes a lot of money to travel and everything. So that's what college does

for us. It's given us another platform to try and get our name out there and, possibly, sponsors for once we graduate."

Future plans

Hatten, who plans to go into the welding trades after earning his associate's degree at Schoolcraft, would love to fish on the same lake as Louisiana native Greg Hackney, a three-time Elite Series champion and the 2014 Toyota Bassmaster Angler of the Year.

"It would be a dream to, but I know reality is going to set in," Hatten said. "I'm a competitive person. I just like anything that's a competition."

Gilmore, who will continue his studies online at Schoolcraft, has been accepted to Central Michigan University, where he'll be able to join a bass fishing club there.

But he also harbors dreams of making it to the next level.

"I would like to do it professionally," Gilmore said. "It's what I like to do and pretty much anything after that is financially supporting it, because it's really expensive. If I had to do it for fun in the future, I wouldn't be opposed to that either."

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How soft skills can set you apart

BY SARAH SIPEK
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It's true that technical skills — or hard skills — are essential qualifications for a job, but they're not the full story. Contrary to technical skills that focus on what you know, soft skills focus on how you interact with others. They are loosely defined as transferable skills, interpersonal skills or social skills. They are often multifaceted, but at the end of the day they build relationships — and in business, relationships are key to success. Here are a few soft skills employers identify as most important — and most likely to get you ahead at your job.



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Communication

It may seem overstated, but the ability to communicate with colleagues sets you apart in the workplace, says Karen Russo, president of K. Russo Consulting. "Companies are not looking for 'yes' people," says Russo. "But they are looking for people who can make things happen that usually take a team, not just one person."

Communicating is about more than just being personable and outgoing. It's about bringing up the right points at the right time. It is the end result of many other soft skills — most important of which is critical observation. "Objectivity and divergent thinking — along with good communication — is what will allow you to stand out from the crowd in a good way," says Russo.

Ability to handle criticism

Giving and receiving criticism in a helpful, ego-less way sets you apart,

says Leslie Garr, a certified professional resume writer. You are not always going to perform perfectly. In order to grow within an organization, you need to have the ability to hold an open and honest dialogue about your strengths and weaknesses.

"Being able to self-reflect and grow as a professional through constructive criticism is a great way to impress any employer," says Garr. And when you're receiving criticism, body language is key. Refrain from crossing your arms or slumping your shoulders, says Garr. Avoid accidental eye rolls as well. These behaviors imply you are not a willing participant in the professional development process.

Attention to detail

Accomplishments are great, but soft skills are how those accomplishments come to fruition, says Jessica

Holbrook Hernandez, an executive resume writer and president and CEO of Great Resumes Fast.

For example, when adding bullet points to your resume, go beyond the "what" and explain the "how." If you recovered \$1 million in lost revenue, don't assume the number alone will distinguish your efforts. Hernandez suggests you write: "Recovered \$1 million in lost revenue through attention to detail and meticulous review of 750 client accounts," to highlight the soft skills you used to accomplish that goal.

"As an employer, I can tell you that the employees I consider first when a promotion opportunity presents itself are those who are attentive to detail, take initiative to solve problems and are committed and invested into the success of the clients we work with and the company," she says.

Positive attitude

When disaster strikes, people who radiate positive energy and search for solutions rather than dwell on the technical details of the problem come out ahead when the problem is solved, says Valerie Streif, a senior adviser with thementat.com, a San Francisco-based staffing agency. "People who lack this soft skill tend to overanalyze all the reasons why something bad happened, rather than moving forward and doing everything that they can to mitigate and get things back up and running smoothly," says Streif.

Issues will always arise at work, but the ability to handle them with grace and composure shows your boss you have leadership potential.

Time management

It seems cliché, but the ability to divide your time and complete projects on-time is an in-demand skill among employers. Not only will meeting deadlines help your company achieve its goals, it will also set you apart as reliable, says Jan Yager, sociologist and author. People who have a strong understanding of what needs to get done and how long it will take to complete often excel at securing raises and promotions because they demonstrate a fundamental understanding of the company's mission and work to fulfill it, says Streif.

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

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By Dale Buss

Mercedes-Benz blitzed BMW in the U.S. market last year and blasted past its rival to claim the overall luxury-auto sales crown for 2016. Much of that was due to the brand's growing offerings in the hot SUV part of the market, where BMW's cupboard isn't as stocked.

And this year, while he can't promise that Mercedes will hold on to that title, Dietmar Exler, chief of Mercedes-Benz USA, does expect another record year for sales in the American market.

"We had a very good 2016, but 2017 starts us all over again," Exler told me.

In that regard, Dieter Zetsche, Exler's boss as CEO of Mercedes-Benz parent Daimler, based in Germany, has declared the brand's intention not only to become a leader in the rapidly jelling electric-vehicle market but also in the self-driving technologies that will determine much of the future of the automobile.

Yet Zetsche must be careful not to sacrifice the brand's growing chops as a provider of hiply styled performance vehicles, not just staid and sumptuous transport.

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

Q: Congratulations on your US success recently. How do you build on it? Can you sustain it?

Dietmar Exler: What it does kind of mean -- and we always ask how important it is -- it that it isn't important from the pure fact of being



Mercedes-Benz GLC is eating up sales. No. 1 but as an indication of the success of our product lineup and focus on customer experience and processes that we've employed together with dealers. We focus on the right things and what we do resonates with the customers.

We still have the youngest, freshest product lineup in the industry. Look at our SUVs: We have the freshest SUV lineup. The same is true with passenger cars. In New York [at the recent auto show] we showed in sneak preview, and at the Shanghai auto show, the new S-Class sedan, the flagship of the industry. We will continue also to focus on the customer experience and how can we provide the best experience with customers and our dealers.

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

Exler: We have an advantage in

working very closely with our dealers. For example, we had our executives all spend a week in a dealership to make sure we understand each other as well as possible. These relationships are extremely good; they're not just hugging and kissing and loving. Dealers are good at seeing opportunities on the table. In my mind the most important thing is that both sides feel comfortable behind closed doors and challenge each other constructively.

We have a tremendous advantage in a way with 390 dealerships, or just a few less, in the US. And many are owned by the same dealer principals; we have an owner count in the low 200s. So as the number of partners we have is fairly limited, we can talk to each other and know each other and understand each other and build this relationship that allows us to jointly thrive going forward.

Q: Every luxury brand wants to improve the buying and using experience. So how do you actually make a competitive differentiator out of that for Mercedes-Benz?

Exler: We have a more digital presence for customers, and we have to understand, most importantly, our customers. No one customer is a proxy for all customers... We need to make sure we're ready to serve the customer however they want it.



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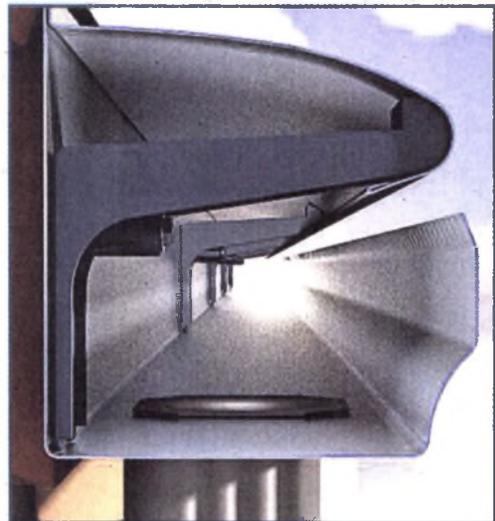
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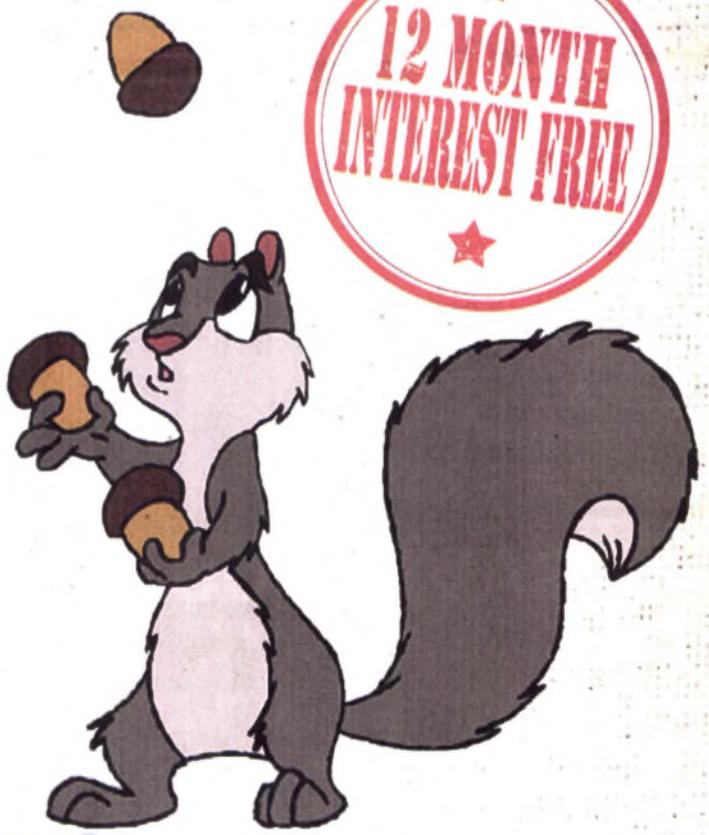


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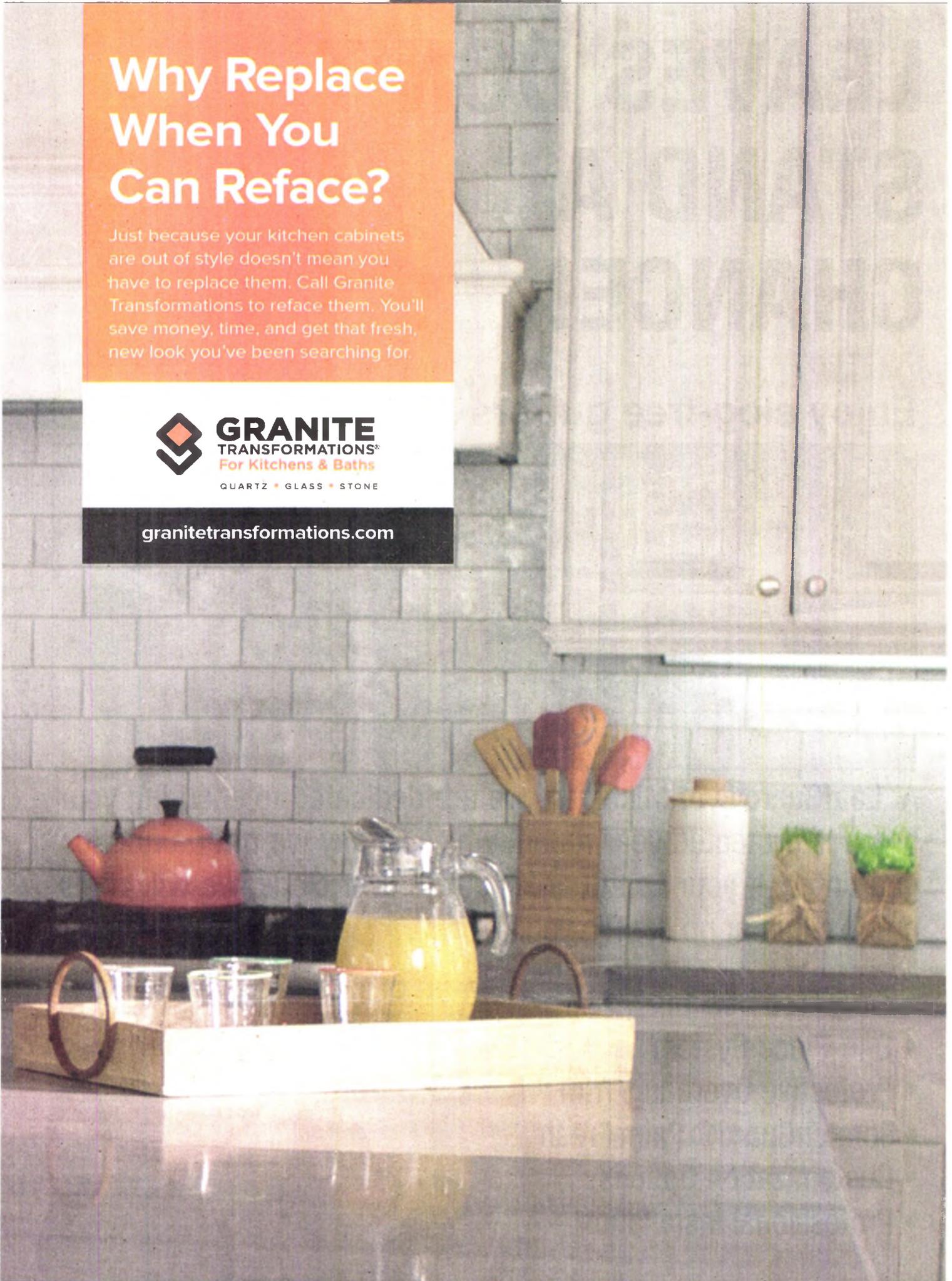
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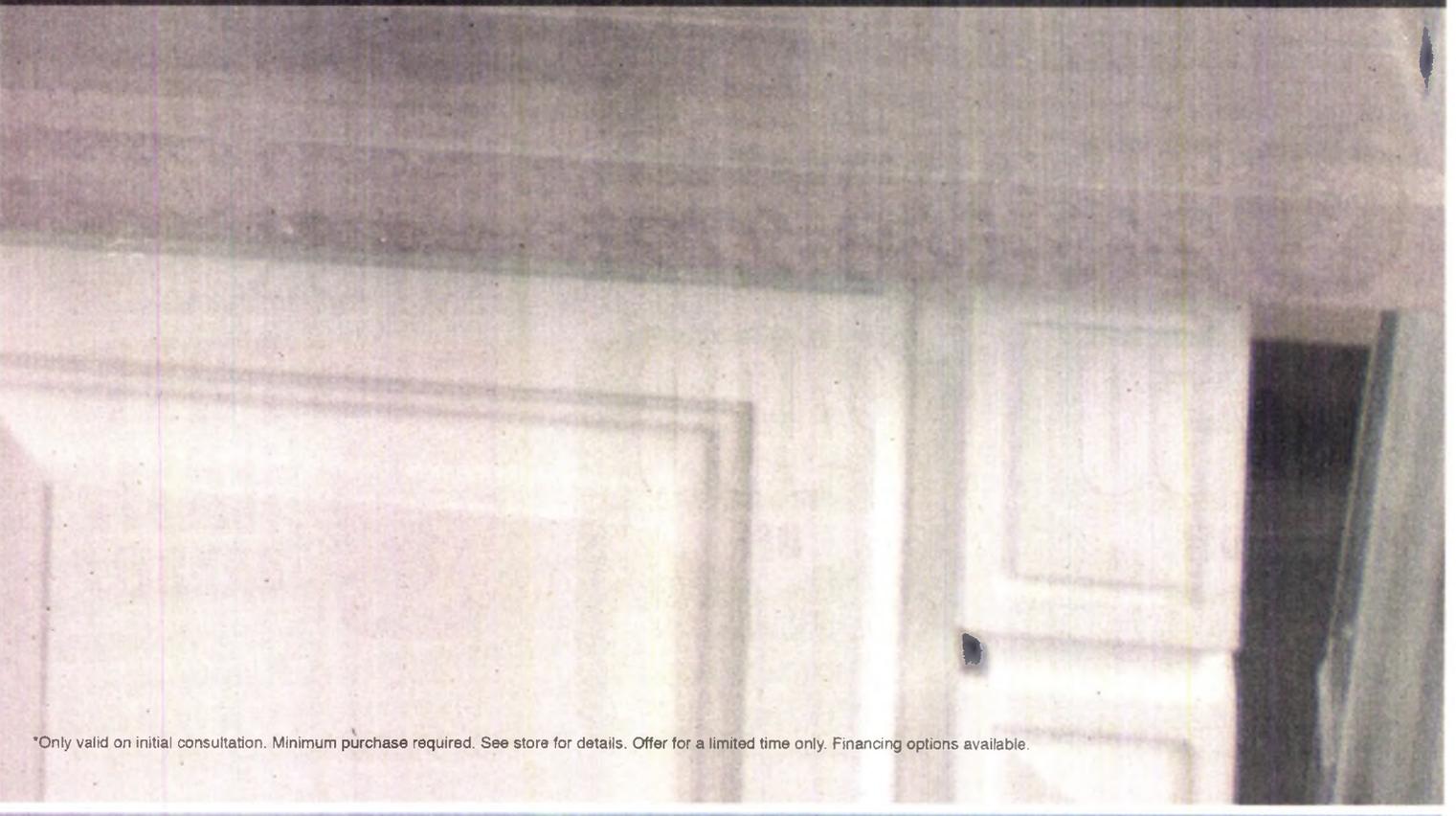
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