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Westland adopts \$65.8 million budget

Reserve funds would increase; no rise in millage rates

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Police and fire staffing will be maintained under a nearly \$66 million budget approved by the Westland City Council.

The balanced budget for the fiscal year starting July 1 has no increases in millage rates. The fund balance, the city's savings account, will have over

\$5.7 million in unassigned surplus for approximately 9 percent of the general fund expenditures.

"The council voted unanimously to approve the budget. The only thing that got changed from



Wild

my proposal was that we had proposed moving one clerical position from the clerk to the Department of Public Works," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "We compromised and left that body where it was, then hired one clerical person for DPW."

Westland 18th District Council received an additional \$20,000 to cover the cost of temporary employees needed at the court.

Key expenditures in the 2017-18 general fund budget

include the scheduled replacement of bulletproof vests for police officers; extension of the employment of four police officers under a federal COPS grant and three firefighters under a FEMA SAFER grant; continued Parks and Recreation funding for refurbishment of the city's park and baseball facilities; and an update of the city's five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

"While this is positive news, the multi-year forecast pre-

sented to city council also shows that challenging financial times are on the horizon," Wild said. "Flat revenue streams paired with continually rising costs, especially for pensions and healthcare, will require careful attention and cost containment in the coming years."

To address its unfunded pension liability, city council approved an additional

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High steppers Michael Lomas, Brandy Angell, Gabrielle Kreza and Jonathan Walker.

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A TALE AS OLD AS TIME: Burger students perform 'Beauty and Beast'

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Mary Anne Muldoon was in her first musical play last year — she was Rizzo in the Burger Development Center production of "Grease."

"I was excited to play Belle and about the yellow gown," said Muldoon, 22, one of the leads in this year's production of "Beauty and the Beast."

"I auditioned and they picked me. We practiced every day."

The 23 students in the cast began rehearsing the play in January ahead of three performances before classmates and school staff before doing the show in a separate performance for family members.

"We had auditions just like the high school with lines and singing. We rehearsed four days a week as part of the Fine Arts Class," said teacher Amy Swarhout.

The rehearsals were more difficult for "Grease" last year before the Fine Arts Class was established.

The cast performed the well-known songs from the



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Mary Anne Muldoon plays Belle in "Beauty and the Beast."

Disney films with the familiar characters of Belle, the Beast, egotistical Gaston complete with extra padding for his muscles and the household staff — Lumiere the candelabra, teapot Mrs. Potts, son Chip the tea cup and clock, Cogsworth. The production had help from a couple Gar-

See PLAY, Page A2 Joseph Wirick plays Lefou.



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Commission denies initial redevelopment plan for former swim club

David Veselenak
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It could be back to the drawing board for the first leg of plans to redevelop a former swim club in Livonia.

That's because the Livonia Planning Commission voted at its May 9 meeting to deny the petition to construct three homes along Lyndon at part of the site of the former CB Swim Club at 28200 Lyndon. The petition would have constructed three single-family homes as a part of a site condominium project. That aspect would be the first portion of the work: the second leg would have consisted of another five single-family homes being built in the remaining 2.71 acres.

Commissioner Peter Ventura said he wanted to see a plan developed with how the complete site could be used, and not just part of it.

"I'm not comfortable with piecemealing this and waiting for some future point in time when we resolve the rest of this site," he said. "I'm uncomfortable with that."

The commission voted 5-1 in favor of the denial, with Commissioner Kevin Priddy casting the lone abstention.

He said as the plans as proposed to the commission, while not completely favorable to the site, met the proper qualifications for approval. He said the petitioner, Soave/Oro Construction, could still come back and get final approval for the remainder of the site.

"We're really looking at the three parcels. And I understand the conceptual plan isn't exactly perfect, but as the petitioner would be able to come back and deal with it at some point," Priddy said. "But the three parcels, is there anything particularly wrong with those three parcels, I guess is my

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FILE PHOTO

The former CB Swim Club is shown last summer in this file photo. The club is located on Lyndon between Inkster and Harrison.



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\$300,000 contribution into the Michigan Employees Retirement System pension plan for general employees.

Also included in the 2017-18 city budget is funding for capital investments, totaling over \$5 million. That included replacement of a fire ladder truck and two rescue vehicles, five new police cars, ball field fencing at Jaycee and Voss parks, roof construction at the Friendship Center, local road paving projects, water main improvements and sewer main lining.

"My administration has worked very closely with city council in developing this year's budget," Wild said. "We are continuing to make

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fiscally responsible decisions that improve quality of life for residents and provide high-quality municipal services, while remaining mindful of legacy costs and other financial challenges facing the city in the not too distant future."

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den City High School students who sang and danced along with another student who videotaped the performance.

"We did all the sets and props. We made and borrowed costumes from the high school and Livonia Franklin High School," said Swarthout, who co-directed the play with teacher Liz Mullins. "It was a big collaborative effort."

Along with the performers, other students worked on the play behind the scenes.

"It has been amazing what this has done for the students self esteem, confidence and social skills," Mullins said. "It's been wonderful with the team teaching. We cry every time we see it."

The choice of "Beauty and the Beast" for the school play just as a live action version was being released at theaters was a coincidence.

"I'm a Disney freak and I had wanted "Beauty and the Beast,"" Mullins said.

A trip to the theater to see the new movie turned out to be a field trip for the entire school.

Located in Garden City, the Burger Center is a magnet school serving autistic students from all over Wayne County.



Michael Lomas plays Lumiere and Jonathan Walker plays Cogsworth.

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Aaron Groves and Gabrielle Kreza, dancing in "Beauty and the Beast."

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concern."

The CB Swim Club property has been vacant since it closed in 2007.

The club, including the pool, has remained vacant ever since. The planning commission approved a rezoning request for the property

last year to move it forward in development.

With the denial, Soave/Oro Construction can file an appeal to the city council, who will then take up the request at a future meeting.

Brian Duggan, representing Soave/Oro Construction, said the company is looking to move forward with the project. Having a denial and delaying work could lead to

more time until the swim club comes down and new residences are built.

Duggan said the company originally planned to divide the property via land splits, but there were limitations due to the state's Land Division Act.

"We do know we have to come back to this body. That point is the time to massage it and make sure it works the way you want it to work," he said. "It

will delay a lot of things. He's trying to recoup his costs.

"He's just coming in front of you to and do three single-family homes at this present time, with the full knowledge that he has to come back to do anything in the back."

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Livonia police seek burglary suspect who took cigarettes

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Livonia police are hoping the public can identify a man they believe broke into two businesses and stole dozens of packs of cigarettes.

Police say the suspect broke into Holiday Square Party Store, 34950 Ann Arbor Trail, just after 1 a.m. May 10. Officers were called to the business on an alarm that went off.

When police arrived, they found glass from the front door broken. After looking at the security footage with the owner, police saw the suspect on video with a large piece of concrete in his hand. He was then seen taking the concrete and using it to punch a hole in the glass of the door.

He was then seen climbing through the door after grabbing a bag, police said. He walked in and took several cartons of Newport and Marlboro cigarettes, police said. Before leaving, the suspect also



COURTESY OF THE LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Livonia police are looking for this man, whom they say broke into two businesses in the city earlier this month.

grabbed a pint of whiskey, police said. He was seen running toward the nearby apartment complex with no vehicle observed in the video.

The second incident took place two days later at the Valero gas station at 29230 Five Mile. The station's owner arrived at about 6 a.m. May 12 and found the glass door to the business smashed. He said an employee had secured the door the

night before. The store has an alarm, but it did not go off.

While investigating, police located a brick that appeared to be used to break in. Security footage should the suspect hitting the glass door with the brick until it broke, police said. He then entered the store and grabbed several cartons of cigarettes and placed them in a bag, police said. About 70 packs of cigarettes were taken from the station, police said.

The suspect was described as a male standing between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-10 and around 160 pounds. The man has dark hair, was clean shaven and was wearing a coat that is dark with orange accent colors and some text on the back.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Livonia detective working the case at 734-466-2320.

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Police seek two accused in Livonia gas station break-in

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Police are looking for a pair of burglary suspects accused of break-in into a gas station on the Livonia/Farmington Hills border and stealing cigarettes and lottery tickets.

Officers were called at about 2 a.m. May 19 to Sunoco, 29835 Eight Mile, after an alarm at the business was triggered. Police arrived and found the front door broken and glass busted, as well as several packs of cigarettes laying on the ground by the door.

The gas station owner later arrived and police watched the security footage with them. On the tape, two suspects were seen using a monkey wrench to broke into the shop. The two suspects were seen grabbing several items, including cigarettes, lottery tickets, change rolls and some cigars, and left, police said.

One suspect was described as a male at 135-150 pounds, standing between 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-8. He was wearing blue jeans, brown boots, a gray-hooded jacket with yellow

stripes, red gloves and a white mask.

The other suspect was described as a male at 180-200 pounds and standing between 5-foot-10 and 6 feet tall. The suspect was wearing dark blue pants, a black hooded-sweatshirt, brown gloves and a mask.

Anyone with information regarding the break-in is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Items taken from store

Livonia police were called Monday afternoon to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

An employee told police they saw the suspect place about 20 items in a cart and walk out without paying. She was stopped and detained at the store until police arrived. After police reviewed security footage, it reportedly showed the suspect purchasing one item and walking out without paying for any of the others. She was arrested and later released after receiving a retail fraud

citation.

Camera lenses taken

An employee at Costco, 13700 Middlebelt, came to the police station May 20 to report the theft of camera lenses.

The employee said the suspect came to the store the day before with someone else, perhaps his mother. He was seen separating from the woman and went to look at laptops and cameras. He was then seen selecting two camera lenses, a case and a 32 GB card and put them in his pocket. He reportedly later left without paying for the items. The employee believes the woman he came in

with was not involved in the theft.

Air tool kit stolen

An employee at Sears, 29500 Seven Mile, came to the police station May 20 to report a shoplifting incident.

A suspect was seen selecting socks and later went to the hardware department. The suspect then selected an air tool kit and was later seen walking out of the store without paying, according to the report. He was seen getting into a vehicle driven by someone else and left the store.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Vehicles broken into

Wayne police were dispatched May 16 to residences in the 4900 block of Heather Place on the report of several vehicles that had been broken into.

Police spoke to one resident, who said their vehicle was fine at about 4 a.m. that morning but had a window damaged by 6 a.m. when they came back out. Other residents came out to police in the lot, saying

their vehicles had been damaged as well.

Prescription taken

A resident in the 32000 block of Carlisle filed a police report May 4 over a larceny from auto. The resident said someone broke into his truck and stole his wife's prescription.

Shoes stolen from car

Police were called May 16 to the 35700 block of East Michigan Avenue

on the report of shoes taken from a vehicle.

The victim said she parked on the north side of the lot the night before and there was no damage. She came back the next morning and found a window had been broken. A pair of shoes were taken from the car, similar to what took place at the residences on Heather Place.

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Redford school communities join cancer fight with mini-Relay

Ashley Wischmeyer
Correspondent

Students at Fisher and Vandenberg elementary schools in the South Redford School District worked separately — and together — this spring to raise more than \$5,800 for the American Cancer Society.

Students brought in loose change from home beginning April 24, enlisted family members and friends to donate and, as an incentive, competed against each other, by school and by grade level, in the fundraising.

The Redford Jaycees pitched in by donating money for a pizza party for the class at each school that raised the most, and for a popsicle (to go with an extra recess) for the top fundraising grade level at each school.

The two-week fundraising competition culminated May 9 at Vandenberg with a Relay Recess — an offshoot of



SARAH MOORE

Participants in the May 9 Relay Recess at Vandenberg Elementary in the South Redford School District pose with an American Cancer Society banner. Two weeks of fundraising by the Vandenberg and Fisher Elementary communities raised more than \$5,800 for the ACS.

the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life — for students and their families.

There were games like a soccer-ball kick, sack races, Hula Hoops and a cakewalk around

the track, to name a few. At each game, students received prizes donated by the American Cancer Society.

Sandboxx Studios founder Nabil Ansara, a Thurston High School

graduate and professional disc jockey, provided music for dancing.

In addition, there were four bounce houses paid for by the school district's Watch DOGS (Dads Of Great Students)

organization. Families paid \$3 for a wristband that allowed the wearers to use the bounce houses, and proceeds from the sale of the bands went to the American Cancer Society.

There was also pizza (donated by Hungry Howie's and Little Caesars), orange drink (donated by McDonald's) and water (donated by families) for sale, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the ACS.

The program included recognition of people in the school district community who are currently fighting cancer or who have won that fight; survivors talked about their battles, and walked around the track together while everyone spread out around them, clapping and encouraging them.

About 1,000 people attended this year's Relay Recess, which marked its sixth and most successful year. During the fundraising period, Fisher raised \$2,323 and Vandenberg raised \$3,503 for a total donation to the American Cancer Society of \$5,826. That includes \$1,193 raised on the day of the event.

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Wallet taken from locker

A patron at Planet Fitness, 34634 Warren, came to the Westland police station May 19 to report his wallet had been stolen.

He said he placed the wallet in a locker at the gym and left it unlocked. He finished his workout and came back to the locker room to find his wallet missing. He said he had no suspect information and said he spoke to an employee. They reviewed footage, which showed several people walking in and out of the locker room and no one was seen carrying a wallet.

Items stolen from car

A resident in the 1100 block of Sharon came to the police

station May 19 to report a larceny from auto.

He said he parked his vehicle in front of the residence the night before and failed to lock the vehicle. The next morning, he came out to the vehicle and found the compartment attached to the dashboard missing. The compartment contained cash. No suspect information was available.

Fraud reported

A resident in the 33000 block of Blackfoot came to the police station May 17 to report fraudulent charges that appeared on his bank account.

He said he went to his credit union and found several charges listed from PlayStation Network. Five charges

were listed earlier in the month. The resident said he did not know who had made the charges.

Vehicle windows smashed

Police were dispatched May 16 to a property in the 8000 block of Farmington on the report of damage to vehicles parked on the property.

When police arrived, they spoke to the property owner, who said several windows to the barn were broken out. Four older vehicles were also parked on the property and were also damaged, with some of the windshields broken out. The owner said he heard glass break on the barn. When he went to see what had happened, he saw two young men

run through the woods from the property. The owner said he believes this type of incident has happened several times before.

Attempted burglary

Police were called May 16 to a residence in the 31000 block of Bennington Drive on the report of an attempted burglary.

Police arrived and met with a contractor working on the home. The contractor said he was working on the home the day before and came back the next day. He did not see damage on the back door until later in the day when he went into the backyard. There were two large dents near the door knob. No suspect information was available.

Garage break-in

A resident in the 1800 block of Berry came to the police station May 16 to report a burglary of his garage.

He said he left for vacation several days before and closed the door to his garage, but did not lock it. When he returned a few days later, he went into the garage and found several items missing. The garage was not ransacked and it did not seem anything was out of place. He said he spoke to his neighbors and asked if they had seen anything suspicious.

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RE/MAX Cornerstone will provide its clients with professional homebuying and selling expertise while offering the advantages of working with a RE/MAX agent, according to a press

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"Our entire management team grew up in the Wayne-Westland community. We are very excited to open a RE/MAX office in our hometown," said Hillary Stone, broker and owner, RE/MAX Cornerstone. "We have an excellent team already in place and look forward to expanding further in the coming months."

Interviews are being conducted for experienced and newly licensed agents interested in join-

ing the RE/MAX Cornerstone team. Interested agents should contact Hillary Stone at 734-444-4227.

For more information about RE/MAX Cornerstone, visit www.cornerstone.remax-detroit.com.

KEVIN KREIS

(From left) Kyle Scott, Ashley Scott, Garrett Stone, Hillary Stone and Bruce Thompson, director of the Building Department for the City of Westland.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emagine Theaters benefit

The Emagine Theaters are nothing but a good thing for all of the cities they are in. They have made other theaters up their game. The Emagine theater took over a failing theater in Birmingham and made it successful. This brings people and money into the city and the council wants to show they have power over everyone and everything. I mean how more moronic do they want to be?

They should be thanking the company and like a lot of politicians, they seem to want to only find fault. Same goes for the city of Troy, when they turned down the plans to build a baseball stadium a few years ago. This was after two years of the company changing plans to meet the whims and demands of the Troy city council. The City of Utica quickly approved the plans and now they have the Jimmy John's stadium, while Troy still has a huge vacant field collecting pollen and zero tax revenue.

Gary Roys
Troy

High schoolers impress

I have never been so proud to be a longtime Novi resident as I am now. As Channel 7 News reported, the Novi High School football team will soon host its second annual camp for special needs athletes. It was heartwarming to see the news report of our high schoolers sharing their time last summer with kids who might not al-

ways be included. The football career of most athletes will stop at high school, but character and leadership are lifelong traits. Thank you to Coach Burnside and staff for showing the team that being good people is more important than sports. We are fortunate to live in such a positive and uplifting community.

Scott Horsburgh
Novi

Crazy week for Trump

This has been one crazy, wild, no-holds-barred stretch for politics junkies. Forget the Real Housewives or soap operas, the real drama is the Trump administration's total disregard of law, truth, morals, ethics or public opinion.

In no particular order let's recap: So it turns out when House Intelligence Committee (oxymoron) chair Devin Nunes was sneaking around the White House for Trump making unauthorized disclosures of classified materials, it was to delay fired AG Sally Yates from telling her story to Congress (and what a story she told) and then served up the Susan Rice unmasking story to serve as a smokescreen to that. Details of Comrade Trump's private meeting with two top Russians where he gave them the highest level of classified materials and bragged of firing "nut job" Comey to ease pressure from the Russian investigation while allowing only Russian state media into the white house.

Then, H.R. McMaster, one of only two Trump officials with any credi-

bility, totally trashes his credibility by playing word games and lying about what happened, and Trump throws him under the bus the next morning. Trump admits, during the Lester Holt interview to firing Comey, not to defend Hillary's honor as originally stated, but because of the fake Russian thing.

Trump was blindsided by the deputy AG bringing a special investigator to probe this "witch hunt."

Flynn admitted he told the Trump transition team he was under investigation for the Russia thing weeks before the inauguration. AG Sessions didn't really refuse himself from the Russia thing. There were 18 more secret unreported communications with Russia, according to Reuters.

Did I miss anything? Trump bowed before the Saudi king and called it an honor, but he said it was a disgrace when Obama did it. And he accepted a large donation from them but when Hillary did the same he called it criminal and pay to play. During the campaign he took such relish, such childlike glee in using the phrase "radical Islamic terrorism" but not once did those words cross his lips while addressing a conference of 50 Islamic nations.

Mitch Dubanik
Livonia

On differing political opinions

Love, tolerate or despise him, our President has been the subject of unceasing vitriol and attacks from the new axis of anti-Trumpism:

establishment Republicans, Democrat party save a few, most of academia, entertainment industry, most of the self-admitted and proud anti-Trump media and, most frighteningly, the deep state of career intelligence officials.

Most of the latter are indeed American patriots who serve their nation with dedication, there are a few rogue actors that must be found and exposed. There's little more dangerous than rogue intelligence personnel with an ax to grind in weaponizing intelligence data for political purposes.

While Director of National Intelligence James Clapper recently stated that our institutions are under assault by President Trump, he also has said most clearly there is no evidence linking Trump to Russian collusion. The former assertion is parodied as fact by this new axis while the latter is ignored as irrelevant though it is indeed the latter that is factual and very troubling to the media.

We all desire to leave this earth a better place than when we arrived. But by what means and values? Animosity of all things Republican because their candidate lost? This is what I'm seeing in this section of the paper almost every week. And yes, that civility cuts both ways.

Let's face it. If your beliefs are pro-choice, bigger federal government, open borders, more taxes to fund social

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Colbeck supports concealed pistol bill

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, supported passage of Senate Bill 366 in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, which would create a provision- al Concealed Pistol License (CPL) for 18-21-year-olds who already meet all



Colbeck

of the requirements to possess a firearm, but that are under the age of 21 so would not currently be able to carry a concealed pistol, according to a press release.

"As a strong supporter for people being able to defend themselves, this bill will allow legal aged adults in Michigan the full ability to exercise their right to carry a concealed pistol as many other states currently allow," Colbeck said. "It's important that the Senate passes this legislation that ensures adults who are of legal age to vote, serve in our nations armed forces, and own a gun can also enjoy the protection that comes with being able to carry a con-

cealed pistol."

The legislation is the result of current Michigan law, where Michigan has reciprocity agreements with several other states that allow concealed carry of firearms but do so at different ages. As an example, Michigan currently requires that a person be 21 years old to obtain a CPL, but West Virginia, a state with which Michigan has a reciprocity agreement, allows 18-year-olds to obtain a CPL. The legislation would create an equal standard among the states that Michigan has reciprocity agreements with, the press release says.

"Young women in particular need to be able to carry concealed to better defend themselves should the unthinkable happen," Colbeck said. "It makes no sense that a 125 pound, 20-year-old woman, for example, may be able to purchase and own a firearm if she is being stalked and feels threatened, yet would be forced to choose between 'open carry' or 'no carry' under today's laws. We need to be able to fix that."

SB 366 now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

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2002	CHRYSLER	4D	3C4FY48B92i335246	PT CRUISER	ARREST	1702679	21
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1996	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCCS144XT8117018	S-10	ARREST	1702806	24

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

American Montessori Academy will hold a public hearing June 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm at 14800 Middlebelt Road in Livonia (734) 525-7100 to review the proposed 2017-2018 operating budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the above address.

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LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER WAITING LIST

The Livonia Housing Commission (LHC) hereby notifies the general public that the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) waiting list will open for applications on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 9:00 am. Applications for the waiting list are available on line ONLY at <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/MI2628> to determine priority for assistance. The Livonia Housing Commission will confine the total applications at 2,500. Applications received on-line will be entered into a selection lottery to be placed on the Voucher waiting list.

James M. Inglis, Executive Director
Livonia Housing Commission

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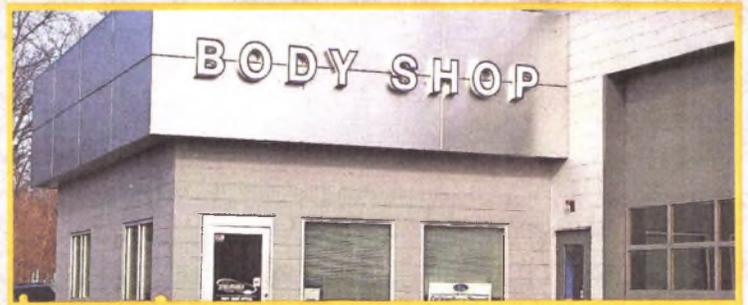


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Comic Con attracts thousands

Motor City Comic Con held over the weekend at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi featured a marriage proposal, thousands in costumes, a vast variety of pop-culture merchandise, more than 300 comic book creators, writers and artists, as well as more than 50 actors from the television and movie industry. For more photos see the gallery on www.hometownlife.com.



DAN DEAN

Dan Nichols of Toledo pushes his son Milo, 7, who is dressed as Hannibal Lecter at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



DAN DEAN

Nick Kallas with his 4-year-old son Nicholas (Spider-Man) from Northville lineup to enter Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



DAN DEAN

Donvan McKinnie of Detroit takes photos of Black Widow and Red Hood at Motor City Comic Con at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Friday, May 19.



DAN DEAN

Michael Rooker played Yondu Udonta in "Guardians of the Galaxy" and was signing autographs at Motor City Comic Con.

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1994	NISSAN	2D	JN1RZ24D3RX545977	300ZX	ACCIDENT	TITLE	8
2004	CHRYSLER		1C3EL55R14N340935	SEBRING	ACCIDENT	TITLE	9
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DAN DEAN

Bruce Watros, 2, looks out from the crate he rides in being pulled by his dad, Andrew Watros of Farmington. Bruce is Baby Groot.

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Little Stars Foundation Workshop

The Little Stars Foundation is offering a free programming workshop on Wednesday, May 31, for student ages 10-17. This introductory level workshop is aimed at introducing basics of programming to the students, encouraging interest in computer science and STEM-related fields. This one-evening workshop will be held at the Canton Administration Building Meeting Room at 7-9 p.m. The workshop will be taught by a college student majoring computer science. No previous programming experience is required. Students must provide their own laptop. The registration deadline is May 28. To register, email tlstf@thelittlestars.org. The Little Stars Foundation is a nonprofit youth organization whose mission is to help local children and seniors. For more information, visit www.thelittlestars.org.

Angels for Isabelle and Elliott fundraiser

A fundraising event to raise money to cover costs of medical care for two young Plymouth residents — Elliott, age 3, who has autism, and Isabelle, age 2, who has stage 4 cancer and Sotos syndrome — is being held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 4, at Summit in the Park in Canton. Tickets are on sale until May 29. The event is \$15 for adults 13 and up, \$10 for children 12 and under. Tickets are presale only at www.eventbrite.com/vevent?eid=33881167484 or in the Facebook event page [facebook.com/events/1900331323584096](https://www.facebook.com/events/1900331323584096).

The event features a full breakfast buffet in a beautiful setting, white linens and china. There will be a live DJ, live music from a local band, magician Steven Skindell performing, costumed Disney princesses from the local Plymouth Canton theater group for photos, face painting, a 50/50 cash raffle, and a prize-based raffle with over fifty different prizes donated by local businesses. All prizes are on display on Facebook page www.facebook.com/angelsforisabelleandelliott/.

Senior Health & Fitness Day

Area seniors are invited to join a celebration of the 24th annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. This nationwide health and fitness event is held to promote the importance of regular physical activity, and to showcase what local organizations are doing to improve the health and fitness of older adults in their communities. Seniors age 55 and older can enjoy a variety of senior health- and fitness-related activities, including: Health Fair and health screenings from 8:30-10 a.m.; workshops, and fitness classes. Registration fees are \$7 for Summit members, \$8 for Canton residents and \$10 for non-residents. Fee includes boxed lunch, workshops and participant bag. Morning workshops starting at 10:30 a.m. include: Intro to Beginner Yoga, Fall Prevention

101, and Safe While Out and About.

Afternoon workshops starting at 12:45 p.m. include: Intro to Lyrical Dancing; Cooking with Chef Kristi; and Custom Coasters Make & Take workshop.

This day of events culminates with an Intro to Fitness Gold at 2 p.m. featuring fitness moves for strength, balance and cardiovascular endurance. Participants interested in attending Canton's National Senior Health and Fitness Day must register by Monday, May 29, by calling the Canton Club 55+ front desk at 734-394-5485. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Inspectors answer home improvement questions

Inspectors from Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division will be at Home Depot, at 39825 Ford Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 3, to help answer resident questions about home improvement projects.

As a homeowner, you will need to obtain a permit if you are building an addition such as a room or sunroom, making an alteration to your home such as windows, siding or basement remodeling, if you're building a shed, detached garage or deck or if you're putting in a pool or installing a sprinkler system. You will also need to obtain a permit if you are adding or altering electrical, plumbing, heating or air conditioning.

On June 3, there will be Rental, Building, Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC inspectors there to help answer resident questions one-on-one and they will come equipped with code books and permit applications. This session is free of charge and all residents interested in making their home safe and code compliant are encouraged to attend.

Families Against Narcotics meeting

Northwest Wayne County Families Against Narcotics will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 5, at LifeChurch Annex, 6900 N. Haggerty Road, Canton.

The group will explore how addiction impacts the family.

Family therapist Pat Schafer from Brighton Center for Recovery will discuss "dos and don'ts" of dealing with addiction in the family, and answer all your questions. Codependency and enabling behaviors will be discussed, as well as how to draw the line between helpful behavior supporting recovery and harmful behaviors that can

damage the family and perpetuate addiction. The group will also hear from Angela Bogota, a young person in long-term recovery from addiction; and Andy Hopson, who struggled with two addicted children and is in recovery himself.

For more information, email nwwayne@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

VAAL Spring Art Exhibit

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) will present its spring art exhibit at the Livonia Civic Center Library from June 1-30. The art will be presented in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor.

The juror for the exhibition will be Eugene Clark, Oakland University Art Professor of anatomy, figure drawing and painting. Also affiliated with Center for Creative Studies, Birmingham Bloomfield Area Center, Wayne State University and Oakland Community College.

The art presented by members will represent a variety of mediums including: watercolor, acrylic, oils, pastel and mixed media. Many of the art works will be for sale.

There will be a reception and Announcement of Awards on Monday, June 5, 7-8:30 p.m. at the art gallery in the Livonia Civic Center Library. Refreshments will be served. The reception is open to the public.

The Livonia Civic Center Library is located at 33000 Civic Center Drive. (Five Mile, East of Farmington Road)

For more information about the exhibit, call 734-838-1204 or visit www.vaalart.org

Civil Rights, Human Rights - The March Continues

Author and speaker Robert Weir will share an emotional presentation on his Living Legacy Pilgrimage into the Land of Slavery at the Tuesday, June 13, Citizens for Peace meeting. He will compare the past with the present, and will reveal how and why resilience and inspiration continues despite racism. This free talk will begin at 7 pm. at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile). For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

Young opera singers at Liberty Fest

Canton's International Festival returns to Heritage Park on Saturday, June 17, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., during Canton's 26th annual Liberty Fest. One of the many featured perfor-

mances slated to take place at 12:30 p.m. during the International Festival is a special appearance by Soprano Ryan Blankenburg and Tenor Darinus Dillard, presented by the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan.

Canton's 26th Annual Liberty Fest is a three-day community festival featuring two stages of live entertainment and family fun for all ages. Festival-goers are encouraged to enjoy a variety of cultures from around the world, who will be showcased on June 17. Featured cultures include: China, India, Italy, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Tahiti, the United States, Native American, African American and Hawaiian/Polynesian.

For more information about this year's International Festival presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage's Multicultural Committee, visit www.cantonvillage.com or call 734-394-5300.

Free Violin Workshop

The Little Stars Foundation is offering a free violin workshop starting July 19 for children ages 6-13. This is the ninth consecutive year that TLSF has been providing free music workshops for local children. This introductory level workshop is aimed at introducing music and specifically violin to young children. The four-week-long workshop will be held at the Canton Administration Building Meeting Room at 7-9 p.m.

No previous violin experience is required; however, returning students are welcome to attend again to further improve their skill. Participants can perform violin music with current TLSF members in the end of the workshop. Students must provide their own violin. The registration deadline is June 24. To register, email tlstf@thelittlestars.org.

The Little Stars Foundation is a nonprofit youth organization whose mission is to help local children and seniors. For more information, visit www.thelittlestars.org.

Teen volunteer opportunity

The Westland Public Library is looking for teen volunteers to help with the 2017 Summer Reading Program, "Build a Better World." Volunteers will help in the Youth Services Department and assist at many of our summer events. This is a great opportunity for teens to earn valuable experience and service hours for their school or community organization. Applications should be

submitted to the Youth Services Desk before attending one of three "walk-in" training sessions from 7:15-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1; Monday, June 5; or Wednesday, June 7, in the Youth Activity Room of the Westland Library.

Most applications are accepted as long as space allows, but earlier applicants have priority in scheduling. For more information, contact claire.mueller@westlandlibrary.org or call 734-326-6123, ext. 2847.

Sounds of the Spirit

Music of the Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist and Native American faiths will be featured at Sounds of the Spirit, an interfaith event set for 3-6 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in Plymouth.

Presented by the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit, this is the second in a series of musical presentations and panel discussions to increase respect and understand-

ing among diverse faiths, cultures and races.

Sounds of the Spirit will be hosted by Mata Tripta Ji Gurdwara Sahib, located at 40600 Schoolcraft Road in Plymouth.

The program includes music performed on the traditional instruments of these faiths: Native Drumming, Mary Vorves; Sikh Krtaan, Yashpreet Matharu and Manjot Matharu; Soka Gakkai International (SGI) Nichiren Buddhist Music, Carolyn Ferrari; Hindu Devotional on the Veena, Parashar Athmakuri and Deekshita Athmakuri accompanied by Rajasekhar Athmakuri on mrudangam; Sacred Wave Gong Immersion, Christopher Davis.

The event is open to the public with a cost of \$10 per person; children under 10 are free. To register in advance, visit tinyurl.com/soundsofthespirit2. Tickets, which include refreshments, also can be purchased at the door for \$13.

Passages

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Donaldson

Emma "Dolly" (nee Nyiri), age 88, May 25, 2017. Beloved wife of the late James Donaldson. Loving sister of Erma O. Nyiri "Sissy". Sister-in-law of Fred (the late Grace) and the late Douglas Donaldson. Dear aunt of Robert (Gerry Chittle), Douglas (Jose'e Madore), Barbara (Gary Hillier) and Lance (Youlanda Douglas). Cremation has taken place. No service will be held. Her family suggests donations to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory of Dolly by signing her online guestbook at www.rggrharris.com.



Vera Age 91, passed away May 21, 2017. Surviving are her children, Gloria (Charles) McCracken, Roger (Amy Shapiro) Mingo, Paul (Margaret) Mingo, Jack Mingo, Julie (Keith Williams) Mingo and Mingo (Cheryl Henderson) Reynolds; sister, Elaine Pierce; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Vera was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, Glen; parents, Albert and Yerdia; and her sisters Ruth Johnson and Elenore Richardson. Vera's family has arranged for a memorial service to be held on July 22nd, with visitation at 10-12 am and a memorial service at 12 noon, at the Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King, located at 5300 W. Maple, in West Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested memorial donations to the Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King, Doctors without Borders, or the Sierra Club. Arrangements entrusted to Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. 248-474-5200 heeneey-sundquist.com

Hill

Don Troy High School icon and wrestling coach Don Hill, 91, died May 14th, 2017 at his home in Troy, Michigan. He was a WWII veteran, a graduate of Ferndale High School, Wayne State, and Michigan State. He was very proud of the fact that he was on the very first negotiating team representing the Teacher's Union in the early days of Troy education. Don spent his entire life dedicated and devoted to the development of Troy's youth. A few of his very long list of notable accomplishments were being inducted into the Michigan High School Athletics Coaches Hall of Fame and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Don is survived by his niece June Shelton, Edna Henry (husband Dwayne), and his great niece Tammy Swanson (husband John), and Susie Moore (husband Jeff, and great nephew Chris Shelton. Don is also survived by so many men that knew him as a second (dad).

A celebration of Don's life will be held at the Troy High School Gymnasium on June 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Services will start at 2:00pm. All are welcome. Don Hill will be greatly missed by all.



Rea



Marco Bernardo May 21, 2017 Age 31. Proud graduate of Brother Rice High School ('04) and Purdue University ('08). Project Manager and Estimator for his family's company, Area Construction and Fairmont Properties. Beloved husband of Sarah (nee Valovich). Devoted father of Rocco and George. Dear son of Antonio and Suzanne. Loving brother of A. Christopher (Anna), David (Teresa), Carolina Sweeting (Christian) and Michael (Gurianna). Uncle of many dear nieces and nephews, and beloved owner of his dog, Gus. Services were held at Holy Name Church, Birmingham. Memorial tributes to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or Brother Rice High School Athletic Department, 7107 Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at AJDesmond.com

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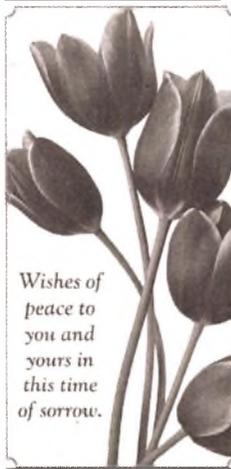
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programs, gender redefinition so you can supposedly re-create your gender through hormones and surgery, intolerance toward those with whom you disagree, deconstruction of the First Amendment to selectively champion free speech for the press while removing its equal elevation of religious freedom, contempt for the Second Amendment and its right to keep and bear arms, and the wholesale abandonment of Amendment's IX and X, then it is natural for you to despise our president.

I get it. I do not despise you because you believe in the things I find anathema to American exceptionalism. I am saddened that you did not learn the foundational principles that made this nation such a beautiful place to live in and where millions have sacrificed dearly to come here in past decades and centuries to build a better America. Ironically, the most militant atheist, the most virulent leftist and the current axis against Trump all enjoy their freedom here because of conservatism, not in spite of it.

That gift of freedom and our free will give us the choice to choose wisely or poorly. I hope to choose wisely with respect toward my detractors and as a citizen of this wonderful nation. Let's reintroduce civility and remember that our neighbor need not be our enemy just because their yard sign was Clinton blue or Trump red. Last time I checked, our blood runs blue on the inside yet we all bleed red in the end.

Joe Edwards
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Gun control needed

While watching the news, a story came on that had me shaking my head. It seems another two-bit punk got his hands on a pistol and opened fire on a house, wounding a mother and her newborn baby.

Many moons ago, when I was a deputy sheriff on patrol, practically the only criminals who carried a gun were hit men and armed robbers. Now, it seems, every wannabe thug can get his hands on a semi-automatic weapon and then use it without any regard for the mayhem they cause.

You would think that our lawmakers would be trying to close loopholes in current laws and shutting down shady gun dealers. But, come on, both Lansing and D.C. are teeming with politicians who are no more than pimps and shills for the NRA and gun makers.

Case in point are two bills pending in our State Capital. The first would do away with the requirement that a person must have a license to carry a concealed pistol. The second would end the requirement that pistols must be registered with the State of Michigan. Both sponsored by Republican politicians.

If these bills become law, any adult could go in the local Walmart, buy a handgun, slip it in the waistband and go about their business. No pesky background investigation, no training and no fingerprint checking.

I am sure the mother mentioned above will feel safer if these bills are put in place. Again, nothing but pandering to the NRA and right-wing nut jobs.

James Huddleston
Canton

Bad business

Lena Epstein, who announced last week that she will run for the U.S. Senate in next year's election, stressed that she wants public officials to be outsiders who have a business background. She should remind that other outsiders with business backgrounds were Gov. Rick Snyder and President Donald Trump.

Did everyone forget that the city of Flint water crisis happened under a former businessman and that the current chaos involving health care changes and a proposed federal budget was the result of a Mafia-type of businessmen in cabinet positions?

The president promised in the weeks before last fall's election to "drain the swamp."

All he did was bring in larger alligators.

Leonard Poger
Westland

New health plan is bad

The bi-partisan Congressional Budget Office, an arm of Congress, just scored the new version of Trump-care passed by the GOP controlled House. After seven years of "repeal and replace" constant rhetoric and after 55 House votes to repeal the AHCA, the House current version would terminate the coverage of 23 million Americans. Currently, over 90 percent of Americans have health coverage, the highest percent in American History, as a direct result of the AHCA.

The largest segment of those 23 million who will lose coverage are the old, very young, women and any of us who have preexisting conditions. Drastic cuts in Medicaid will ensure that the poor will not be covered by health care. Trump care

would destroy any semblance of health care coverage for those selected 23 million. GOP Republicans soothe the cruel conscience by essentially saying the Senate will straighten out there cruel mess. A massive political gamble using sick US citizens as GOP slot machine tokens.

Trump care does not cover routine mammograms and pap smear but does cover prostate cancer screening. We must wonder why?

Why terminate health care for 23 million? Simple. Neither Trump or the GOP-controlled US House has any interest in health care coverage. There singular goal is to "create" savings for a massive tax cut for the already wealthy, which is Trump and his cronies.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Trott untrustworthy

When Americans elect representation, in most cases, since we all have our own jobs to do and lives to lead, we trust those who we elect to vote for and pursue actions that are in our best interest so that we don't have to become experts on all issues. Unfortunately Congressman Dave Trott has demon-

strated in no uncertain terms that he demands constant constituent supervision and can never be trusted to do what normally should be expected of an honest, ethical, public-minded legislator.

Trott votes for and supports policies that would result in tens of thousands of unnecessary deaths per year for lack of health coverage, cause a dramatic increase in out-of-pocket health care costs for most Americans, dramatically cut Medicaid which would result in millions of middle and working class families having to render long term care in their own homes to aged parents and jeopardize the solvency of Medicare reducing care and exploding costs to retirees all so that the top 1 percent of the wealth holders and wage earners can enjoy substantial tax cuts.

Shamefully, Trott is also down with sacking environmental regulations (societal protections) that would prevent the fouling of the environment with life and health threatening toxins from numerous sources and of course the proliferation of green house gases that would render the planet uninhabitable,

again all so that corporations can expand profits despite the fact that corporate profits are at or near an all time high as a share of GDP.

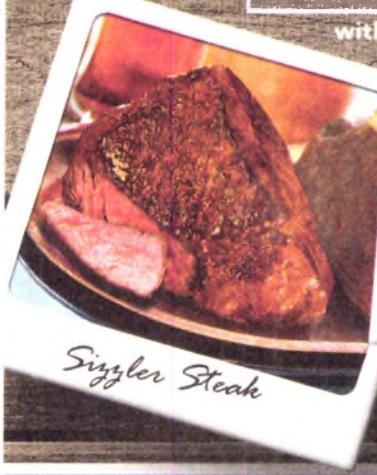
Now Trott has helped help to vote out of committee a bill that would almost guarantee a future economic crash by repealing the Volker rule which restricts banks from co-mingling commercial and investment functions and cuts restrictions on the mortgage industry returning us to the same lax regulatory environment that precipitated the inflation of a housing bubble that spelled financial disaster for millions of Americans all to increase profits and again in spite of the fact that the banks and Wall Street are raking in record profits. The bill would also eliminate consumer protections from corporate fraud that cost consumers hundreds of millions annually.

As citizens of Michigan 11, we must be ever vigilant, ready to do whatever is necessary to try to stop Trott from representing his own interests and only those of his wealthiest constituents.

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Trump's Michigan campaign chair challenges Stabenow for U.S. Senate

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Lena Epstein, a Bloomfield Hills businesswoman who served as a co-chair for President Donald Trump's Michigan campaign, announced Monday that she's running for U.S. Senate.

"The politicians have failed us and the citizens of Michigan are looking for a new way," Epstein said. "The state spoke loud and clear in 2016. They want an outsider with business skills."

That's exactly what the voters will get if they elect Epstein. The 35-year-old Harvard graduate is co-owner of Vesco

Oil Corporation, a family business based in Southfield that employs more than 200 people and has annual revenues exceeding \$175 million.

While active behind the scenes in state politics, this is the first time Epstein has run for public office. Should she win the Republican nomination, she'll be running against Democrat Debbie Stabenow, a veteran politician who will be seeking her fourth term next year.

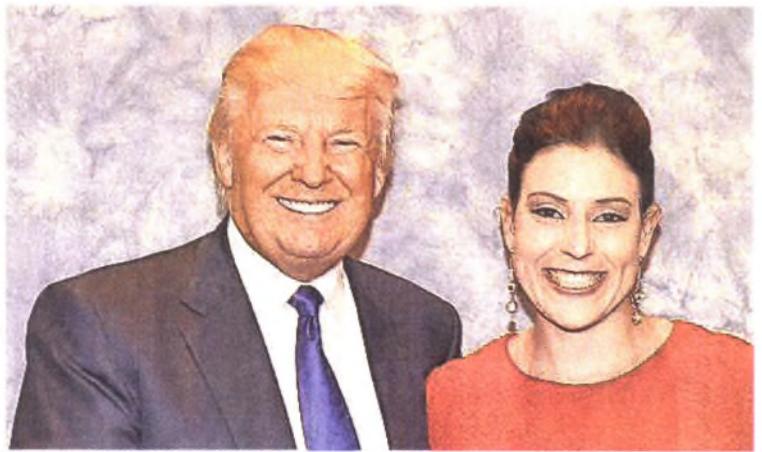
"Whether it is protecting our Great Lakes or lowering the cost of health care and prescription drugs, Sen. Stabenow is focused on doing her job and what is best

for Michigan." Stabenow spokesman Matt Williams said Monday.

For her part, Epstein said her campaign will mirror Trump's "America First" vision by restoring the country's manufacturing base, renegotiating trade deals and building safer borders.

"Debbie Stabenow has accomplished almost nothing in 20 years of politics," Epstein said. "I will speak for those who have not been spoken for. I will represent those who know, deep down, that their government has failed them and their families."

While she isn't ready to say how much she



Lena Epstein, former co-chair of President Donald Trump's Michigan campaign, announced Monday that she's running for U.S. Senate.

plans to spend in the campaign, Epstein did hint that Trump will play an integral role in her campaign.

"I have a tremendous

relationship with the president, and I think a lot more will be revealed in the days and weeks and months to come as far as his role in the cam-

paign," she said.

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Cincinnati Islamic leader honored to join national Muslim-Jewish council

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CINCINNATI - Shakila Ahmad doesn't really shake your hand, she embraces it.

She shakes with one hand, while placing her other hand on top of yours as a kind of hand-hug.

It's the kind of greeting that puts strangers immediately at ease.

Ahmad is a Muslim-American woman who has spent much of her life drawing people in from various communities, religions and political persuasions to help educate others about Islam.

And that is why Bob Silverman, the U.S. director of Muslim-Jewish Relations for the American Jewish Committee, invited her to join the national Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council last year.

The council was launched by the AJC and the Islamic Society of North America in November to advocate on shared national issues and concerns.

Ahmad is one of 31 Muslim and Jewish leaders who will serve on the council, designed to fight Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.

Her work at the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati in West Chester, Ohio, for more than 20 years made her a natural for inclusion on the council.

"She's a sparkling individual," Silverman said. "She's been a real force for good."

Ahmad said she was both honored and a bit reluctant to take on the role, given her local commitments. She is president and board chair of the Cincinnati center.

"If Jewish Americans are reaching out and I have the opportunity to make a positive impact, then I'm being selfish for saying I don't have time," she said.

Ahmad was the first woman and the youngest to serve on the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati's board. She creat-



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Shakila Ahmad, board chair and president of the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati in West Chester, Ohio, has agreed to serve on the national Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council.

ed its Tours and Talks program to educate law enforcement officers, business leaders, nonprofit groups, schools and communities about Islam. She was the founding member of the center's Muslim Mothers Against Violence initiative.

She has learned through her work that most of us want to learn about what binds us and not focus on what divides us.

"Whatever I can do to make a difference," she said, "I try and do."

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Q&A WITH SHAKILA AHMAD

What does it mean to you to be an American?

Being an American is an incredible privilege. The freedoms this country affords are incredible: freedom of religion, freedom of expression, education. The opportunities are tremendous.

What moment touched and motivated you to become involved in this effort?

I have been committed to interfaith work for two decades. We did a women of interfaith program on Fountain Square (in Cincinnati) in 2016, and there were 300 women who came forward to stand together, to establish relationships. It was moving. And so when the national coalition asked me to be involved — to stand up against discrimination, to speak up and to speak out for each other and to look at domestic policy issues — I had to say yes. I believe in this work. The possibility of positive impact and positive change is the number one reason I said yes.

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

What gives me hope is the Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council and the work we will do to serve our country. What gives me hope is the women's interfaith community and that people show up in the hundreds to get to know their neighbors. What gives me hope is that all fellow Americans are able to stand shoulder to shoulder regardless if we are Muslim Americans or Jewish Americans or Christian Americans. We are all Americans.

What concerns me is when we don't take time to understand our similarities and our differences. When we chastise each other, we are cut off from one another. That is deeply, deeply concerning to me and deeply un-American.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope to really empower one another with our diverse voice. As a nation ... we have tremendous values, and I hope to celebrate that and contribute to that work. I am hopeful we can build relationships with each other and our political leaders so the message is: We are your constituents, the voters, and we are the people you want to help make our government listen to us. I also hope we will advocate in order to decrease these unfounded fears and the disenfranchisement and bigotry that we have seen across the country and in our own region.

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Redford Thurston baseball coach Bob Snell talks to pitcher Kenneth Rozmys during a recent game.

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Redford Thurston's Bob Snell keeps tabs on the action from the third-base box.

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CHERISHING THE GIFT OF LIFE

Nearly year after kidney transplant, Thurston coach Bob Snell is grateful

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Almost one full year has come and gone since Redford Thurston's Bob Snell received a new kidney — and a fresh lease on life.

Last June 21, tired and frail because a genetic disease had rendered his kidneys virtually useless, the veteran football and baseball coach underwent a successful kidney transplant surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"Where I'm at now compared to where I was a year ago is just gratefulness," said Snell, a coaching fixture at Thurston since the late 1980s and also a physical education teacher there. "Not only the people that went above and beyond, giving me this opportunity to get my health back, and cared about me enough to do this, but all the people that have had a hand in the process of getting me back to my health, including my wife (Maria) and my family.

"The people that are close to you, the district that understands when I got to go for blood draws. Just the little things. Little things that people are there and willing to help you out. It's gratefulness."

More than 11 months following his surgery, the 56-year-old Snell is coaching Thurston's varsity baseball team with pep and vigor.

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PREP SPOTLIGHT

Hits keep coming for Garbarino

Livonia Franklin senior re-writing team record book

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

When Brooke Garbarino steps into the batter's box for Livonia Franklin's varsity girls softball team, good things usually happen.

The Patriots' senior co-captain is closing out a four-year assault on KLAA pitchers with a flurry of singles, doubles and runs batted in — doing so at a clip that already has her at the top of the Franklin record book in several key categories.

And don't forget about Garbarino's team-first attitude and stellar versatility. She was Franklin's starting catcher last year but moved to shortstop this year because her coach needed somebody in that spot.

"It's kind of a bonus," said the 18-year-old Garbarino during a recent practice, asked about her team records for most doubles, RBIs and — unofficially, because the Patriots still have Tuesday's pre-district against Garden City on the schedule — batting average. "It's really rewarding that I'm doing that but I'm just working hard mostly for my team, not just myself."

Garbarino is batting .632 this season with 55 hits, including 23 doubles, and 39 RBIs.

"If she keeps her batting average consistent she will also break the (team's) highest season batting average by a landslide," Franklin head coach Brittany Grys said.

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Enjoying a fun moment with Livonia Franklin teammates Melissa Ferrier (left) and Miyah Smith (right) is Brooke Garbarino (center).

DAVE GARBARINO

ENDING BASEBALL DROUGHT

Clarenceville clinches WWAC Red baseball title

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

It was a day to celebrate for Livonia Clarenceville baseball on Monday as the host Trojans captured their first league title since 1982 by winning the Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division crown with a 15-0 triumph over Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

Clarenceville, which improved to 12-8 overall, finished 9-1 in the WWAC Red by scoring six runs in the first inning, seven in the second and two more in the fourth to end the game on run-rule.

"I'm so proud of our guys," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "It's been a long time coming and the guys deserve it."

Senior Kam MacIver allowed just one hit and a walk while striking out six

to earn the senior day victory.

Cotter started his entire senior line-up including MacIver, Justin Kelley, Austin Portwood, Nick Schiffman, Bobby Jaber, Matt Drain, David Means, Chase Carter and Max Woodcock.

Drain and Jaber each collected three hits, while Kelley, Schiffman and Woodcock added two apiece. Portwood and Carter also contributed hits.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 9, CLARENCEVILLE 7: Livonia Clarenceville (12-9) rallied twice late, but came up short Wednesday at home leaving the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh in a non-conference setback to Lutheran High Westland.

The Warriors (14-3), who captured the MIAC Red Division, jumped out to a 6-0 lead tallying three runs in the first,

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Celebrating after winning a division championship for the first time since 1982 is Livonia Clarenceville's varsity baseball team.

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There still are weekly blood draws to make sure his system is not rejecting the new kidney. He also is due for his last post-surgery biopsy in June.

"The biggest thing about having a transplant is, the concern about your body rejecting," Snell said. "So everything is about anti-rejection medications, keeping them up at the right levels.

"And making sure you don't have too high of a level, but at the same time not too low where your body can start rejecting the kidney, because it's a foreign body that's in you."

But those now-routine health matters — he will need blood draws for the rest of his life — don't hinder Snell in being out on the field.

He's able to throw batting practice to Eagles players — including his youngest son, senior catcher Dimitri Snell — and do all the things he thought he might have taken for granted before his health worsened during the 2015-16 school year.

Snell said it is special that Dimitri is on his team as he gets through his first full baseball season following the touch-and-go health situation from last summer.

But there's more to it than that.

"Regardless of if I'm coaching my son or anybody else, it's just the ability to not only do the job but do the job with an extra amount of enjoyment and fun to it," Snell stressed. "It's not 'Okay, I got to grind through this.' Instead, you're going through like you've done for 28-29 years before I started to go downhill a little bit.

"It just feels like I'm back to doing what I did before."

Looking back

The road Snell has traveled the past couple years has been filled with ruts and detours. But now that he's back on relatively smooth pavement again, he knows he is one of the blessed ones.

It's hard to pinpoint when Snell's health began to worsen. After managing to get through the 2015 football season for the most part, he started feeling sluggish.

"It progressed over the (2015-16) winter more," he noted. "We won our first-round (football) playoff game, and as the season pushed on, later in the season, the last half hour, 45 minutes, I'd feel the fatigue.

"Baseball season it became rougher. I had a difficult time walking to the field sometimes."

He found out one of his kidney's just wasn't cutting the mustard. He was plagued by polycystic kidney disease, something he found out he had at age 35.

For two decades following the original diagnosis, he kept doing what he always did. That meant playing softball and rec hockey, fishing, and — of course — coaching.



During pre-game practice, Redford Thurston baseball coach Bob Snell hits infield grounders. At left is his son, catcher Dimitri Snell.

TOM BEAUDOIN

But suddenly, he was in pain, losing weight (he was down 27 pounds from 168 to 141 at the time of his surgery) and flat-out exhausted. These days, his weight is back to what it was before getting sick.

"With polycystic kidneys, there's no treatment, there's not much you can do except tell you diet, exercise, keep up doing the right things," Snell emphasized. "I've never drank, I never smoked, I eat pretty healthy and I exercise. Those 'life' things were able to keep me able to stay healthy with kidneys that were functioning, at the end, four percent.

"Most people, at the point I was at, would have already been on dialysis."

Tough grind

The genetic disease started to weaken the Dearborn Heights resident and he really began getting weary during the 2016 high school baseball season.

"There were days that were harder than others," Snell recalled. "And gradually, it became harder to do things I wanted to do. I still managed to do them. Energy levels were down.

"And it would be harder to get through to the end of a practice. But it was still something that was do-able, I was never at the point where I couldn't do it. If I got to the point where I couldn't do it I would have had to stop."

Ultimately, he needed a transplant and even that was complicated.

His brother, Ken Snell, and brother-in-law Pete Kotsogiannis both offered to donate their kidneys to Snell.

"Neither one was a direct match," Snell continued. "And so through the paired donor program they found a donor in California who matched me, and my donor (Kotsogiannis) matched the person that needed a kidney in California."

"And so we did the surgeries on the 20th and the 21st," he said. "The 20th was when my donor went in, his kidney was



Bob Snell (second from left) enjoys family time with son Dimitri (far left), wife Maria and son Bobby.

THE SNELL FAMILY

THE SNELL FILE

Who: Bob Snell, longtime football and baseball coach at Redford Thurston. His day job is physical education teacher at the high school.

What: The 56-year-old Snell is back to full strength after needing a kidney transplant in June, 2016. He has a genetic condition, polycystic kidney disease, which went undetected until he was in his mid-30s.

Coaching: He is entering his 30th season as Thurston's football coach and has coached the Eagles' baseball team since 1999. Other coaching stints at the high school over the years have included boys basketball and tennis. He also coached travel hockey teams in Allen Park, when sons Bobby (now 20) and Dimitri (17) played that sport.

Family: Snell, wife Maria and their sons live in Dearborn Heights. Bobby formerly played baseball at Thurston and Dimitri currently plays baseball for the Eagles. They attend a Greek Orthodox church in Southgate.

flowed out to California. On the 21st I went in. They took the kidney from California and flew it here.

"They did the swap and all four people are doing great, no issues with anybody."

Despite the obvious seriousness of his situation last year, the now-healthy Snell is able to inject a bit of levity.

"There are tons of people without kidney disease that only have one kidney and it's not an issue," said Snell, adding with a laugh that "It's the only organ that God gave you an extra, he gave you a spare."

Special place

A few weeks following the transplant, Snell was back on the football practice field instructing Thurston players during basic summer workouts.

If his new kidney provided him with a physical lifeline, being back on the job gave him a new lease on life from an attitudinal standpoint.

"Oh absolutely," said Snell, asked if he cherished being a high school coach a bit more following his health scare. "I even thought that way last July when I first

went out there (on the field). More of a calmness, more of an appreciation, taking time to enjoy it.

"Sometimes when you're preparing for a season and there's so many hectic things going on, and you're pulled in 10 different directions, there can be a lot of stress. I think the stress was a lot less."

The chance for a reboot, if you will, was something Snell understands not everybody is able to get.

"I've always had the appreciation and enjoyment for the athletes I've had the opportunity and privilege to coach, and the coaches I've been around," Snell said. "But there was an appreciation for getting to be around them (again) ... when it was close to 'Hey, I can't do this anymore.'"

"And so when you get to that point when you're maybe looking at not being able to do it, and then you get a second chance, I think anybody that goes through any type of health issue that takes away what they could do — and all of a sudden they can do it again — I think they would look at it the same

way.

"Just being out there and appreciating having fun being around the kids, having fun being around the coaches, loving the game of football, loving teaching the game of football."

He also doesn't mind helping youngsters get better as baseball players. In addition to 17-year-old Dimitri, his older son, Bobby, 20, also played baseball for Snell's Thurston teams.

Snell emphasized how "huge, huge" it was for him to look forward to coaching high school football and baseball, especially when he was still climbing back to full health.

"Like anything else, you got to have those outlets," he noted. "If your mind is only on what's happening to your body and what's difficult for you, it becomes very depressing."

Football family

Snell perked up when talking about the growth of Thurston's football program over the nearly three decades he has been at the helm.

"It's always been special coaching here," Snell said. "I got the head coaching (football) job here in 1988. We took a program that was one of the worst in the state of Michigan and we kept working with it, we developed a whole new atmosphere, a whole new feeling about playing football here.

"And through the years we've had some great kids, I've worked with outstanding coaches. The coaches, they're like family."

He smiled with pride when talking about some of the Thurston football alums who have gone on to bigger and better things.

In April, the Minnesota Vikings of the NFL drafted linebacker Eric Wilson (a 2012 Thurston grad).

Snell also ticked off the names of former Eagles such as Scott Genord, Desmond Martin and Alonzo McCoy, who have enjoyed some college and pro success.

"Every kid that's really been successful in

athletics, a lot of people just think it's God-given ability," he explained. "It's very rare that that happens. All the kids I've had, had a higher level of commitment to making themselves great."

It remains to be seen whether the 2017 Eagles have any future stars of that magnitude.

But wins, losses and the number of players who move up to the next level won't change how Snell coaches and teaches.

"We're going to coach the kids that want to play here," he said. "We're going to coach our students. And our goal is to make these guys into better men, through lessons they learn on the fields.

"Our goal isn't about trying to go out and find the best athletes so we can win state championships. Our goals are to take the kids we have, develop them to the best of their abilities and let them enjoy the sport that they are playing."

Hopeful advice

Snell's love of coaching comes across when anybody sees him doodling football plays on napkins at a restaurant.

And he doesn't mind drawing up a diagram of sorts to help people with kidney disease to avoid getting thrown for a loss.

Following the advice of doctors is a given.

"I think the number one message is take care of your body, do the right things," he stressed. "If you're taking care of your body you have the best chance to get a quicker recovery.

"Number two is, don't give up hope. Because post-transplant is a completely different world. I don't even feel like I've ever been sick."

Having strong family and faith are other key components of Bob Snell's blueprint to being a survivor.

"There's been a lot of well-wishes, a lot of prayers," Snell said, with emotion in his voice. "I appreciate all of it. The gratefulness I feel is tremendous."

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three in the third and one in the top of the fourth.

Clarenceville starter Nick Bisaro struggled on the mound allowing the six runs before relievers Bobby Jaber and Logan Calimazzo kept the Trojans in it after they cut the lead to 6-3 in the bottom of the fourth and 8-6 in the bottom of the fourth.

"We battled the last four innings and that will help us come in a playoff

time," said Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter, whose team clinched the WWAC's Red Division title the day before against Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

Demond Scrutons collected two hits and two RBI, while Justin Kelley and Jaber each added two hits in a losing cause. Kam MacIver also knocked in a pair of runs, while Nick Snage also reached base safely four times.

"We were able to hold on for the win," Lutheran Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "Clarenceville

did a good job of staying in the game especially when we looked poised to blow the game open.

"We played well for the most part but one thing that concerns me is the fact we stranded 12 guys today. When we get into districts next week, we can't expect to advance if we do that. We will be working on that in the practices to come."

REDFORD UNION 14, HENRY FORD ACADEMY 0: Bobby Dixon went 4-for-4 with four RBI Wednesday as host Redford Union (16-8) blanked Dearborn Henry Ford

Academy in a non-conference game.

Brendan Hartsfield also knocked in two runs, while starting pitcher Brendan Kerkhof (4-1) got the victory.

GARDEN CITY 9, REDFORD UNION 2: On May 22, the host Cougars came away with the WWAC Blue Division victory over Redford Union (15-8, 4-6) as Tyler Collard (7-3) suffered the loss.

The Panthers jumped out to a 2-0 lead before Garden City scored four times in the bottom of the fourth before adding five

in the sixth.

PCA WINS TWICE: Plymouth Christian Academy won a home-and-home against Novi Franklin Road Christian as the Eagles continue to get geared up for the postseason.

On Monday at Franklin Road, PCA earned a 15-1 win behind a complete game from pitcher Adam Albert. Austin Andres homered and smacked two doubles while other contributors included Elijah Grit (two hits), Adam Albert (two hits) and Phillip Morby (double).

The next day at Plymouth Christian, it was a completely different kind of contest yet the Eagles still prevailed by a 4-2 score.

Phillip Morby went the distance for PCA, striking out 11 and giving up just two hits. On offense, Morby helped his own cause with a triple and single.

Chipping in for the Eagles were Matt Cusumano (two singles, double), Grit (two singles) and Norbie Fernandez (double).

Tim Smith contributed

COLLEGE SIGNING

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Churchill's Joe Wozniak to follow dad's Madonna footsteps

Tim Smith
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Baseball — specifically Madonna Crusaders baseball — has always been big in Joe Wozniak's family.

And why wouldn't it be? The Livonia Churchill senior's dad, Mike Wozniak, played for the Madonna baseball program back in its infancy.

A lifelong baseball player himself, Joe Wozniak now has a chance to follow in the "blue-and-gold" cleats of his father after recently signing his national letter of intent to play for the Crusaders.

"It is indeed very exciting to be playing college baseball," noted the younger Wozniak in a recent e-mail to the Observer. "I am looking forward to meeting new people and having the opportunity to continue to play the sport I love."

"I am also honored to follow in the footsteps of my dad who played for Madonna in 1989-91."

The pull of a family baseball tradition yanked him in the direction of Madonna rather than other universities he was interested in, including Central Michigan, Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Hope College and Adrian College.

"College baseball was definitely a dream of mine as a kid growing up," Joe Wozniak noted. "Heading into my senior year I was getting contacted by Madonna."



FILE PHOTO
Joe Wozniak runs down a fly ball during the 2016 season for Livonia Churchill. He recently signed to play beginning next season at Madonna University.

"They had shown real interest in me. I just kept the course of giving everything I had until the offer finally came."

Although he already had a built-in comfort zone with Madonna, the icing on the cake was when Madonna offered him a major in fire science. Wozniak, 17, carries a 3.1 grade-point average at Churchill.

"It is a privilege to be playing baseball for Madonna," Wozniak continued. "My education is something I take very seriously and I wanted somewhere that offered what I wanted to pursue a career in."

With the Chargers, Wozniak has pitched along with playing first base and the outfield. He will primarily pitch with the Crusaders, although he will see time out in the field.

Churchill varsity baseball coach Ron Targosz, who was on hand for the May 4 signing ceremony, said the Crusaders will be a perfect fit for Wozniak.

"As good as a player Joe is, he is even a better

leader," Targosz stressed. "Joe is a great character kid and will do very good things at the next level."

"Joe works very hard at his craft and deserves everything that he has gotten."

Also on hand for the ceremony were Madonna baseball coach Ted Falkner and Mike Granzotto, who along with Mike Wozniak coach Joe for the Northville Broncos travel team.

Parents Mike and Sherry Wozniak and younger sister Jordan Wozniak of Livonia also were at the signing event, which included 28 Churchill student-athletes making their college destinations official.

"I was very excited knowing that all my hard work and dedication to the sport had finally paid off," said Wozniak, adding that he knows he will "continue to push myself not only in the classroom but on the baseball field and weight room as well."

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CHURCHILL ATHLETICS
Livonia Churchill senior Joe Wozniak recently signed to play baseball at Madonna University. In the front row (from left) are Madonna baseball coach Ted Falkner and Wozniak. Standing (from left) are Churchill baseball coach Ron Targosz, dad Mike Wozniak and travel baseball coach Mike Granzotto.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 host-

ed by former NFL line-backer 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 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.

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Record legacy

With every two-bagger and run batted in, Garbarino adds to her Franklin records in those categories. She currently has 58 career doubles, having surpassed Brittany Taylor's previous mark of 45.

And with 131 career RBIs, she leapfrogged Brianna Taylor's record of 119.

Garbarino, who will catch next year at Jackson College (her first choice was Lake Superior State, but the softball program there folded), said the record that means the most will be for the highest batting average (which is all but a given as soon as Franklin's final game is completed).

"Mostly my hits, it's exciting for the team," Garbarino said. "If they see me hitting it's contagious, so they start hitting with me, too."

Another reason why Garbarino tries to stay locked in at the plate is to show her younger teammates how to get it done under pressure.

"When they have a good pitcher (teammates) get afraid," she explained. "But I'm the one to tell them 'Don't worry about it, just focus



Adding to her Livonia Franklin hits record with this swing earlier during the 2017 season is Brooke Garbarino (21).



TIM SMITH
Brooke Garbarino's softball career at Livonia Franklin has been a blast.

on the ball.' My actions go behind my words then they understand."

Grys, in her second season after succeeding longtime Franklin softball coach Linda Jimenez, said Garbarino's "been a great leader on this team. When the team's starting to get a little bit down, she's always quirky, always joking and knows what to say to get the girls to smile and finish the game."

For the team

The coach also appreciates Garbarino's willingness to do what the team needs, such as moving from catcher to shortstop. She made the move because of the player's athleticism.

"Due to injuries and just some people having to be moved around she's been holding down our shortstop position," Grys said. "We've already won more games this season, ... we've been closer and more competitive in

games we've lost, too."

Garbarino — who plays travel softball for Brighton-based Turnin2 — made the switch even though she said she enjoys catching the most, "because you're part of every play and I'm more aggressive, I like catching because I like throwing people out."

According to Garbarino, whose parents are Dave and Kimberly Garbarino of Livonia, helping her launch a four-year career of hits and accomplishments was

Jimenez.

"She let me play a lot of different positions, so I got a lot of experience," Garbarino said. "I was in the top of the lineup my freshman and sophomore years so I got a lot of at-bats."

Although her high school career is about to end, Garbarino can't wait to go to college — both to play softball and earn a degree in criminal justice.

The destination changed, due to circumstances beyond her con-

trol. But that isn't dimming her enthusiasm.

"I was excited to go there (Lake Superior State)," she said. "... It (the program folding) was unfortunate, but Jackson definitely worked out for me very well."

"I plan on going to Ferris (State University) and playing softball there, and then going to the police academy."

Wherever Brooke Garbarino winds up, she is certain to be a smash hit.

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How to find a summer job – and make it permanent

BY MARY LORENZ
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Looking for a little extra cash during the summer? According to CareerBuilder's Summer Hiring Forecast, 41 percent of employers plan to hire seasonal workers for the warmer months. While the majority of employers have finished their seasonal hiring, there's still time to land a summer gig – if you're strategic about it.

"Start utilizing your network now," advises Sarah Glasser, campus recruiting manager at LaSalle Network, a national staffing and recruiting firm.

Reach out to everyone from your friends and family to your college's alumni network and even previous employers, all of whom may know of opportunities to which they can refer you. Also, consider jobs outside of your typical industry, which can be a great way to expand your skills. Finally, view every opportunity as a networking event. "Be willing to put yourself out there and connect with new people [wherever you go]," Glasser says. "You never know who you're going to meet or who they may know!"

Going from summer help to full-time hire

For those looking for a gig that will last longer than their tan,



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there's good news: The vast majority of employers who plan to hire seasonal workers (79 percent) will consider offering those hires a permanent position. Try these expert tips for turning a summer job into a year-long (and beyond) position.

Dress (and act) for success. "If you want to turn a temporary job into one that's permanent, be sure that both attendance and punctuality are perfect," says Megan Trzcinski, director of office services at LaSalle Network. If you want to truly stand out, get in a few minutes early and offer to stay late if necessary.

It's also important to dress the part, she says. "As the saying goes, dress for the role you want, not the role you have, and it's true in this case. Notice the way the rest of the staff dresses and how they present themselves, then follow suit."

Be proactive. If you've finished a project and find yourself with some downtime, don't just wait around until someone gives you a new assignment. Take the initiative to ask for another project, Trzcinski advises. This will differentiate you from temporary workers who might not be as proactive.

Get to know your colleagues. Make an effort to get to know the other full-time employees, whether that means taking them to lunch or coffee, or attending happy hours or other company events. "The better people [at work] know you, the more willing they are to put your name in the hat when an opportunity opens up," Trzcinski says.

Make sure the timing is right. A few weeks into starting your summer job may be too soon to ask about a permanent position. Wait a few months and, if the company seems like a fit, Trzcinski recommends having a tactical

conversation with your supervisor or HR. "If you notice that the company posted a permanent role you think you'd be good for, that's another great opportunity to spark the conversation."

Ask for feedback. Before asking your boss about a permanent position, make sure you're doing a good job first. "If you haven't had any feedback over the course of the assignment, don't assume you're doing great," Trzcinski says. Ask for feedback on your performance and what you can be doing differently or better. Then take immediate action on that feedback. This will show that you are open to criticism and committed to improving.

Keep an open mind. Don't limit yourself to a permanent spot on your team. You may find an open spot on another team that interests you. Just make sure to go to your direct supervisor before applying for it, says Trzcinski, "so they don't think you're purposefully going around them."

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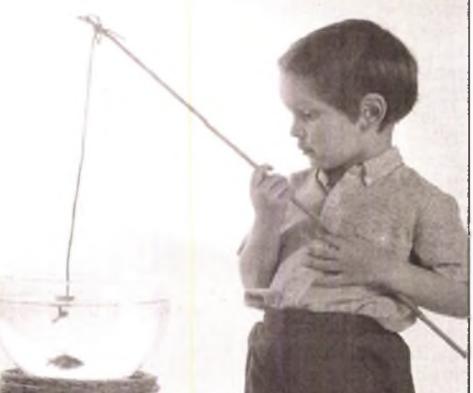
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32 Greek Juno
34 Eatery card
35 Impose — on (through)
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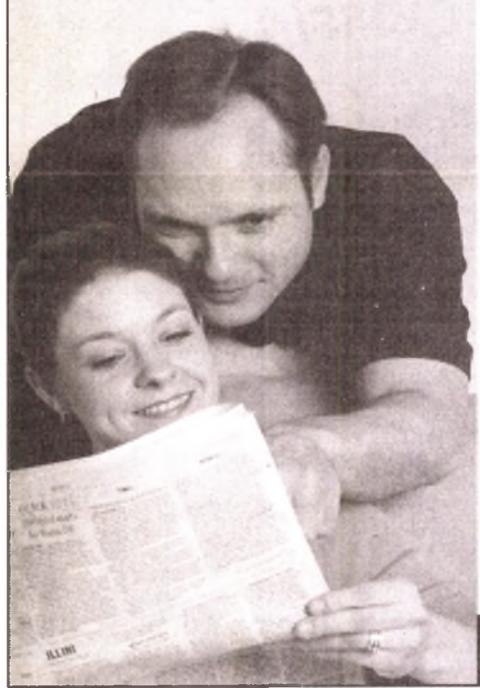
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Car Report

THE NEW CHEVROLET EQUINOX ELEVATES THE BRAND IN CRUCIAL SEGMENT AS MARKETING CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF



By Dale Buss

The Equinox utility vehicle is Chevrolet's highest-selling retail nameplate once again this year behind the monster results of the Silverado

pickup series. So it's been crucial for the General Motors-owned mainstream brand to get it right when it comes to launching the greatly improved 2018 version.

So far, so good: Sales of Equinox have defied the overall industry slowdown so far this year, registering more than 83,000 units through April, or nearly 4 percent higher than a year ago. It has continued to edge out the hot Cruz compact sedan as Chevy's No. 2-selling model.

"It delivers on a variety of things, everything that compact SUV shoppers

demand: design, capability, technology and safety," Paul Edwards, vice president of Chevrolet marketing in the U.S., told me about the new Equinox. "It needs to perform well in all those different categories."

And now the marketing kicks in behind the latest version of a vehicle that has sold more than two million units. Appropriately, one ad to promote the new Equinox, "Everybody Everywhere," shows off the tremendous versatility of the new version, in all of the settings in which consumers make various demands on their vehicles.

In another new TV ad that extends Chevy's two-year-old "Real People, Not Actors" theme, the vehicles and the advertising "moderator" venture far outside of the warehouse-like space where Chevrolet has been showing actual customers -- not actors -- participating in what they think are focus groups.

The brand has put Equinox in a



hotel-valet scene. The valet brings a stylish new Equinox in front of the hotel. Because the rightful driver is late in getting there, the valet takes the liberty of inviting all kinds of passers-by to steal a spell in the vehicle that has rolled up and impressed them.

Naturally, of course, the people in this ad love the 2018 Equinox, with its interesting new "S" curve exterior design cue along the vehicle's shoulder, its "down-and-away" instrument panel and big new touchscreen.

I talked with Edwards about Equinox, "Real People" and marketing Chevy:

Q: Why do you think "Real People" has been effective for so long? And how much longer can you find actual individuals who will be "surprised" to find out how good Chevy and your products and features are?

Edwards: The effectiveness has gradually increased over the last 25

months. We've kept it fresh. We're always trying to find a fresh new way to engage consumers within the work itself and to extend it across everything that Chevrolet has to say in the marketplace: brand, retail, and across all our different segments.

It does the quality job equally as well as to launch a nameplate like Equinox. We're seeing our highest breakthrough measures and our highest impact on opinion measures of all time because there's a familiarity with it in the marketplace.

But today's perceptions still lag reality. As much impact as we've made, there's still a long way to go. There are a lot more people to bring to the brand.

Q: Even as good as the new Equinox may be, and your advertising, how do you find something truly "new" to say in SUVs these days, given how every brand keeps flooding into the

segment with new models and features?

Edwards: That's the No. 1 segment and there's a lot of very healthy competitors. We do it in two different ways. One is the total package of Equinox. In "Everybody Everywhere," we wow people with the total package.

In another one we compare ourselves to the gold standards in the segment, Toyota and Honda. Those owners are blown away. A lot of people in the [buying] cycle are familiar with our competitive brands and are used to that level of technology, refinement and design, and when they get in a Chevrolet they're blown away by how we beat those competitors hands-down.

Q: With US sales slowing and consumers largely rejecting sedans and flocking to utility vehicles, is it a pretty daunting environment these days for Chevrolet as a mainstream brand -- and one that has a lot of sedan models out there?

Edwards: Well, over the last two years we've gained nearly a full point of retail market share, and sales of 120,000 incremental units. We went from 10.3 percent in 2015 to 11.2 in 2016. Another measure we look at is "excellent" opinions for the brand, and we've had a 30-percent increase in that from the baseline before we started the "Real People" campaign. And in our conquest business, it's grown about 20 percent -- our share of the conquest opportunity each month.



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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls soccer

Livonia Stevenson's varsity girls soccer team blanked Grand Blanc 3-0 on Monday to improve to 15-14 on the season. Scoring for the Spartans were Maria Bayouk (from Sarah Dressing in the 23rd minute), Abby Werthman (from Audrey Kopitz in the 38th minute) and Bayouk from Kopitz with about 17 minutes to play.

Combining for Stevenson's 11th shutout of the season were goalies Haley Demers and Mackenzie Fifer.

"We seemed a little disinterested early on but sorted ourselves out as time went on," Spartans coach Ken Shingledecker said. "All of our goals were excellent. We're looking forward to getting districts going."

The Spartans will face North Farmington 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Northville district.

CHURCHILL DISTRICT: Also Tuesday, action begins at three venues in the Livonia Churchill-hosted district.

Wayne Memorial and Livonia Franklin will play 5:30 p.m. at Wayne; the Chargers will host Canton at 5:30 p.m.; Westland John Glenn will visit Salem at 6 p.m.

The Churchill-Canton winner will face Plymouth 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1, at Churchill; the Wayne-Franklin and



Livonia Franklin goalkeeper Brooklyn Hanselman (right) grabs the ball during Wednesday's 1-0 shutout win over Dearborn Divine Child.

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Glenn-Salem winners will play 5:30 p.m. Thursday, also at Churchill.

Winners will play a doubleheader at Churchill, with games 5:30 and

7 p.m. on Thursday.

DIVISION 4: Plymouth Christian Academy is hosting a district, with the Eagles facing Lutheran Westland 4:30 p.m. Tues-

day. The winner moves on to play 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, against River- view Gabriel Richard or Monroe St. Mary Catho-

lic. **WARRIORS PREVAIL:** Lutheran Westland got three goals from junior Mackenzie Salenik in Monday's 4-1 win over

Redford Union, in the Warriors final home game of the season.

Scoring on a penalty kick was Becca Gembar-ski, who also chipped in with two assists.

Freshman Faith McLe- od also earned an assist.

FERNDALE 3, CLAR- ENCEVILLE 0: Goalie Allison Lay made 13 saves in a losing cause Tuesday as host Livonia Clarence- ville (3-12) fell to the Eagles in a non-conference encounter.

"We had so many scor- ing opportunities and had possession of the ball quite a bit, but we were just unlucky to find the back of the net," Clar- enceville coach Amanda Truitt said.

Despite going score- less, Truitt singled out the offensive play of Michelle Marzolo, Allie Snage, Monica Gonzalez and Deanna Gordon.

Pacing the defense for the Trojans were Jordan Lay, Nickendra Thomas, CaMaria Kelly, Rena Ngo and Paola Gonzalez.

Baseball

WAYNE 10, HURON VALLEY 3: On senior night, the Zebras were paced to a lopsided win by Justin Johnson, Tyler Napier and Colin Ramsey, each with two hits. Devin Puckett pitched three innings for the win and struck out eight.

STEVENSON 5, G.P. SOUTH 0: On Wednesday, pitchers George Ferguson (five innings) and Josh Marquardt (two-inning save) combined to blank host Grosse Pointe South.

Chris Tancoers sparked the offense, going 2-for-4 and homering. Dan Bos and Bobby Cavin each went 1-for-3 and scored a run. Stevenson improved to 29-7.

GIRLS TRACK

Shrine edges Ladywood for C-D Division crown

Brad Emmons
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Royal Oak Shrine took eight-of-16 events Wednesday to earn its second Catholic League C-D Division girls track and field title in three years by edging defending champion Livonia Ladywood, 118.5-110, in a meet hosted by Novi Detroit Catholic Central High School.

Wixom St. Catherine (64), Allen Park Cabrini (62) and Riverview Gabriel Richard (47.5) rounded out the top five in the 10-school field.

The Knights, who won their third Catholic League title in school history, were led by sprinter Kennedy Kilgore, who swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes in 12.85 and 27.54, respectively.

Kilgore also teamed up with Sydney Kilgore, Martina DeLeon and Anna Timmis for a victory in the 400 relay. The Knights also captured the 800 relay in 1:57.64.

Other individual winners for Shrine included Chloe Woodbeck in the high jump (5-1) and 400 (59.25), along with Ellie Kendall in the 1,600 (5:37.93) and 3,200 (12:19.03).

Ladywood was led by senior Kelly Solak, who swept the shot put (31 feet, 3.5 inches) and discus (91-9). Senior Ally Hill was victorious in the long jump (15-11) and took second in the 400 (1:01.08).

The Blazers' 1,600 relay team of Meghan Sullivan, Maddie Bastin, Jillian Ahmad and Mariac Chacon also contributed a first (4:23.40).

Ladywood's 800 relay team of Alexis Vlademar, Catherine Harrington, Matyson Vlademar and Chacon placed runner-up in 1:57.64, while also taking fourth in the 400 relay (56.06).

The Blazers' 3,200 relay team of Sullivan, Samantha Horn, Dana Santilli and Molly Riordan added a third (11:03.97).

Other individual point-getters for the Blazers included: Bastin, second, 300 hurdles (50.14); third, 100 hurdles (18.11); Rachel Rykwalder, second, discus 79-3; third, shot put (25-4.25); Ahmad, fourth, 300 hurdles (55.99); eighth, 100 hurdles (21.07); Riordan, fourth, 800 (2:41.52); Sarah Fracala, fourth, 200 (28.90); sixth, 100 (13.91); Horn, sixth, 1,600 (6:04.56); Carly Fraker, seventh, discus (67-1); Santilli, seventh, 800 (2:42.95); Jesse Drennan, eighth, 300 hurdles (58.87); Sullivan, eighth, 400 (1:08.85).

One of the meet's individual stars was Olivia Hankey of Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes as she swept the 100- and 300 hurdles in 17.33 and 49.37, respectively, as well as earning a first in the 800 (2:34.62).

St. Catherine's 3,200 relay team of Shireen Bolls, Ann Borek, Alex Worth and Shannon Ryan took first in 10:24.96.

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Shot put: 2. Kelly Solak, 31 feet, 5.5 inches; **discus:** 2. Solak, 93-7; 6. Rachel Rykwalder, 80-2; long jump: 3. Ally Hill, 14-11; **100-meter hurdles:** 8. Maddie Bastin, **300 hurdles:** 4. Bastin, 49.78; **100 dash:** 6. Sarah Fracala, 13.77; **400:** 3. Hill, 1:07.75; 3,200: 7. Samantha Horn, 13:18.13; **400 relay:** 7. Alexis Vlade- mar, Catherine Harrington, Matyson Vlademar, Maria Chacon, 56.85; **800 relay:** 7. A. Vlademar, Harrington, M. Vlademar, Chacon, 2:00.65; **1,600 relay:** 1. Meghan Sullivan, Bastin, Jillian Ahmad, Chacon, 4:24.79; **3,200 relay:** 4. Sullivan, Horn, Dana Santilli, Molly Riordan, 11:08.07.

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KLAA BOYS GOLF



Livonia Stevenson all-conference players include (from left) Trevor Lopus, Craig Jakacki and Connor Jakacki.

STEVENSON GOLF

Plymouth again best in conference

Livonia Stevenson third in Kensington; Franklin's Kenward top golfer at Bay Pointe

Tim Smith
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Plymouth is synonymous with championship-level golf, and the 2017 Wildcats are continuing that lofty trend.

On Tuesday at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield Township, the Wildcats captured the KLAA Kensington Conference crown for the fifth consecutive year with a 315 tally.

Plymouth came up just short in the overall association tournament, however. Topping the 24-team field with a 313 total was Hartland, edging Grand Blanc (313) on the fifth-score tiebreaker.

"It was a challenge," Plymouth head coach Dan Young said. "We played at Bay Pointe, a lot of water, a lot of tight holes, tough holes. So we just had to hang in there and be patient, and we did."

"I think the guys felt they could have played better. Being the competitors that they are, they weren't all super happy. They were happy we won (conference) but they know we've got to clean some things up here in the next week as we get into the state tournament."

"But it's always a great accom- plishment to win your league. Hav- ing coached other sports it's tough to win them, so my hat's off to my guys to getting it done today."

The Wildcats — who will compete in the Division 1 regional set for Wednesday, May 31 at Pine View Golf Club in Ypsilanti — were led by senior Jack Boczar's five-over par 76.

Also strong for Plymouth were freshman Ian Smith (78) and senior

Joe Fontana (79).

Freshman Josh Wein registered an 82 while junior Timmy Baldwin and senior Justin Kapke each shot 84s.

"Competitors like Jack and Justin (Kapke), they always want to score even par," Young continued. "So when they're not they're not always happy."

Boczar also won medalist honors for two KLAA tournaments com- bined (the pre-season conference tourney and Tuesday's event), regis- tering a 36-hole score of 149.

The medalist solely for Tuesday's tourney was Livonia Franklin's Ja- cob Kenward, with a 71. The Patriots' lineup included another golfer who cracked the 80 mark in Brandon Tirador (78), who tied for 12th place with Plymouth's Smith and Wayne Memorial's Andrew Aigeltinger.

Changing focus

"We were looking to win the asso- ciation and we ended up playing two shots short, so it kind of hurt," said Boczar, who Tuesday registered a four-over par. "But we got to put that behind us and focus on regionals and states, and just performing our best in the next three weeks."

Boczar, Kapke and Smith were named to the all-conference team. The top 18 golfers (with scores com- bined from both KLAA tournaments) out of 135 performers made the cut.

Northville was second in the Ken- sington Conference with a 321 score while Livonia Stevenson's 325 total was good for third in the conference and seventh among all teams.

Sparking the Spartans with a 77 was all-conference honoree Connor Jakacki; also making the all-confer-

ence team from Stevenson were Trevor Lopus (82) and Craig Jakacki (84).

Also finishing for Stevenson were Griffin Matick (83), Easton Schlat- terbeck (83) and Jacob Anderson (87).

Canton finished 11th out of the 24 teams with a 340. The Chiefs were paced by senior Suhas Potluri, who shot an 83 and also was named to the all-conference team (with a 36-hole total of 163).

Junior D.J. Jablonski and senior Dominic Dimaya tallied respective scores of 84 and 85 for the Chiefs.

Rounding out the Canton score- card were junior Paul Maurer (88), sophomore Alex Heyde (90) and junior Patrick McDougall (97).

Salem tied for 13th with a 342 total, with junior Justin Polce and senior Matt Schaumburger each shooting 84s.

Other finishers for the Rocks included Shawn Weldon (86), Bryce Henderson (88), Josh German (88) and Robbie Hermes (97).

In 10th place in the team stand- ings was Franklin, with a 332 tally. Livonia Churchill took 17th spot (354), followed by Westland John Glenn (23rd, 1,100) and Wayne Mem- orial (24th, 1,176).

Individual finishers included Franklin's Eric Liberati (87), David Shoemaker (96), Graham Opie (97), Trevor Van Vliet (100); Wayne's Jo- seph Quilton (99); Churchill's John Doyle (82), Logan Welch (89), Davis Coughlin (91), Aaron Walton (92), Max Proulx (93), Peyton Elkins (97); John Glenn's Ben Damion (101).

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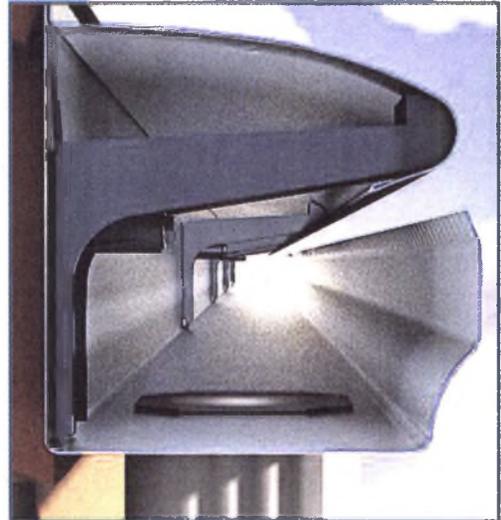
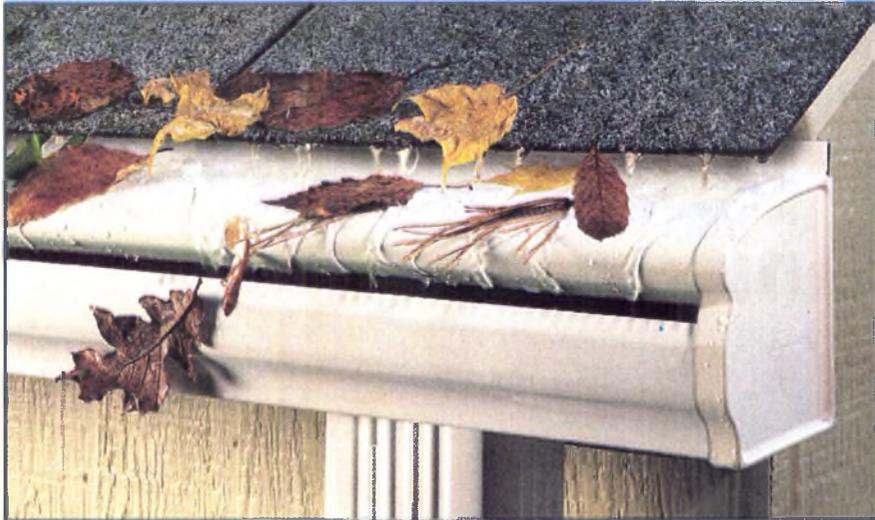
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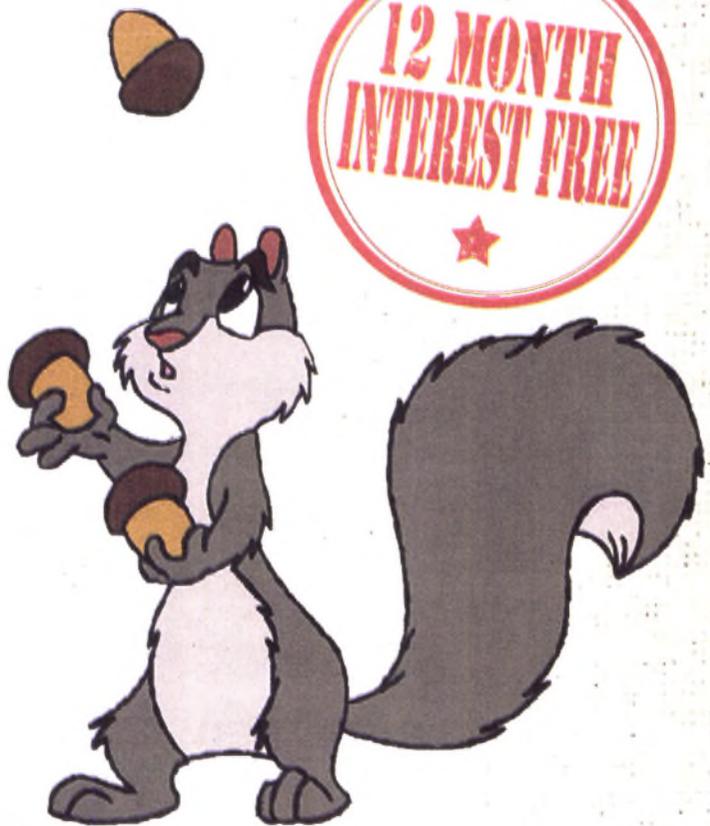


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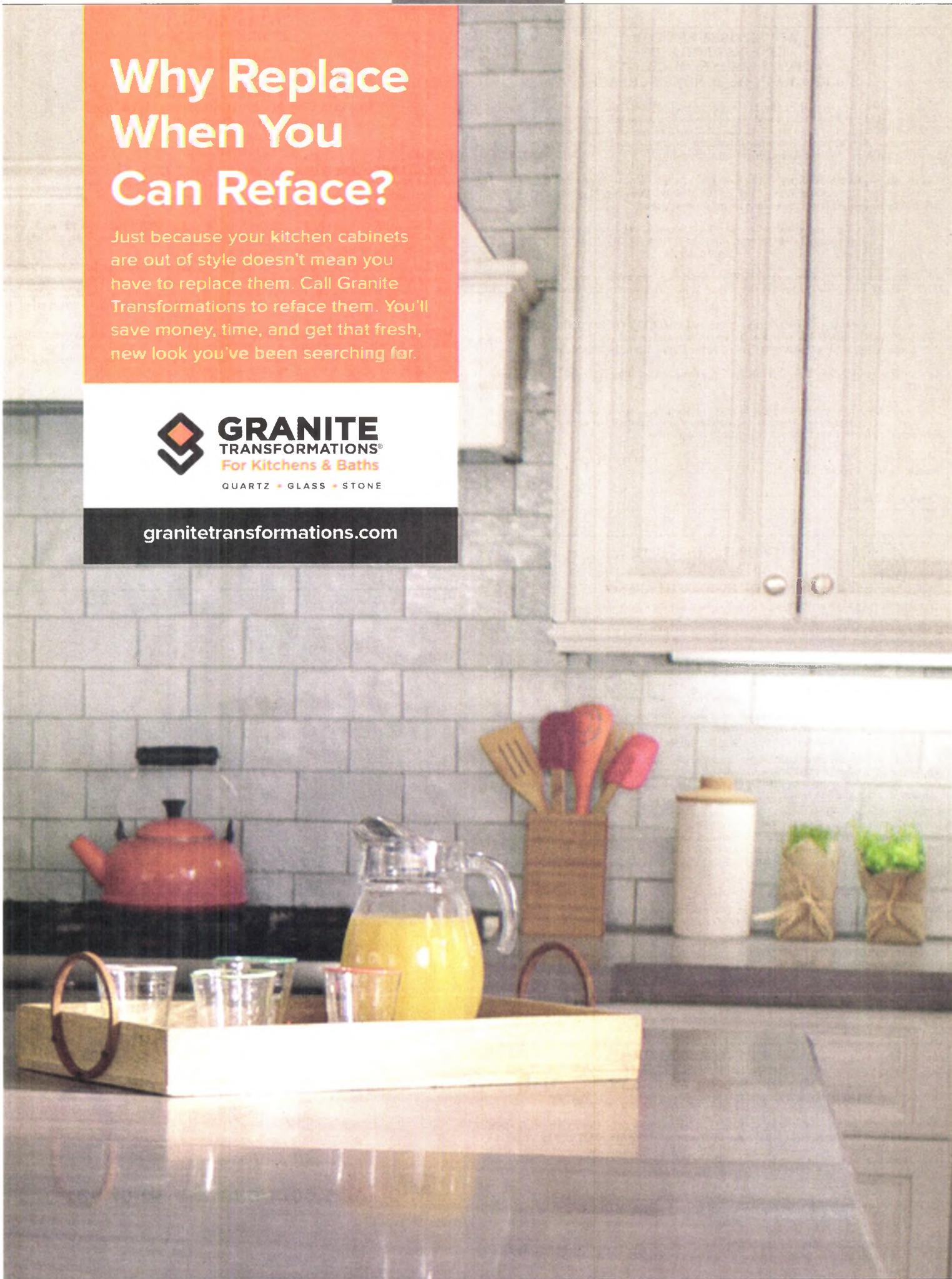


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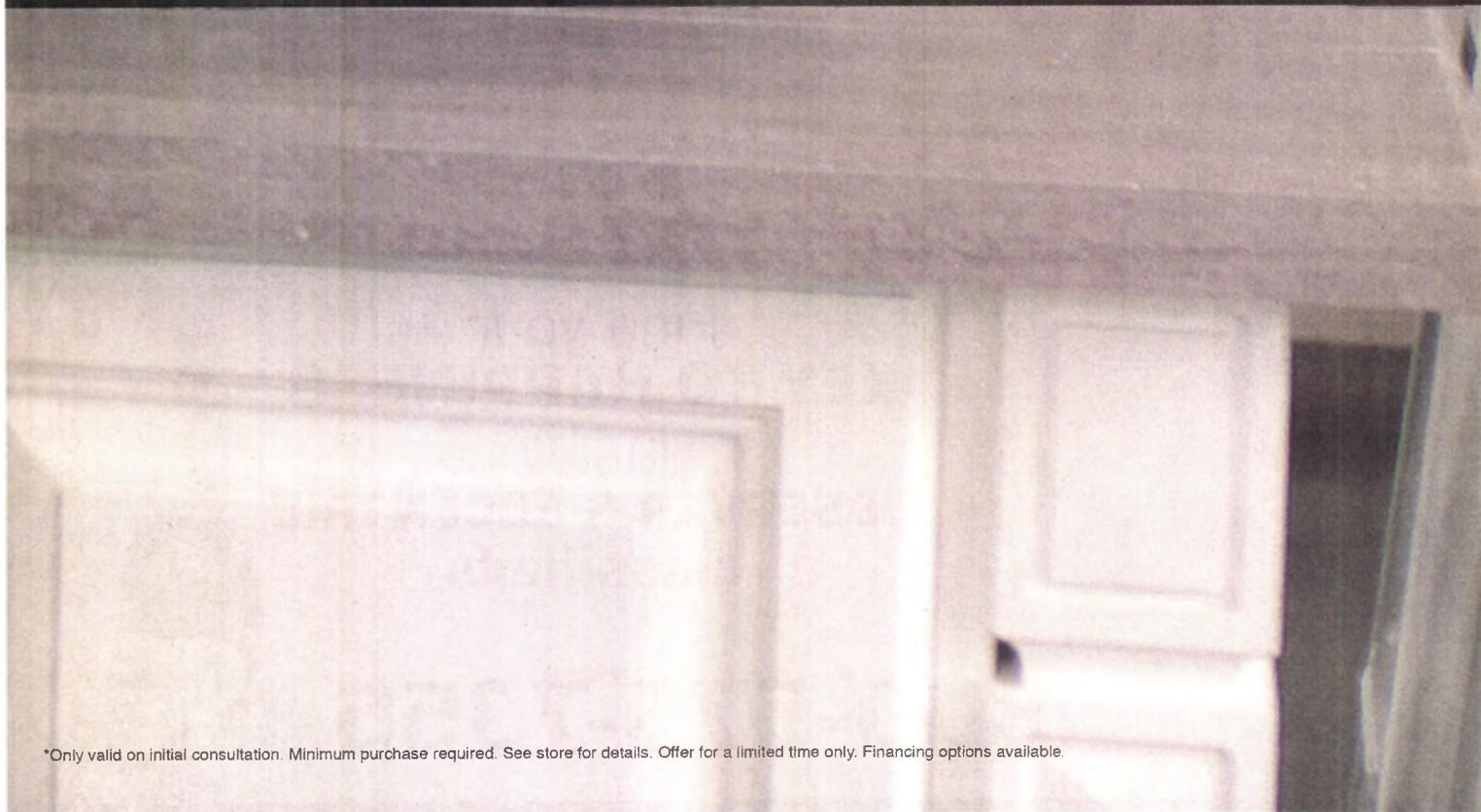


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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center 15100 Hubbard, Livonia Michigan 48154 at **1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 30th, 2017. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.**

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

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.

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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.

Edward Davis
Superintendent, Parks & Rec

Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Garden City at **7:00 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017** at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. At the hearing all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on proposed amendments to Sections 154.600-154.612 (Sign Regulations) and Section 154.030 (Lighting Requirements) of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance, as well as the addition of new Sections 154.613 and 154.614 to the Sign Regulations chapter. Major changes are summarized as follows:

- Section 154.613 (Changeable Message Standards), a new section that includes regulations for changeable message signs, maximum area (from current Section 154.603(E)), frequency of message changes, and illumination of changeable message signs.
- Section 154.614 (Illumination of Signs), a new section that includes the existing regulations of Section 154.603(F) and includes amendments for internal sign illumination, awning illumination, and string lights, tube lights, and similar lighting around windows and architectural building features.
- Section 154.030 (Lighting Requirements), an existing section that includes a new subsection (F) that includes amendments for string lights, tube lights, and similar lighting around windows and architectural building features in non-residential zoning districts. Proposed amendments include provisions for district locations, static lighting, hours of illumination, specific standards for window lighting and architectural outline lighting, and temporary lighting.
- Related Changes to Sections 154.000-154.612.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to the Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendments may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing.

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals**

**June 13, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259**

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-04-20 (Tabled on April 11, 2017): Kenneth Motsch, south side of Munger (30091) between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt, seeking to continue construction on a detached garage, while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess garage area, height and excess number of garages.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-04-23 (Tabled on April 25, 2017): Richard Bidwell, west side of Stark (9491) between Pinetree and Ann Arbor Trail, seeking to erect a detached garage, resulting in excess garage area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-05-27: Andrew Moravec, west side of Blackburn (9827) between Orangelawn and West Chicago, seeking to remove the existing detached garage and construct a new detached garage, resulting in the garage being excess in height and located within the side yard, which is not allowed. Detached garages must be located within the rear yard.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-06-31: Matthew Chaffin, south side of Rayburn (29221) between Middlebelt and Garden, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall privacy fence, upon a residential property - without the neighbors consent - along the west property line and placing the fence in the side yard. Privacy fences must not be in the side or front yard.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-06-33: Thomas and Patricia Deichert, north side of Roycroft (33926) between Norwich and Stamford, seeking to store a commercial vehicle on residential property not housed within the garage. Commercial vehicles must be stored within the garage.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-06-34: Sheldon Center, LLC, 24255 W. 13 Mile Road, Ste. 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025, seeking to erect a sign upon property located on the south side of Plymouth (33111) between Farmington and Woodring, resulting in excess sign height, sign area and excess size of electronic message center area.

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

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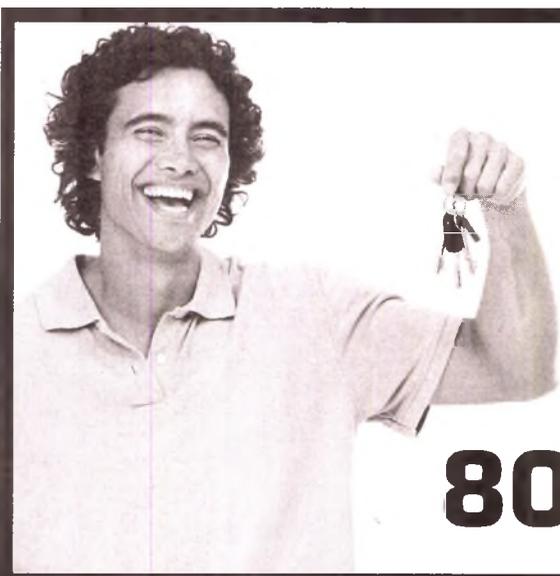


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