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Testimony: I heard two shots ring off

Double homicide trials begin with several witnesses

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Amber Tackett said she believed she was only going to a potential robbery of marijuana back on Feb. 6 near Norene and Treadwell in Westland. She left the scene confused and uncomfortable after she said one of those she went with shot and killed two people that night.

"I heard two shots ring off, and then I hear one more shot ring off," the 17-year-old Taylor

resident said. "Dominik said, 'I think I killed the one but not the other.'"

Tackett was one of several witnesses to testify Wednesday afternoon in the trials for Dominik Lou Charleston, 19 of Romulus, and Kobi Austin Taylor, who is 19 and homeless. The two men are charged with several criminal counts stemming from a double homicide case that took place in the early morning hours after Super Bowl Sunday.

Charleston faces two counts

of first-degree murder, two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm. Taylor is charged with two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm.

The two are charged in the deaths of Jordan Baker, 19, of Wayne, and Howard Wick, 35, of Westland, both of whom were found shot to death early that morning in that area in what's been described as a botched armed robbery of marijuana.

If convicted, the two face up to life in prison.

The two have separate juries deciding their fates, though both juries were in Wayne County Circuit Judge Qiana Lillard's courtroom listening to testimony from several witnesses together Wednesday afternoon.

Tackett was originally charged in the case with murder as well, but opted to take a plea deal with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office that saw her plead guilty to one count of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm. As a part of that deal, which includes her serving 7-22 years in prison, she also agreed to testify in the

case. She said she was with Charleston when he began communicating with Taylor, who was at a friend's house that night. She and Charleston eventually went to pick up Taylor when the three of them drove to meet with Baker and saw Wick there as well. After some time, which included a side trip to a gas station and the discussion over whether they wanted to purchase the marijuana from Baker, she said she heard the shots and Charleston and Taylor got back into the

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2017 First Citizen enjoys helping people



Arthur Warren spent a lot of time working on the gardens at Jefferson Barns Vitality Center.

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Campbell honored as Community Champion in Westland

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The Community Champion Award presented by Westland Rotary Club recognizes someone who lives or works in the community and goes above and beyond contributing to the greater good.

This year Westland's Community Development Director Joanne Campbell is receiving the award Tuesday at the annual Westland Chamber of Commerce Awards program at Joy Manor.



Campbell

"Joanne has been a great partner and friend of Rotary. This is the third year we've worked with her on the Family Resource Fair," said incoming Rotary President Maria Mitter. "We wanted to recognize all that she does. She is a major player in bringing Jefferson Barns (Community Vitality Center) to Westland."

Part of that also includes the community partnerships that resulted from the development of Jefferson Barns, Mitter said.

"What I always say about Joanne is that she never says no if it is something that will help Westland residents. She'll make it happen," Mitter said.

Coming from Northville, Campbell joined the city

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Warren: 'To thrive and survive, citizens have to take it in their hands'

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Westland's elimination of a citizens advisory board on federal Community Development Block Grant funds didn't sit well with resident Arthur Warren.

After some complaining, Warren not only got the board reestablished but has been serving as chairman. That led him to working with Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell and a host of volunteer activities that resulted in Warren being named 2017 Westland First Citizen.

"After a meeting, Joanne said there was another meeting down a hall — it was in the dark," said Warren, who found the Westland Democrat Club meeting. "I joined that day they let me reshape their bylaws."

At that meeting, Warren met Henry Johnson, who chairs the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, and invited him to attend a NCCC meeting.

"The library lady took me to the Jefferson Barns (Community Vitality Center) library and pointed at an empty spot where they needed shelves," said Warren, a carpenter who retired after 27 years working maintenance for Detroit Public

Schools. "I said, 'When do you want it?' People volunteered and never did what they say. I always bring my projects in on time."

Warren installed the Little Library in front of Jefferson Barns; helps put up seasonal decorations at the center; helped with handicapped ramp installation at Firefighter Park; helped raise money for the Norwayne Boxing Gym; and participated in a number of park clean ups.

Warren, who also built a trellis for the Jefferson Barns Butterfly Garden, benches and raised beds, said he enjoys doing projects moving the

community forward and helping people.

"It gave me a good feeling to see children take a book from the shelf to educate themselves," he said. "It's selfish on my part — it made me feel good."

An historic but blighted area, Norwayne can come back with the help of the city, Warren said, along with the citizens' efforts.

"To thrive and survive, citizens have to take it in their hands. The government is not going to do it all," Warren said. "Hank (Johnson) has been a



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CITIZEN

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leading force forever. I wondered why he loved to do things. I got the spirit now. I'm ready to roll."

Warren also helps out with various community clean-up efforts around the city.

Representing the South East Westland Homeowners Association on the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board, Warren moved to 1976 from Inkster.

Mack Mayfield, a long-time Department of Public Works staffer, told

Warren about a house available on Eton through the city program. The house was built by building trades students.

"I'm still there. It looks nothing like the original house. It was 40-foot wide, now it's 100 feet. I did it myself," Warren said.

There were two vacant city-owned homes on each side of his home, Warren said, the city eventually moved the houses to another location. Warren spent years trying to buy the vacant lots, which city administration at the time opposed.

"I couldn't out-bid my tax dollars for the lots.

They had federal funds. Finally they gave residents a chance to buy the lots," said Warren, who now has a 200-foot by 100-foot lot. "They didn't think it would make much but there was \$750,000 in lot sales in the city."

Warren has also advocated other improvements by working with city and county officials to get left turn lanes on Middlebelt and Merriam at the Van Born intersections.

"That has greatly reduced the number of accidents," he said.

The First Citizen Award, sponsored by the Wayne-Westland Observer, will be presented Tuesday, June 27, at Joy Manor as part of the annual Westland Chamber of Commerce Awards program.

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CHAMPION

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staff nine years ago. Along with running the federally funded city housing program, she runs the federal Community Development grant program.

"Norwayne is the only neighborhood in Westland that outright qualifies for (block grant funds) based on income. It's always part of the Community Development program," Campbell said.

In addition, four months after Campbell started her job in Westland the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program was established to address blighted foreclosed homes resulting from the mortgage crisis and recession.

"That greatly increased the city involve-

ment in Norwayne. Then Henry Johnson knocked on my door and the mayor's (William Wild) door," Campbell said.

A lifelong Norwayne resident, Johnson was on a mission to again make Norwayne a community of choice, not necessity.

"I was good at the bricks-and-mortar. Henry was good at the community," Campbell said. "It's really about building community. I feel like the efforts in Norwayne build upon themselves. One thing starts and rolls into another thing."

Johnson serves as the chairman of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, which has organized events for residents in recent years. Over 2017 there are events celebrating the 75th anniversary of Norwayne, a community developed to house World War II era workers at the Willow Run bomber plant in Ypsilanti.

Using federal funding, the city will have demolished 90 blighted residential structures in Norwayne by this summer. That includes single family homes plus duplexes and triplexes. NSP is over but there are still ongoing housing rehabilitation programs.

Calling it the jewel of her career, Campbell said she was initially very nervous about taking over the former elementary school as a new community center.

"It is four times the size of the (vacated) Dorsey Center. We had a few community events," Campbell said. "As soon as we came here (to Jefferson Barns) it has been nothing but great. It rejuvenated my career."

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car. The three of them drove off.

Tackett said she felt confused and did not understand the situation, and was worried something would have come of her as well.

"I didn't know if he was going to shoot me next," she said.

Westland resident Raymond Terry testified Wednesday that Taylor had shown up at the location he was currently living at late the night of Feb. 6. He knew Taylor was interested in picking up marijuana that night, but decided against going with him, fearing what could have happened in the transaction, he said.

"He just said he was going to get it," Terry said. "He was talking about finding any way possible to get weed.

"I had a bad feeling something bad was going to happen."

Terry was not the only one with bad feelings about hearing about Taylor's plan. Westland resident Rex Pierson, who had taken Terry into his house to live at for a while, said he overheard Taylor talking about going out late that night to pick up the marijuana.

Pierson said he had already put three of his children to bed and did not want to deal with issues surrounding Taylor possibly returning to his house that night.

"I told him if he did it, don't come back to my house," Pierson said.

The trials for Taylor and Charleston were expected to continue Thursday morning, and were expected to go through until at least Monday.

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STILL WAITING

Family doing what they can to find missing Hills woman

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Danielle Stislicki's friends and family all get them. Heck, even perfect strangers have been known to suffer them.

They're moments when the horror surrounding Danielle's disappearance seep into what they've been trying to make ordinary days, working or shopping or going to school.

The family calls them "Danielle gets into your head" moments, brief periods when rational thought is driven from the brain, replaced by the overwhelming and nearly omnipresent reality that Danielle has been missing for six months.

Six-month mark

"We have our good days and we have our not-so-good days," said Ann Stislicki, Danielle's mother, who lives in Fowlerville. "You have those times ... you have that hope that when you close your eyes, you get to see her again, even if it's in a dream."

Her voice choked up. "It was tough at the six-



Friends and family are waiting for news about Danielle Stislicki, missing since Dec. 2.

month mark," she said. That came June 2.

Danielle has been missing since last being seen at the Met Life insurance office in Southfield, where she worked. Her car was found in her Farmington Hills apartment complex parking lot the next day, but Danielle hasn't been seen since.

Police have been working hard on the case. They collected evidence from the raid of a home in Berkley in December. Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck said the department continues to build a case and he's "confident" an arrest will be made.

Police are waiting on the crime lab analysis of all the evidence collected so far. Nebus won't name

a suspect, though one name had been bandied about on social media, to the point where a woman was telling local media her brother-in-law was a suspect, though she didn't name him.

Progress coming

Nebus on Wednesday reiterated progress continues to be made.

"We ... believe this case will be solved," Nebus said. "One by one, the pieces of the puzzle are falling into place. There is nothing further we are prepared to release at this time, including any lab results."

While the family believes the Farmington Hills Police Department is doing all it can — "I understand the task they have at hand," Ann Stislicki said — they aren't simply waiting around. Family and friends have, from the beginning, coordinated a massive social media effort to get Dani's story out front — and keep it there — hoping someone, somewhere will know something.

A 'social' story

Stislicki's friends started a website and a Facebook page (which has nearly 45,000 people following it) to keep her story alive and help in the search for information related to her disappearance.

Dani's uncle, Chris Paliewicz of Shelby Township, set up the web-

site, but admitted he "wasn't really sure" what he was doing. He got a lot of help from friends and some strangers. Considering some 16 million people have viewed the Facebook page, he must have done something right.

"I got a lot of help," Paliewicz said. "It's great to have all the people out there who care so much."

There are "#finddani" wristbands and buttons available. Links to both are on the Facebook page. Megyn Belmonte designed the buttons and sells them through her Etsy page.

In the beginning, people were asking for permission to put up fliers or hand out materials about the case. Paliewicz said that's not the case any more.

"The whole 'Finding Dani' movement has become sort of grassroots," he said. "People aren't asking permission anymore to put up fliers. They're just doing it."

Grassroots help

The popular thing right now is putting "#finddani" in car windows as a means of drawing attention to the case. All of those things are "talking points," Ann Stislicki said, designed to keep people talking about the case.

She said conversations have taken place in grocery store parking lots and other public avenues.

Someone will spot the "#finddani" in the window and ask, "Is that the missing Farmington Hills girl?"

"They make it easier for people who have a hard time talking about it," she said. "It's about unity. It's a way of knowing you're not alone. We're all out here looking to find the answers."

Beth Guthrie is part of that grassroots effort. The longtime friend of Ann Stislicki's — she's known Ann for more than 20 years — felt like she "had to be" part of the support system for her friend.

Guthrie said her goal is to "do something productive" to advance Dani's story every day.

"Anytime someone is going through a crisis like this, building a support system is such a sense of peace to them, knowing they're not doing it on their own," Guthrie said. "Every day is a roller-coaster for them. They hold up as best they can, but I'm sure it can't be easy."

Not just Dani

In addition to trying to keep Dani's story front and center, the Stislicki family has also been careful to point out she's not the only person missing. Richard Stislicki, in particular, has used platforms at a pair of vigils in Danielle's honor to point out that thousands of others are missing and

deserve the same attention.

As it has been for Dani, social media has helped in some of those cases. Ann Stislicki pointed out that a couple of people have recently been found via social media.

"Rich always says it's not only about Danielle," Ann said. "It's a realization about how many missing there are. As we do this for Danielle, many of our Danielle followers are using social media for messages for other missing people."

Paliewicz, Dani's uncle who actually sang songs at both vigils held for her since her disappearance, said his family — and Dani's friends — are affected by the situation in different ways at different times.

"Sometimes it'll be a song or a saying that Danielle says, that triggers (memories)," Paliewicz said. "It eventually sinks in to everyone at many given points. We're holding up pretty well."

Nebus, the Farmington Hills Police chief, thinks they're holding up better than "pretty well."

"The Stislickis are a great family," Nebus said. "They are an inspiration to the detectives working on this case and we remain committed to seeking justice for Danielle and the Stislicki family."

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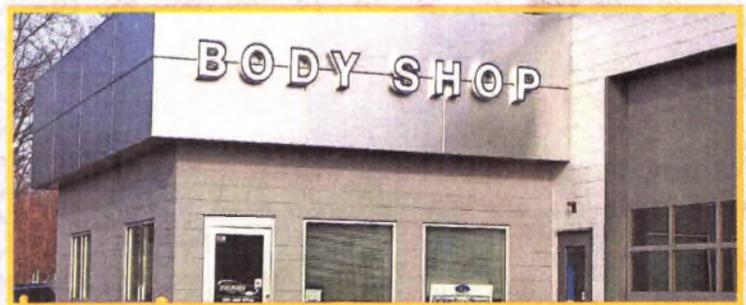


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TK Mac was once one of them -- a young person in a new country, struggling with the language and the culture.

Now, the engineer and his wife, Beth, a nurse, are providing a home away from home in the Pacific Northwest for dozens of young people from Asian countries through an "English Corner" fellowship they founded.

"They need somebody, someplace to go, a place they can trust," said TK Mac, who himself immigrated to the United States from China as a refugee.

The Macs had been involved in the Asian community for several years in their hometown of Silverdale, Washington, but decided to start English Corner after hosting a Chinese New Year dinner for college students. They saw needs that went beyond what support services at schools or their church could offer. Now the family's Friday nights are spent playing charades or cards with community college students to practice English skills and develop social connections in a country that can feel lonely. During the week, the social connection deepens, and the Macs will help schedule dentist appointments, give advice on cooking meals or push the students to finish homework.

While the group is informed by their Christian faith, Mac's passion is to give international students a place to relax and interact with people from other cultures. Students from China, Vietnam, Korea, India and Japan attend every week. Social connections can be an obstacle even among the foreign students themselves as cliques develop. English Corner is a place for anyone, and it's intended to tear down those walls for a group of people who need to offer support for one another.



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TK Mac of Silverdale, Washington, with his wife, Beth, organizes a weekly "English Corner" fellowship for students from Asia in the Pacific Northwest.

"They need somebody, someplace to go, a place they can trust."

TK MAC, speaking of the Asian students he and his wife lend a helping hand

"They're great," TK Mac said. "They try really hard to make everyone good together."

Q+A WITH TK MAC

What does it mean to you to be an American?

Being an American means that I live in the "land of the free." This freedom has been won by those who have sacrificed their lives to protect our country and the Constitution. Being an American means that I have vast opportunities that offer the possibility of a great future.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

It was about two years ago when I met a few Asian students attending Olympic College. Meeting these students, and hearing about many others like them, reminded me of when I first came to America. When I came to this country over 30 years ago, I was lonely and in culture shock. I was unable to speak the language, unfamiliar with the food and climate.

What gives you hope?

My new faith in Christ gives me hope. I am very thankful to live in a country where I can express my freedom of religion.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

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- » Teen Minecraft Club from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11. Play Minecraft with your friends on the Westland Teens' multiplayer server.
- » Capture the Flag from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, July 13. Strategy, teamwork, stealth, and crazy running around outside — it must be capture the flag!
- » Anime Club from 6-7 p.m. Monday, July 17. We'll break out the button maker, cut and fold up some cubee characters, and glue together some anime expressions hair clips!
- » Homemade Ice Cream from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, July 20. Come beat the heat with some homemade ice cream! Mix up your own bowls of ice cream and then pile on whatever toppings you want.
- » Just Dance Party from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, July 27. Show off your dance moves for fun or get competitive and challenge someone to a dance-off. We'll have several versions of Just Dance for the Wii available. Snacks will be provided.
- » **Adult**
- » Chess Club from 1-4:30 p.m. Saturdays July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.
- » Job Search Support from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays July 5, 12, 19 and 26; 3-5 p.m. Thursdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27. Do you need assistance developing your resume or cover letter? Visit the Adult Reference Desk during the designated time for assistance from a library associate. No registration required.
- » Friday Night Movies from 6:30-9 p.m. Fridays, July 7 and 21. Each week also features a trivia contest with small prizes handed out after the movie. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Movie starts at 7 p.m. Snacks and refreshments are provided on a donation basis.
- » Brain Food from 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, July 10; 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Join us at one of the two sessions as we present Kathryn Russell, MS, RDN for a presentation on optimal nutrition. Ms. Russell is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and will be available after the presentation to answer your questions. No registration is required!
- » Heartfulness Meditation from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays July 11, 18 and 25. Participants will be meditating in chairs. Those wishing to meditate while sitting on the floor may bring their own floor cushions. This Heartfulness Meditation program is conducted entirely by certified Heartfulness volunteer trainers who have experience meditating and training for several years.
- » Social Security and Your Retirement Seminar from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 11. The seminar presented by Zeal Financial Advisors will be packed with useful financial advice to help you prepare for retirement. Topics include: Important "rules of the road" for receiving Social Security benefits; Recent rule changes



Canton Charter Academy students take second

This year's Lawrence Tech University World Robofest was held June 1-3 in St. Pete's Beach Fla. In addition to the U.S., countries in attendance were Columbia, Mexico, South Africa, Hong Kong, Egypt, India, China and South Korea. For the second year in a row Team Steam seventh-graders from Canton Charter Academy took second place in junior exhibition. Luke Apap, Joshua Homco and Antonio Accardo placed in the regional and state competitions, earning a chance to compete in the world competition.

that might affect your retirement plans; How to evaluate the possible routes to manage Social Security benefits.

» Writers Workshop from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13. The Writers Workshop critiques an individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). The goal of our group is to help writers get published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, please contact workshop leader Denise Sedman at dasedman@yahoo.com. For more information on the program, call the Reference Desk at 734-326-6123.

» Adobe Premier Pro Video Editing for Filmmakers from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. Patrick Currie, local independent filmmaker, will assist users of all abilities on this editing software. Please meet at the Multimedia Computer in Adult Reference.

» Writers Club from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, July 17. Looking to get back into writing but could some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library's Writers Club. Just bring anything that you're working or come to receive Cheryl's set of monthly prompts. Refreshments provided. No sign-up required.

» Explore Art for Adults: Adult Coloring from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils, markers, and crayons will be provided. We will also have a tabletop coloring sheet (2 feet by 6 feet!) to work on in honor of Build a Better World. Attendees will get a Build A Better World Coloring Journal and coloring crayons to take home, while supplies last.

» Adult Book Club from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. Join us this month for a discussion of The Heart Goes Last by Margaret Atwood. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk.

» Noontime Book Club from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25. Please join us this month as we discuss The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Olympics by Daniel James Brown. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk.

» Sci-Fi Book Club from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26. Join us for a discussion of "Falling Free" by Lois McMaster Bujold. Copies of the book are available at the Reference Desk.

» Summer reading for all ages ends on Saturday, July 29. Adults: Please place all prize entry cards for the Adult Summer Reading contest

into the prize basket by 4:30pm. Teens: Please check in with your reading log, collect any remaining prizes, and get your invitation to the finale party by 4:30 p.m.

Jaycees networking night

The Livonia Jaycees for an evening of networking with other local young professionals from 6-8:30 p.m. July 12 at BRAVO Cucina Italiana, 17700 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

The \$25 cost includes: two headshots by a professional photographer; a binder with business card pages; appetizers and drinks (cash bar available); and networking opportunities in a speed "dating" format. Space is limited. To purchase tickets, visit <http://bit.ly/2stxa0s>.

Historic park event

Westland Historic Village Park is hosting a Summer Bonanza event from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 24. There will be vendors, games, food and reenactors. Organizers hope to make this an annual event. Park at John Glenn and take the shuttle to the museum. For more information, call 734-756-0769.

Jazz @ the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The show for Tuesday, June 27, features the Dave Bennett Quartet. Bennett has been touring nationally and he will be doing Benny Goodman favorites along with the Great American Songbook pieces and maybe a little '50s rock 'n' roll. Bennett on clarinet, Cliff Monear on keyboards, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Doug Cobb on drums.

For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com

Free senior luncheon

Salem National Lutheran Church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, is holding a free senior luncheon on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. The next event is scheduled for June 28. At the previous event, 21 meals were served. The event offers food, fellowship and prayer.

Livonia Summer Fun Series

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department Summer Fun Series features inflatables, games and food along with an outdoor family concert or movie at 6 p.m. Tuesdays from July 11 to Aug. 8.

The series begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, with family activities, live music at 6:30 p.m., and the movie "Pete's Dragon" at 8:20 p.m. at the Kirksey Recreation Center (Five Mile and Hubbard).

The fun continues at Rotary Park (Six Mile and Hubbard) at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 18 as The Kerfuffles take the stage.

The following Tuesday, July 25, return to Rotary Park for an evening with Miss Paula and the Candy Bandits.

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or visit www.LivoniaParks.org

St. Mary Mercy program

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, in collaboration with the Arthritis Foundation, will offer a general exercise program and Tai Chi classes for adults living with arthritis and other related diseases.

Classes will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, from June 27 through Aug. 25.

The general Exercise Program will take place 10-10:55 a.m. and Tai Chi classes from 11 a.m. to noon. Both will be held in the Wellness Center at St. Mary Mercy Livonia. The exercise program costs \$80 and the Tai Chi class costs \$48.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call 734-655-1310.

Farmers market

The Westland Farmers Market runs 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 13. The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road. The market features produce, plants, fresh foods, crafts and live music weekly. EBT is accepted. For more information, email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

RU summer food program

The Redford Union Schools, District No. 1, announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

» Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puritan, Redford: Monday through Thursday, June 26, through Aug. 3. Breakfast will be served 7:15-8:45 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

» Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch: Monday through Friday through Aug. 25. Breakfast will be served 8:30-9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VBS at St. Paul's Presbyterian

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia will hold the vacation Bible school, "Taste and See That the Lord Is Good" June 26-29. The sessions, for 3-year-olds to those who have completed fifth grade, will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and lunch daily.

All are welcome to attend. The cost is \$12 per child, with a \$30 maximum per family. Registration is now in progress. For more information or to register, go to www.sppc.org or

call 734/422-1470, ext. 17.

Throughout the week, the mission emphasis will be on collecting canned fruit and coins to benefit the children in the Livonia community through Blessings in a Backpack - Livonia.

St. Paul's is located at 27475 Five Mile Road, one block west of Inkster Road.

Church yard sale

Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman Road in Livonia, will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 8. A space with table is \$15. A space without table is \$10. Tables are limited. For more information, call 734-765-1827.

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Hartmann



Ernst Jan 88, longtime resident of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, passed away on June 14, 2017, at his home in Naples, Florida, surrounded by his loving family. He died from complications related to lung cancer. He leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Patricia Chase Hartmann; his daughter, Karin Hartmann Ludlow, and her husband, Alden Ludlow IV; his daughter, Carolyn Hartmann; his son Paul Hartmann and his wife, Patsy Hartmann. He is also survived by his brother and best friend, Christer Hartmann, and his wife, Anki Hartmann, and their children, Marcus and Sophie. Jan was the proud grandfather of six grandchildren: Peter, Andrew, Laura, Dustin, Isabel and Bobbi. Jan's youngest brother, Goran, predeceased him in 2009. Jan was born in 1929 to Ernst and Margit Hartmann and grew up in Stockholm, Sweden. He attended the University of Stockholm, and then Oberlin College, in Ohio, where he met his beloved wife Pat. She was the reason Jan immigrated to the United States in 1954. They were married in Michigan in 1955. Also in 1955, he received his B.S. in business from Indiana University, and in 1958, he received his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. Jan was the Vice President-Controller of the Shatterproof Glass Corporation in Detroit from 1956 to 1969. In the fall of 1969, Jan joined the Ziebart International Corporation, in Troy, Michigan, as the Executive Vice President. Within a year, he would purchase the company and become the Chairman, President and CEO. By the end of the 1970's, Jan had grown the company, which provides rust protection and other car-care services, from 150 to 650 dealerships and had expanded into 40 countries. Ziebart's advertising catchphrase, "It's Us. Or Rust," was well known, with celebrities such as Adam West's "Batman" and Rod Serling from the "Twilight Zone" acting as spokesmen for the company. Jan retired as CEO in 1998 and continued to serve on the board of directors of Ziebart until 1999. Jan was proud of his Swedish heritage. He was awarded both the Order of the Polar Star (1978) and the Commander of the Order of the Polar Star (1995) by Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustav. These are the highest honors that can be bestowed by the King of Sweden on a foreign national. Jan also was appointed by the Swedish government to be the Honorary Swedish Consul for Michigan from 1984 to 1997. Jan was awarded "Swedish American of the Year" by the VASA Order of America in 2007. He also was active in the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce, the Swedish Council of America and the Detroit Swedish Council. Jan always felt that it was important to participate in and support his community. He was actively involved with the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, serving both on the Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1995, and Board of Governors of Schools from 1975 to 1996. In 1986, Jan and Pat helped start Eton Academy, a school in Birmingham, Michigan designed for students who learn differently. Other institutions that Jan and Pat have supported over the years include the Karamanos Cancer Institute and the Cranbrook Academy of Art. In lieu of flowers, Jan and his family ask that donations be made to Eton Academy at 1755 Melton Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009. The family will hold a private memorial service in Naples, Florida. On August 14th, there will be a service at the Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Mayo



Lydia Yvonne Ellison passed away peacefully at Beaumont Hospital surrounded by her family on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Lydia is survived by her son William R. Mayo, and wife Mary, and daughter Nancy M. Buchanan, and husband John, and six grandchildren - Maxwell, Molly and Cole Mayo, and Rachel, John and Eleanor Buchanan. She was the beloved wife of Raymond G. Mayo for 42 years until the time of his death in 1997. Lydia was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1931, to Matthew Ellison and Anna Sophia Cowdry, and raised in Avon Lake, Ohio. She studied English at Bowling Green University, where she met her husband Raymond - she was a Phi Mu, he a Sigma Nu. After marrying, Lydia and Raymond settled in the Detroit area where she taught English and Journalism for over 20 years. She taught the last 16 years of her career at Belleville High School, where she was voted favorite teacher many times. Lydia loved literature, particularly Shakespeare, and travelled annually to the Festival in Stratford, Ontario to take in plays and lectures (she would re-read the plays before each new performance). She was a member of Livonia Arts and Letters for many years. She was an active member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, where Lydia served as a Deacon and Elder. More recently, she joined Northville First Presbyterian Church. Lydia lived the last twelve years at the Fox Run Retirement Community in Novi, where she served on committees and in clubs, and had many, many friends. She was often described as "amazing", due no doubt to her sharp mind, broad grasp of history and current events, and kind heart. Lydia was open minded by almost any definition and accepting of individuals' eccentricities. She valued long term relationships of which she had many. She never said no to a full glass of chardonnay and had a life-long love affair with coffee and chocolate. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. A memorial service will be held at Fox Run in the coming months. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fox Run Scholarship Fund.

Widger Osborne



Kathleen Mary Funeral Service being held on July 27, 2017 10:30am St. Patrick's Catholic Church 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, MI 48116. Family will hold coffee reception following the mass. Internment at 2:00 pm at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 25800 W 10 Mile Road, Southfield, MI. 48033. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to a cancer charity of your choice. Please visit <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/hometownlife/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=184419004> for full obituary.

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Police: Man stole lottery tickets from several stores

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A 31-year-old Redford Township man was arrested after a police chase Monday that took the man through Westland and into Detroit before he was arrested under the suspicion of stealing lottery tickets, according to police.

Westland police say the man, whose information will be released once he is arraigned, was seen stealing a large case of scratch-off lottery tickets from Westland Party Store, 27830 Warren. Police say they tried to pull the suspect's vehicle over, but he did not stop, leading officers on a pursuit.

The suspect drove all

the way to the 9100 block of Winthrop in Detroit, located near Greenfield and West Chicago, police said. The suspect then crashed his vehicle into a Detroit Police Department patrol vehicle, police said. He was arrested at the scene by police. A Detroit police officer was thought to be not seriously injured in the incident.

Livonia police say they believe the same man committed a similar crime Sunday morning at BP gas station, 17151 Middlebelt. Police said he and another individual came into the gas station. The woman he walked in with went to the ATM, though appeared to have some trouble with it. When the employee at

the gas station came over to help her, the suspect allegedly hopped the counter and grabbed several books of lottery tickets.

They both then fled the store in a black Jetta after taking several rolls of scratch-off lottery tickets, police said.

Westland police allege the man attempted to commit a similar crime in Garden City just minutes before the Westland incident.

The man was arrested on charges including felony larceny, as well as fleeing and eluding.

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WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Key fob taken

Wayne police were called June 14 to a residence in the 3600 block of Hannan on the report of a larceny that had happened at the home.

The victim said she had a fight in the home with her nephew's girlfriend, who she told to leave. The woman then left the home, but took the victim's key fob and car keys with her off the table. The woman told police she was concerned the nephew's girlfriend would return to steal her car in the middle of the night. Police attempted to contact the suspect, but could not reach her.

Loose change stolen

Police were dispatched June 15 to a home in the 3500 block of Barry on the report of a larceny from auto that happened earlier that morning.

The resident said he was checking his security camera footage and saw the suspect enter the man's vehicle just before 5 a.m. that morning. The suspect appeared to have taken some loose change from the car, which was unlocked, and fled on foot. The suspect's face was partially covered with a hood. The resident downloaded the video and provided a copy for police.

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WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Copper piping stolen from vacant home

A resident who owns a home in the 30000 block of Birchwood Avenue came into the police station June 14 to report a burglary at her residence.

She said she is in the process of selling the home and came by it to discover someone had kicked in the back door and stole all the copper piping inside.

She said her real estate agent received a call from another agent informing her of the missing pipes.

The theft appeared to have taken place sometime between June 11 and June 15.

Bicycles taken

A resident who lives in the 7800 block of North Fountain Park came into the Westland police station June 13 to report a pair of bicycles had been stolen.

He said he last saw the bicycles chained to a pole near his vehicle in the parking lot June 10. He discovered the bicycles were missing the next day. It appeared the suspect had cut the chain locking the bicycles, as the lock and chain were also missing. No suspect information was available.

Mailbox damaged

Police were called June 13 to a residence in the 35000 block of Bar-

ton Avenue on the report of a damaged mailbox.

Police spoke to the son of the homeowner, who had recently died. He said he was out of town for a few days and came by to check on the house that day to find the mailbox damaged. It appeared it had possibly been struck with a vehicle. The son had fixed the post before police arrived, but still requested a police report be filed.

Car keyed

A resident who lives in the 8200 block of August Avenue came into the police station June 15 to report his vehicle had been vandalized.

The resident said the vehicle was parked in

the street for about a week. On June 14, the man said he saw some circular key markings on the driver's side door. Damage appeared intentional and no suspect information was available.

Vehicle damaged after brick throw

Police were dispatched June 17 to the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman on the report of some damage done to a vehicle while it was driving.

The motorist said he was traveling westbound on Ann Arbor Trail, preparing to make a turn

onto Merriman, when his vehicle was struck by a brick. Police saw damage done to his hood and the windshield, which was shattered. The driver said he did not see where it came from and did not see any vehicles drive past him when the car was struck. Police checked the area and did not find a brick.

Papers taken from vehicle

A resident who lives in the 37000 block of Scotsdale Circle came into the police station June 19 to report the theft of several documents from her vehicle.

She said she noticed the items missing earlier that day after being in the car the night before. She said a folder containing documents with her tax return and Social Security number were taken, as well as a pair of Jordan shoes. She said her car alarm went off the night before, but she did not see anything when she checked outside. The vehicle was unlocked at the time and the car was not damaged. No suspect information was available.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Motorcyclist from Northville Township dies in crash

Livonia police were called the afternoon of June 15 to the intersection of Schoolcraft and Levan on a motorcycle crash.

A motorcyclist, whom police identified as 47-year-old Ronald Thomas Nachtman of Northville Township, was riding at a high rate of speed southbound on Levan. Witnesses told police the rider was unable to stop at the traffic signal for Levan and eastbound Schoolcraft, and struck a vehicle starting to go through the intersection on a green light. The vehicle driver and Nachtman were taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The motorist was treated for minor injuries, while Nachtman was declared dead at the hospital.

Police say the investigation into the incident

remains ongoing.

Retail fraud reported

Police were dispatched the afternoon of June 19 to Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, on the report of a shoplifting suspect in custody.

An employee said he saw the suspect pushing a cart with just an large, empty purse in it. She was then seen selecting several items, including Dremel bits, tape measures, deck screws and saw blades, and placing them into the cart. She then went to the garden center and concealed several items in her purse.

She then allegedly tried to leave without paying for many of the items but was stopped by an employee.

She was detained until police arrived and arrested her.

She was taken to the police station for processing.

Wheels taken from vehicle

A police officer on patrol the morning of June 17 was stopped by a pedestrian near Ingram and Meadowbrook to report a larceny from auto.

Police located the vehicle in question, which had its wheels taken off. Police inspected the area and found the key to the locking lugnut on the ground. The officer spoke to the owner, who said the car had been parked the day before, and believed it was locked. When she came out to the vehicle, she discovered it was also missing a bag of dog food. No suspect information was available, and the resident said she would burn a copy of the security camera footage for police.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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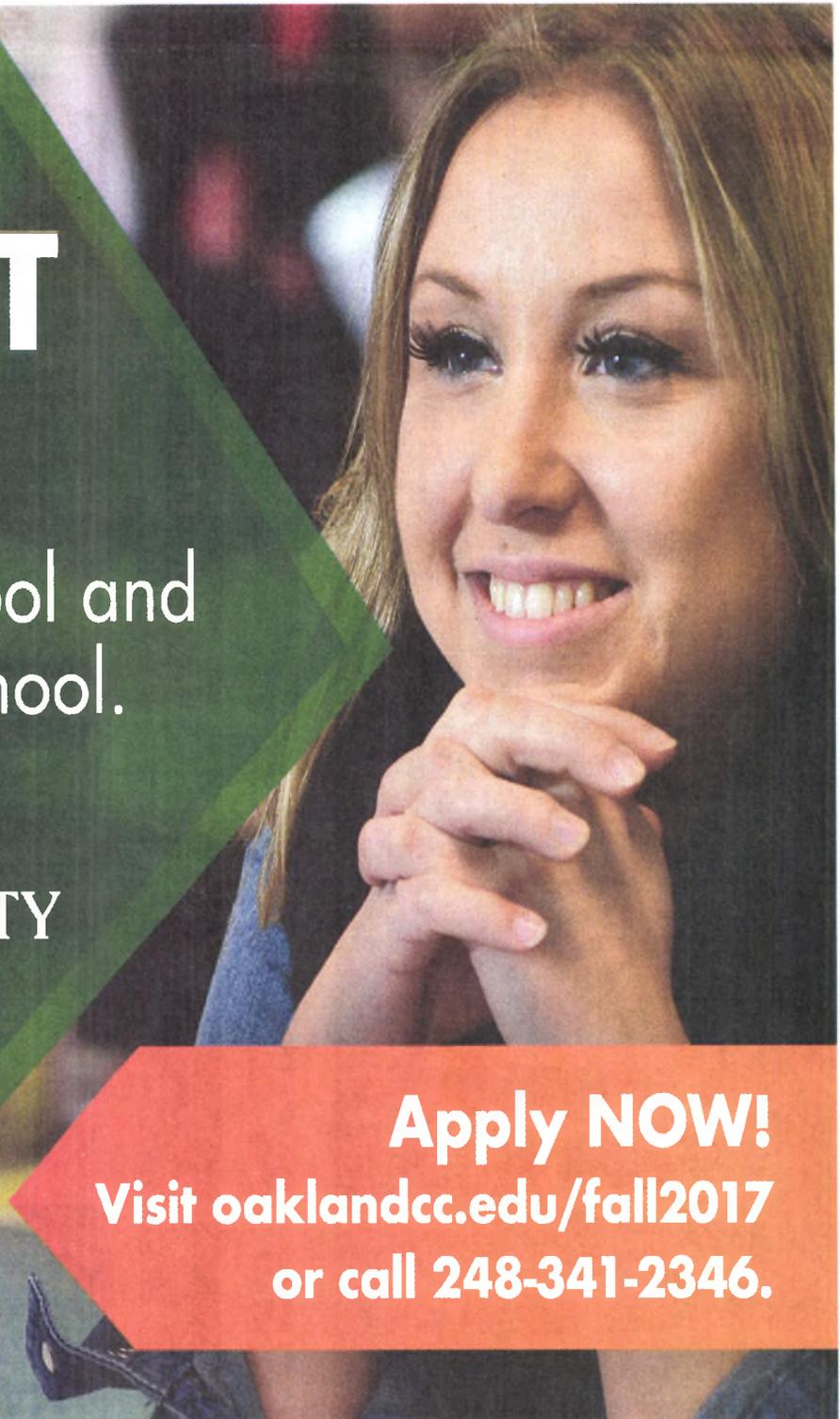
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Weigh all your options when considering a home mortgage

Q: I have been divorced for a little over a year. My ex-husband kept our house and, for the last year, I've been renting an apartment. I have decided to buy. I'm going to buy a condo for about \$200,000. I have a number of questions that I hope you can help me with. The first is whether I should pay cash or get a mortgage. I have the money to pay cash, but I would have to liquidate my stock investments. My second question is, if I do get a mortgage, should I get an adjustable-rate or a fixed-rate mortgage? A couple other things that may help you are that I'm in my late 40s and plan to work for at least another 15 years. I did get some bids for a mortgage and I will have no problem with the mortgage payment. Thanks.

A: When you consider whether you should pay cash for a mortgage or not, the first thing to consider is what the mortgage is actually costing you after taxes vs. what your investments could realistically earn. In the case at hand, your after-tax cost of your mortgage is somewhere in the 3 percent area. Since you are a long-term growth investor who is not afraid to invest in stocks, it would seem to me that the return you would get over a 15-year period would be substantially more than the cost of the mortgage. In fact, over



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the long run, I would expect your investment portfolio to return more than double what your mortgage has cost you. Therefore, from a purely financial standpoint, a mortgage looks like the way to go.

In determining whether someone should go fixed-rate or adjustable, I think one of the keys is how long you plan to be in your property. It is important to remember that we are in a time of rising interest rates, so adjustable-rate mortgages will increase in the not-so-distant future. The key to the type of mortgage you're going to get is how long you plan to spend in your home. If someone told me that they were going to be in their house short term, three or four years, I would lean toward an adjustable-rate mortgage. If someone was going to be in their house for five years or longer, in today's environment, I would lock into a fixed-rate mortgage. Let's not forget that interest rates on mortgages are still near historical lows.

It is important to shop around for a mortgage and you just can't shop interest rates. What you also have to be concerned with is the cost. Interest rates among mortgage companies

Don't limit your search to large banks or the well-known mortgage companies; also consider your credit union and the smaller companies.

may be pretty close to the same, but there could be a wide difference in the cost. It's always a good idea to shop not only rates, but also the total cost. Some mortgage companies will have different types of fees and may call them different things. The bottom line is, if you're paying for it, it's a cost and you have a right to know what it is.

In shopping for mortgages, don't limit your search to large banks or the well-known mortgage companies; also consider your credit union and the smaller mortgage companies. If you can save some money on your mortgage, why not? The money you save looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

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Michigan Phil announces 2017-18 season schedule

Season tickets are now available for the Michigan Philharmonic's 2017-18 season, which will feature music focusing on innovation, local artists and diversity. From opening night featuring the jazzy, soulful sounds of African-American composer and pianist Mary Watkins to the Chinese inspired music of MSU composer Zhou Tian and the Latin rhythms of composer Ricardo Lorenz, this season of music is sure to please.

Come out Saturday, Sept. 30, to The Village Theatre for the season opener – "A Bit of Beethoven & Blue Jeans." Enjoy Beethoven's masterpieces "King Stephen Overture in E-flat Major" and "Romance for Violin and Orchestra No.1 in G, Op. 40," as well as colorful compositions by Alberto Ginastera and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsako. The concert also features music by visiting composer Mary Watkins, who embodies both powerful women in music and an influential force in promoting diversity. Her featured piece, "The Initiate," is a "journey to a destination of hope, stimulation, self-empowerment, more big love, more self-love and more love for one another."

Halloween brings the whole family together at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex as the Phil collaborates with all of PARC to create a "Philharmonic Thriller." Walk through haunted hallways to see the concert performance, featuring music of from "Twilight" and "The Chronicles of Narnia – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," along music from

"Harry Potter" and ending with Michael Jackson's "Thriller," complete with dancing zombies.

In November, the Michigan Phil salutes veterans as "Hail to the Veterans" features youthful ensembles from the Detroit Children's Choir, Main Street Opera Theater Children's Chorus, Plymouth Counselors Youth Chorale and MPYO Sinfonia to join them in paying homage to veterans. Come to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church for huge musical celebration honoring those who served.

Everyone gets in the holiday spirit at "Holiday Pops with the Phil" each December at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. The Michigan Phil celebrates the holidays with music from many traditions, featuring "The Eight Candle: Prayer and Dance for Hanukkah" by Steve Reister and "African Noel." This concert will also include singalongs, as well as excerpts from Tchaikovsky's masterpiece "The Nutcracker" and "The Polar Express Suite" by Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard.

Continuing the Michigan Phil's commitment to feature local talent, the subsequent concerts "Miniature Masterpieces" and "Rock Pop & Soul" will feature Detroit's own Dennis Carter and Lonnie Reed as soloists. "Miniature Masterpieces" in January will feature Carter performing a flute solo during "Impresiones de la Puna for Solo Flute & Strings" by Alberto Ginastera in a concert performed in the beautiful chapel at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. In February, "Rock Pop & Soul" fea-

tures Reed performing melodies from Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson with the symphony. This concert is a rare opportunity to hear iconic rock 'n' roll amplified by a full orchestra in this memorable Valentine's Day weekend concert.

In March, "Tchaikovsky Spectacular" will include Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4 in F Minor" and also feature guest composer Zhou Tian as the Michigan Phil performs his moving piece, "A Thousand Years of Good Prayers." Inspired by a Chinese proverb, Tian wrote that his piece uses a "Western symphony orchestra to convey a sense of spiritual bliss — the balance between Western and Eastern culture embodies a universal sense of music." A professor at Michigan State University, Tian, is a world-class local talent.

The last concert of the season highlights the fusion of Hispanic culture and Western compositional styles. "Danzones y Tangos" will take place April 14 at PARC and will include works by Astor Piazzolla, Leonard Bernstein, Ney Rosau-ro and more. This concert will also feature guest composer Ricard Lorenz, another local talent and professor at Michigan State University. Born in Venezuela, his compositional style embraces Latin culture as he blends Cuban rhythmic motifs and rich harmonies.

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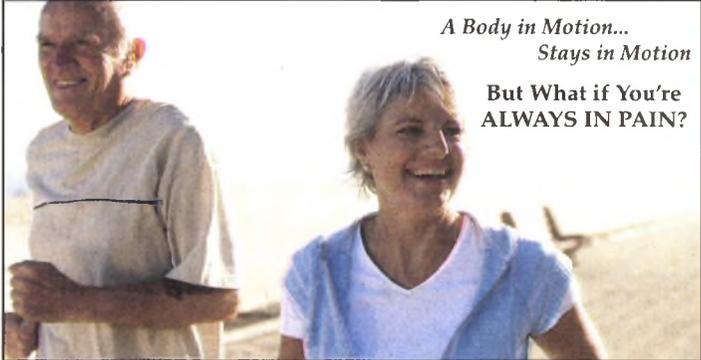
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PREP BASEBALL

DCD duo helps lead East to win

Mann, Neibauer both play key role at Comerica Park

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Thanks in part to a Detroit Country Day duo, the East slipped past the West in the 36th annual East-West All-Star Classic baseball game Tuesday at Comerica Park.

DCD's talented tandem of Steve Mann and Nick Neibauer, both Farmington Hills residents, ignited a three-run rally that led the East to a 7-5 victory in the three-hour high school all-star game that started in the rain and ended in cool, but pleasant conditions on the Tigers' home turf.

With the game tied at 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Mann reached base with

MORE COVERAGE

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a one-out walk. Neibauer came up next and smacked a line single to right field with Mann motoring around second on a bee-line to third base. The outfield throw went past the West third baseman, which allowed Mann to race home with the run that put the East ahead for good.

Neibauer raced over to third base and eventually sprinted home on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Utica Eisen-

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Detroit Country Day's Nick Neibauer had an RBI hit and scored a run to help lead the East to a 7-5 victory over the West.

20/20 tennis tournament

The third annual 20/20 Tennis Tournament is scheduled for July 1 at the Birmingham Racquet Club.

The team-based competition will be held 2-5 p.m. for players ages 13-16. Match play competition will be conducted in both singles and doubles.

The entry fee is \$30 and the event will include raffle items, other prizes and games against local club pros.

All proceeds benefit the Vision Research-Ropard Foundation

(www.vrrf.org). The event was created by Ben Conti with Baseline Tennis. The rain date is set for July 2.

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USA ROLLER SPORTS REGIONAL PRIMER

READY TO ROCK — AND ROLL

Area roller skaters want to shine the spotlight on sport they can't get enough of

Tim Smith
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For hours on end, Amanda Smyser and Melia Conners go around in circles — and in their chosen sport, that means they're going places.

In fact, from Saturday through Tuesday at Skatin' Station in Canton, both are looking to repeat last season's success at the USA Roller Sports regionals.

At last year's regionals, held in Ohio, Livonia Franklin alum Smyser and Canton's Conners both qualified for the 2016 nationals and came away with medals.

Smyser, now 19, placed second in Sophomore A Figures; the 13-year-old Conners was third in Elementary B Figures.

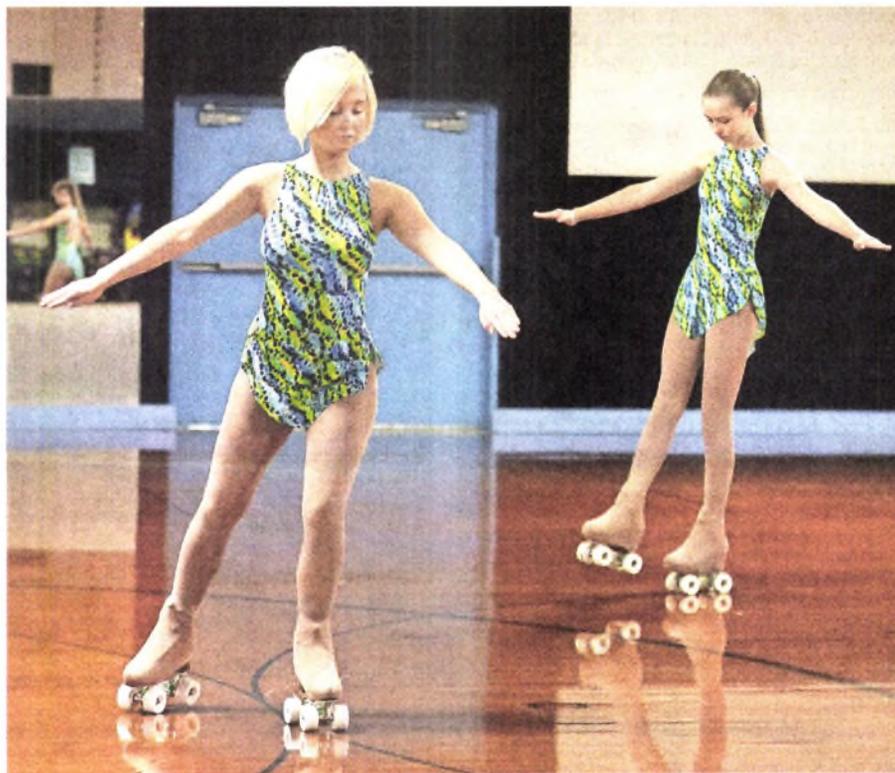
"I just wanted to go out there and skate the best I could, put some decent figures out," Smyser said. "So, yeah, I was quite shocked when I got second, but I skated the best I possibly could at that moment in time, which is what you want to do."

"It's not all about the winning, you need to focus on yourself."

Crazy good

Conners, who soon will be a freshman at Canton High

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Continuously working to perfect their "circles" routine are Amanda Smyser (foreground) and Melia Conners. Both are shown practicing at Skatin' Station in Canton.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL

What: The 2017 USA Roller Sports Great Lakes Regional. Skaters from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin will compete in figures, loops and dance.

When: 5:15 a.m. through 9:50 p.m.

Saturday, 5:15 a.m. through 10:30 p.m. Sunday, 5:15 a.m. through 9:40 p.m. Monday, 5:15 a.m. through 5:20 p.m. Tuesday.

Where: Skatin' Station, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton (south of Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty roads).

Local teams: Among Michigan squads at the event will be members

of the Skatin' Station Artistic Skating Club as well as those from Bonaventure (Farmington Hills), Riverside (Livonia) and Rollerama (Brighton). **Contact:** For more information, call the rink at 734-459-6400 or go to www.skatinstation2.com.

PRO GOLF

South Lyon's Harding earns U.S. Senior Open berth

Former state PGA Player of the Year makes field with 72

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Tom Harding would agree that getting a chance to play in this year's U.S. Senior Open is like putting a cherry on top of a sundae.

"I'd say that's pretty accu-

rate," said the 53-year-old pro from South Lyon, who earned a qualifying berth in the U.S. Golf Association event, June 29 through July 2, in Peabody, Mass. "I'm trying to enjoy it. I'm meeting old friends."

Harding's brother Tim will be on the bag. His wife Peggy will make the trip, along with



Harding

his daughter Priscilla, who plays at Michigan State. His two other daughters — Caroline, who also plays for MSU, and Elizabeth, who will be a senior at South Lyon High — will be out of the country studying abroad.

"My family is coming out and just try to get a couple good swing thoughts and maybe for two days I can get some good karma, make a few putts and maybe thinking I can make the cut," Harding said.

"That's my expectation."

Harding, who has twice been named Michigan PGA Player of the Year (1997 and 2001), earned a spot May 24 when he led the qualifying field with 1-over 72 at Orchard Ridge Country Club in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"I sort of went there because I knew my one daughter (Priscilla) would be free to caddy for me, so I said, 'What

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Aces on the links

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth is enjoying a run of hole-in-one success this month.

Three golfers registered holes-in-one within six days — spreading the wealth to two courses at the sprawling, North Territorial Road venue.

Among those joining the ace club were Zachary Newsom, 20, of Canton; Patrick Floyd, 59, of Plymouth, and David Werman, 68, of Plymouth.

Newsom recorded his hole-in-one on the 135-yard No. 14 hole at the Golden Fox course. He used a Ping IS 9-iron and Titleist Pro VI for his feat and he tallied 79 for his round.

Floyd's ace was recorded at the Golden Fox, on the 149-yard No. 14 hole. He used a 7-iron and Titleist Pro V1X and finished with 90.

Werman used a 9-iron and Titleist on the 103-yard No. 6 hole at the Hills course.

On May 23 at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia, 80-year-old Bob Selasky aced the 100-yard No. 7 hole.

It was Selasky's first-ever hole-in-one in 60 years of golfing.

Selasky, a member of the Livonia Senior Mens Golf Association, used a 4-hybrid club on the shot.

Michigan Senior Olympics

Registration is now open for the 38th annual Michigan Senior Olympics Summer Games.

The games, open to individuals 50 and over, take place Aug. 11-20 throughout Oakland and Macomb counties and more than 1,000 athletes from across the state are expected to compete. The idea is to promote healthy and active lifestyles.

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks fit to be tied after second-half collapse

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The Michigan Bucks did some soul searching following 2-2 draw June 18 against Chicago FC United in a Father's Day match-up at Pontiac's Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Players and coaches stayed on the field for more than 20 minutes for a heart-to-heart discussion after conceding a pair of goals during the final 15 minutes in the Premier Development League Central Conference crossover.

The Bucks, who missed an opportunity to pull even with first-place Kitchener-Waterloo United FC in the Great Lakes Division, settled instead for the one point and remained in second place with 16 points at 5-1-1.

"It's disappointing. You never want to give up the lead, never want to drop points, especially when you play and did such good work in the first half," Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "We feel like we threw it away."

The Bucks were missing five starters, including goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan University) and star forward Francis Atuahene (University of Michigan), both of whom



JAY DUNWELL

This direct free kick eludes Bucks goalkeeper Anthony Mwambia during the 2-2 draw with Chicago United FC.

were training for the week with Major League Soccer's Sporting FC in Kansas City.

And despite three other regulars out with injuries, the Bucks jumped out to a 1-0 advantage, getting a goal by Ivo Cerda (U-M) in the second minute on a rebound off a shot by Austin Ricci.

Andre Landell then scored his team-leading fifth goal of the season on a header in the 19th minute, off an assist from captain Tom Owens, who collected his team

best fifth assist of the year, to make it 2-0.

The score stayed that way until the 77th minute, when Chicago's Qudus Lawal beat Bucks goalkeeper Anthony Mwambia (Bowling Green) to cut the deficit to 2-1.

And in the 89th minute, Chicago's Chris Mueller (Wisconsin) stunned the Bucks when he rifled a direct free kick from the left flank about 35 yards out to beat Mwambia, who was named the Mid-American Conference Goalkeeper

of the Year last fall.

"The goalie was kind of cheating out and it was one they were expecting me to cross it," Mueller said. "I saw him come out a little bit and I just cut it back the other way and I just hit it really well to the top corner. He got his hands on it and it was lucky enough to go in ... it was a good shot."

FC United, which stands 1-1-3 (six points) in the PDL Heartland Conference, was coming off a 1-1 draw Friday against Rockford.

"It needed to happen," Mueller said. "It was the last couple of minutes. Some of the guys were telling me to serve the ball in, but I saw him coming out a little bit and those are the kind of shots you need to make to tie these good teams and compete."

Muftari made three second-half substitutions to find some fresh legs, inserting Jacob Bevan, Gael Kisombe and James Haupt, but it couldn't stem the tide.

"I thought we were really good in the first half, felt good about it," Muftari said. "Took our foot off the gas and Chicago did a good job. They really got the momentum in the second half and we couldn't figure a way out to swing it back in our

favor. We were just hoping to hold them off. The kid (Lawal) had a good first goal and then a good set piece (by Mueller) to tie the game."

The Bucks swing back into Great Lakes Division play Thursday in Louisville, Ky., against the the last-place Derby City Rovers.

On June 14, the Bucks extended their shutout streak to five with a 1-0 win over the host Dayton (Ohio) Dutch Lions at DOC Stadium as Shepherd made two saves while Alexi Souahy scored the game-winner from Owens in the 75th minute.

But that scoreless streak was snapped by Chicago in the second half.

"They got on top of us and gained momentum," Muftari said. "They put a little more pressure on us and defended us a little higher up the field. They didn't give us so much time on the ball. I felt like we had a lot of time and space in the first half. We weren't able to adjust very well once we did that and they were able to gain some confidence out of it. They were winning the ball in better positions and they were able to get into our half much easier than they in the first half of

the game, where we felt like most of the game was played in their half. They came out a little more aggressive defensively. Gave us a lot of trouble and we didn't adjust."

The tie against Chicago may serve as a wake-up call for the Bucks, who will play K-W United FC in back-to-back meetings beginning Sunday, July 2, on the road in Ontario followed by a home date Wednesday, July 5, at Ultimate.

"You're always going to have bad games and we didn't think this was going to be one of them," Muftari said. "It was really a lapse in judgment and concentration. Part of my job is to make sure that doesn't happen. I have to do a better job making sure we're prepared better coming out of the second half. Once we lost the momentum, we couldn't figure out how to swing it back. The thing about soccer, the game keeps flowing and I can't call a timeout. I can't bring the guys in and see if we can settle them back down. That's it. Back to the training ground and trying to find some answers."

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ALL-STARS

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hower's Jacob Raymond. Three straight singles produced the eventual game-winning run, scored by Northville's Kevin Morrissey after a hit by Woodhaven's Bradley Deboutte.

"We (batted) back-to-back most of the high school season and to do that in this game was something special," said Neibauer, who will attend Bowling Green State University next year. "This was amazing and the atmosphere was awesome. Throughout my high school career, this is a game I always wanted to play in.

"I played with a lot of these guys, against a lot of these guys and grew up playing with these guys. I just came out here and enjoyed every moment of it," he added. "It was great coming out here and this was an experience to remember."

Third time at Comerica Park

It marked the third time the DCD teammates played a game at Comerica.

They had a game rained out when they were sophomores and last year, as juniors, they helped lead Country Day to a victory over Milan.

The third time, as all-stars and representing their school for the last time, proved to be a real charm.

"I think I had more fun this time than I did in the other times I played here," said Mann, one of two Detroit Tigers draftees who played in the game. "It was neat to represent Country Day like that. I got the walk and Nick got the big hit and, luckily, I didn't get thrown out at third base. It was a special moment for us.

"Obviously, it was very exciting," he added. "I reunited with some old Little League friends and I got to play with some of the big names in the state and to meet them and be with the coaches. It certainly made it a great experience."

Mann and Neibauer were not the only area baseball stars enjoying the evening at Comerica Park.

Kuster, Drogosch, Warren play

Brother Rice's Alex Kuster, Bloomfield Hills' C.J. Drogosch and Birmingham Groves' Zavier Warren also played for the East squad.

Kuster, who was the winning pitcher in Rice's Catholic League championship victory over rival Catholic Central, started on the hill and allowed one hit and one walk in



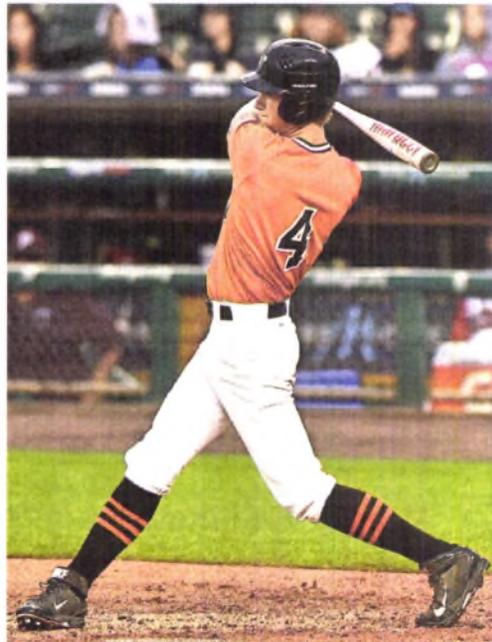
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Birmingham Groves player Zavier Warren bolts for third base as a member of the East squad.

his single inning of work. The 6-foot-2, 180-pounder, who also spent an inning playing first base, batted twice and produced the East's first RBI on a bases-loaded fielder's choice play.

Drogosch started at first base and batted twice. The Wayne State University-bound infielder went 1-for-2 at the plate, with a single to right field.

"This was a great event. I kind of caught myself in awe at some points," said Drogosch, who played at Comerica twice previously with Bloomfield Hills. "This was tremendous. I met a lot of great players who



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Brother Rice's Alex Kuster, who started for the East on the mound, takes a cut during the MHSAA East-West All Star baseball game at Detroit's Comerica Park.

have bright futures.

"It was very cool to be out here. It was neat to play under the bright lights and to play against the best players in the state. It's just a little different feel (than playing with the high school team). It was nice to get the hit and it was good to get the 'W,' too.

"I will take a lot of memories with me, especially since I will be go-

ing to Wayne State, too," he added. "I just love being down here in the city."

Warren, who helped lead the Falcons to the OAA White Division title this spring, went hitless in three at-bats, although he did get on base twice on fielder's choice plays. The Central Michigan-bound infielder stole a base in the eighth inning. "The game was a lot of

fun. There are a lot of great players out here that I've played with before," said Warren, a four-year varsity player at Groves. "I was just honored to be one of the select guys to come in and be offered to play here.

"I knew I would have a chance to play in this game this year, although I didn't know for sure. But when I got the email, I was pretty excited," he added. "This is my first time playing here and it was cool. The field was in such good condition. They took care of us. We were in the locker rooms hanging out and it was set up really nicely. That was really cool."

The East team finished with a dozen hits, including an RBI double and single by Grosse Pointe North's Sam Cross, named the East's Most Valuable Player. Cross also stole home during the sixth inning.

The West was led by Most Valuable Player Shane Easter from Comstock, who smacked a pair of singles and scored two runs.

Howell senior Sam Weatherly, who will play next year at Clemson, was named 2017 Mr. Baseball by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association, which organizes the all-star game. Weatherly was 2-for-3 in the game with a pair of RBIs.

HARDING

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the heck? Why not go down there?" Harding said. "I couldn't go to the one in Detroit (May 15 at Dearborn Country Club) because my oldest daughter (Caroline) was going to Spain to study abroad. I took her to the airport, all that stuff."

Harding then decided to make the mid-week trek to Fort Wayne and earned the berth by edging alternates Jeffrey Marsh (Fort Wayne) and Steve Jurick (Dayton, Ohio) by one stroke.

"There were 47 guys for one spot and I just played solid," said Harding, a native of Gull Lake who played at Michigan State. "I hit my driver well, had a lot of good



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South Lyon's Tom Harding takes aim during the Michigan Open at Prestwick Village in Highland.

up-and-downs. I was probably six-for-seven on up-and-downs."

Harding was the early

clubhouse leader at 1-over and his score held up.

"I had to wait around

for three hours and nobody could beat it," Harding said. "I was, like, 'Wow.' I realized I did play well. I would have liked to have been one or two better and that would have made it for sure, but I was a little nervous at plus-1. But I always know anything around par for that Open qualifier, you've got a chance."

Earning a spot at the U.S. Senior Open will be a golf reunion of sorts for Harding, who played on the Australian, Canadian, Asian, Nationwide and Nike (now Web.com) tours.

"I've already got a practice round scheduled with Brandt Jobe and Scott McCarron, who just finished No. 1 and No. 2 in the last (Senior PGA) tournament," said Harding, who captured the Canadian PGA in 1993.

"So that will be fun to see those guys. I've talked to Steve Stricker. We're going to play a practice round if he plays. He's not sure if he's going to play in the U.S. Senior Open."

This year's U.S. Senior Open will be held at Salem Country Club, a Donald Ross-designed course, which Harding is very familiar with.

"Everybody said it's a great course. I played many Donald Ross, so I know," he said. "Like Pinehurst (N.C.) No. 2, that's a Donald Ross. Those are severe greens, so you know ... Off the tee, it won't be super-hard, but your second shot, if you miss it, you've got to miss it right in front of the green, otherwise you're just praying you can get a par or, at worst, a bogey."

Harding, who has captured the Michigan PGA Tournament and Michigan PGA Match Play tournaments twice, was an assistant pro at both Meadowbrook and Egypt Valley country clubs.

He currently teaches at the Kendall Academy at Miles of Golf in Ann Arbor and plays out of Cattails Golf Course in South Lyon.

"Tony Moscone (general manager) and Jim Gorney (chief operating officer), they're great," Harding said. "They're behind me for this tournament, trying to get me to wear a couple of logos. They're more excited than I am. They treat my family great out there at Cattails."

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BASKETBALL CAMP ON TAP

Schoolcraft camp courts 'Fast Break' cagers

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The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team plays a "run and gun" style of game and, in recent seasons, the formula has led to many wins and championships.

From Monday through Friday, June 30, boys and girls entering grades 3-8 have the chance to find out what that's like. But the second annual Fast Break Basketball Camp will add another element to the mix — fun.

"It goes from one end of the spectrum to the other," said Patrick Yelsik of Schoolcraft's athletic department. "From the absolute novice play-



SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS
Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Abe Mashhour is hosting the second annual "Fast Break" camp June 26-30.



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Kids of all ages and abilities will have the chance to enjoy a week filled with basketball at Schoolcraft College.

er to kids who have been playing their entire lives and everywhere in between.

"It's not a camp designed for one age or ability level. It's a basketball player's camp. You're going to have a good time,

you're going to get better and you're going to go home with what you need to become better."

Campers (there were about 40 signed up as of

Wednesday) also will leave the Ocelots gym with a customized camp basketball and reversible camp jersey.

Heading the five-day camp is Schoolcraft men's basketball coach Abe Mashhour. Other coaches and players also will help with the various lectures, five-on-five games, drill stations, contests and competitions.

"We're focused on the way that the kids are doing what they're doing — not so much did the ball go into the basket," Yelsik said. "We'd rather them do something the correct way and miss it (a shot) than have them do it the incorrect way and

make it."

Yelsik then cited left-handed layups as one area falling into that category.

The cost to sign up for the Fast Break camp is \$95 and walk-ups are welcome to register Monday morning (at the Schoolcraft College gym, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia).

Meanwhile, Schoolcraft's offering is not trying to get in the way of what area high schools offer, Yelsik stressed.

"We didn't set this up to be in direct competition with anybody," he said. "We wanted to provide an alternative for kids who were in the Schoolcraft geography

and who wanted a chance to come on campus and see what our facilities are about.

"Step foot in the gym. I know a lot of them come to the games during the season, so a chance to interact with our coaches, players and staff we thought is pretty cool for the kids."

Yelsik said those signing up so far hail from communities served by Schoolcraft, mainly Livonia, Novi, Northville and Garden City.

Because Mashhour is athletic director in the Dearborn school district, a "strong number of kids" from that community are signing up.

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TRAVEL BASEBALL

Tourney championships for area teams Cardinals, Patriots

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Summer is heating up, but a couple of area Little League teams already are scorching hot.

The 11-and-under Canton Cardinals won back-to-back tournaments. After prevailing in Shelby Township in the USSSA AA Summer Slam NIT, the Cardinals came back to win again June 11, capturing the main prize at the Saline Summer Slam.

At Saline, the Cardinals defeated three local teams and one from Ohio; at Shelby Township, the team won four mercies and a 3-2 walk-off victory over the Motor City Hit Dogs.



The 11U Canton Cardinals celebrate winning the Saline Summer Slam. The team also recently won the USSSA AA Summer Slam NIT in Shelby Township.

Coaches for the Cardinals are Mark Rutherford, Matt McIntosh, Drew Jurcisin and Brian Connell.

Players include Aiden Connell, Cameron Krafft,

Jack McIntosh, Cal Rutherford, Nicholas Bunch, Eagan Demers, Carter Jurcisin, Michael Nicholas, Liam Young, Riley Brodhagen, Drew Capra and Alexander Pers-

inger.

Patriots prevail

On the weekend of June 10-11, the 12U Precision Patriots baseball team defeated the Michigan Red Sox 8-6 on a walk-off grand slam to capture the USSSA Monroe County Slugfest.

Homer over the weekend for the Patriots were Evan Cosgrove, Brayden Moore and Jacob Ramsey.

Members of the team include head coach Anthony Holyszko, assistant coaches Neal Corey and Brian Wietfeld and players Brayden Corey, Evan Cosgrove, Alec Holyszko, Ayden Hofelt, Brayden Moore, Aiden Newman, Jacob Ramsey, Liam



The 12U Precision Patriots won the recent USSSA Monroe County Slugfest. Pictured (from left) are Jack Will, Aiden Newman, Liam Rearick, head coach Anthony Holyszko, Ayden Hofelt, Tommy Wietfeld, Brayden Moore, Alec Holyszko, assistant coach Neal Corey, Evan Cosgrove, Garrett Russow, Jacob Ramsey, Joey Weertz, assistant coach Brian Wietfeld and Brayden Corey.

Rearick, Garrett Russow, Joey Weertz, Tommy Wietfeld and Jack Will.

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SKATING

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School, shook her head recalling her 2016 success.

"Oh my god, that meant everything," Conners said. "The second I found out I got third place, me and my mom just started crying. ... It was crazy for me to think that out of so many girls I got third place."

Skatin' Station Artistic Skating Club coach Vickie Hudson said both Smyser and Conners are succeeding because they work tirelessly at perfecting crucial aspects of the sport — balance, footwork, agility, endurance.

"Amanda travels to (Elyria) Ohio on Sundays to train with a group of athletes," Hudson said. "And she drives back after skating eight hours."

"It's all about practice, practice and more practice so that your muscle memory takes over under pressure."

"It's different when the judges are walking up and down those circles and you're the only one out there going around."

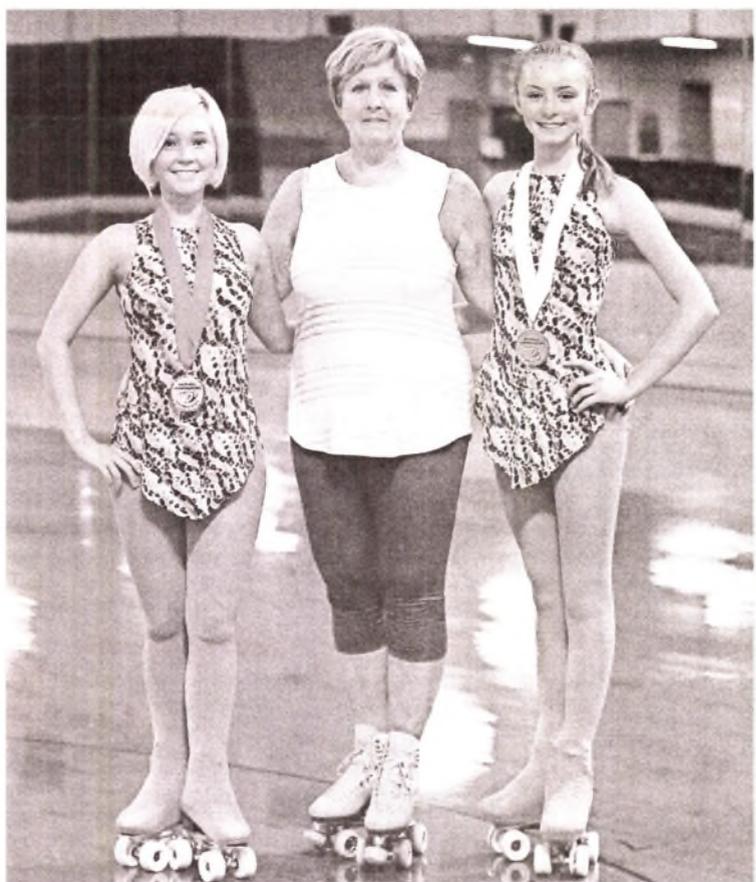
Looking to advance

Several other skaters that Hudson coaches will compete in three categories (figures, loops and dance), hopeful that their hard work also will pay off with berths in nationals later this year.

Those include Ashlyn Nordquist, 16, of Westland; Madison Lee, 12, of Plymouth; Mahira Tandon, 11, of Canton; Ishana Shah, 9, of Canton; and Sinchana Gowda, 8, of Canton.

"I just want to have fun (at regionals), make it to nationals," said Nordquist, who will be a senior at Westland John Glenn. "It's hard because it's a lot of time that you have to put into it."

Tandon noted that it is "amazing" to be part of the Skatin' Station team because "all the girls are



Amanda Smyser (left) of Livonia and Melia Conners (right) of Canton display their 2016 national medals. Both gave a lot of credit for their success to Skatin' Station coach Vickie Hudson.

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Preparing for regionals are (from left): Ishana Shah, 9, of Canton; Sinchana Gowda, 8, of Canton; Ashlyn Nordquist, 16, of Westland; Madison Lee, 12, of Plymouth; Mahira Tandon, 11, of Canton; Amanda Smyser, 19, of Livonia; and Melia Conners, 13, of Canton. All are members of the Skatin' Station Artistic Skating Club in Canton.

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really good. But what I want to do this weekend is have fun and try to win to go to nationals."

With skaters from five states going through their paces while judges essentially stare them in the face, it all comes down to being able to flick away any such pressure as though it were a bead of sweat.

That's why the skaters seemingly are always at the rink, building up their skills as well as their resolve.

"For figures, as you can see you're just going around on the line and the judges are right there, standing next to the line," Smyser said, taking a break from Tuesday's practice to talk about regionals.

In the zone

Smyser, pointing at her head, added that "it's all up here. ... It's nerve-racking. You have the muscle memory. If you're in here every day doing the same figures, the muscle memory will kick in, no matter if you're nervous or not."

"I don't want to get nervous and I hope I stay in my zone," Conners said. "Right now I'm, like, I have to get into the zone because it's really pressurized when the judges are like right next to you. You know they're looking at you."

Both Smyser and Conners said they are thrilled that Skatin' Station is hosting the four-day event (doors open 5:15 a.m. each day) because they hope others might discover the sport the way they did a few years ago.

"I didn't know that this was a sport," Smyser said. "I knew about ice skating, but I didn't know about roller skating. So I took a beginner class. I wanted to skate backwards because I was always skating outside."

"I took the lessons, I saw all these girls in skating dresses and I immediately was hooked. I had no idea that was a

thing, artistic roller skating, you know?"

Although she didn't seriously take up the sport until age 14, she did have fun as a youngster tooling around on "a junky pair of outdoor skates. I would skate in the kitchen, that was the only place we had tile, and I would skate outside. I just always loved to skate."

Worth discovering

And even when the pressure is turned up, she still has a blast.

"I just want more people to know it and be as in love with it as I am," Smyser said.

Conners started out using "blades" (in-line skates) during elementary school parties at Skatin' Station.

Soon, however, she was encouraged by her mom to sign up for a beginner's class — and ditch the blades for the four-wheel roller skates that she now uses.

Over the past few years, she has continued to improve and become an accomplished skater at such a young age.

Like Smyser, she would like to others who attend regionals to leave the rink having had their own "a-ha" moment.

"People don't know about the sport and it's sad, because I feel so many people could be so good at it," Conners said. "Once they put their mind to it, they're able to do it. That's how it was for me."

Concurring was Smyser, who urged people to "come in, take the beginner classes, come to regionals and see some good skating. If I knew this existed when I was 7 or 8, that would have been great. That would have added on to my skating career."

As proven by both of Skatin' Station's 2016 medal winners, it is never too late to put those wheels in motion.

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7 helpful networking tips for introverts

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"I love meeting new people!" are words you've never uttered. You're not a fan of small talk and crowds make you uneasy. In other words, you're an introvert. So when it comes to the idea of attending a professional networking event, you'd much sooner take a dip in Lake Michigan. In February. At midnight.

Unfortunately, we live in a world where "it's not what you know, but who you know" that matters, so having a broad professional network can significantly help you get ahead — whether you're looking for your next job or trying to climb the ladder in your current one.

So what's an introvert with high professional hopes to do? Use the following tips to help navigate your next networking event.

1. Start small. You're already taking a big step by attending an event where you might not know anyone. Don't put additional pressure on yourself by thinking you have to make friends with every person in the room.

Start with a small goal of, say, meeting and exchanging contact information with at least two new people. Chances are, once you've broken



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the ice with one person, others will join in, and before you know it, you'll have surpassed your goal; it will be a personal and professional victory.

2. Have a go-to conversation starter. Knowing what to say when first meeting someone can be a major source of anxiety. Just remember that everyone at a networking event has the same goal — to meet new people.

It helps to have a standard opener, even if it's as simple as, "What brings you here?" or "Have you been to many of these events?"

3. Prepare questions in advance. Now that you've broken the ice, you want to avoid that dreaded "awkward silence."

Plan some open-ended questions you can ask ahead of time, such as "How did you get into [industry]?" and "What do you like most about your job?" to keep the conversation flowing.

4. Recruit a buddy. Ask a friend or co-worker to join you. Not only will having a buddy by your side make you feel less alone and more confident, he or she may know other people at the event and

can introduce you. Just make sure you're not so dependent on your friend that you cling to him or her and don't meet anyone new.

5. Fake it. On the inside, you may be feeling terrified, but no one has to know that.

Adjust your body language to project confidence and approachability. Uncross your arms from over your chest, stand up tall and take a deep breath. Make eye contact with others and smile.

You may find the more confident you act, the more confident you start to feel as a result.

6. Stop focusing on you. Introverts make up 30 to 50 percent of the population, according to Susan Cain, author of "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking," so it's very likely you're in good company.

Instead of focusing on how nervous you are, consider how others might be feeling — and how grateful they would be if you were the one to break the ice.

7. Give yourself an out. If your conversation starts winding down, or you just want to meet someone new, find a way to exit the conversation gracefully. Just as you prepared conversation starters, you can also prepare some enders.

Try something like, "I'm going to refresh my drink. It was great meeting you!" or "It was great meeting you. I hope to see you at another event soon." If you have to leave, you can say, "Well I have to get going, but I really enjoyed meeting you. Can I get your card or contact information?"

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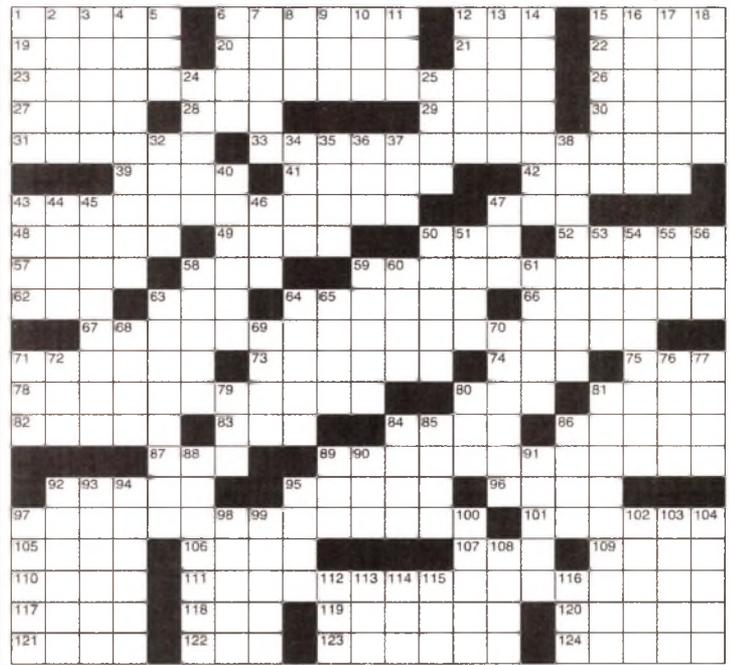
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SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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|--------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Muslim holy city | 52 New Zealand aborigine | 89 Loaf coated with glaze? | 6 Off land "Falstaff" composer | Fey | no-good |
| 6 Krishna, e.g. | 57 Actor Foxx | 92 Crooked waitress | 8 Dog's cry | 51 Crash-probing agency | 81 After-school program, perhaps |
| 12 Judges' gp. | 58 "Alice" singer | 95 Put in office | 9 Wu's "way" | 53 Off aide | 84 Choose |
| 15 Shower item | 59 Country singer Hill | 96 Window or door part | 10 Tax Day mo. | 54 "Fine, as far as I'm concerned" | 85 Entr- |
| 19 Car rods | 60 Country singer Hill soaked up the sun? | 97 Primate buying things? | 11 Sleep lab concern | 55 Rule, briefly | 86 Skillful |
| 20 Juan's shawl | 62 Jolie division | 101 Harbor ill toward | 12 Sleep lab concern | 56 Altar answer | 88 Pool headwear |
| 21 Boar or sow | 63 Furious state | 105 Big name in mowers | 13 Arm muscle, informally | 58 Pat down | 89 -- mo |
| 22 As far as | 64 -- rod (biblical staff) | 106 Wailuku site | 14 Way back | 59 Monastery title | 90 Canou of Broadway |
| 23 Very stripped-down rendition? | 66 "We have approval" | 107 Corrode | 15 Japanese automaker | 60 Golf Hall of Famer Isao -- | 91 Not clean |
| 26 Acne, slangily | 67 What a curmudgeon has? | 109 Be too sweet | 16 Offered views | 61 Invoices | 92 God of music |
| 27 Legal injury | 71 Chews (on) Northern | 110 Landed (on) | 17 Fine apparel | 62 Got better | 93 Daytime drama, e.g. |
| 28 Devoid of joy | 73 French port | 111 Thick board to be used only in an emergency? | 18 Blog entries | 64 Set -- (choose the wedding day) | 94 Intricate |
| 29 "Pee- -- Big Holiday" (2016 film) | 74 Doting affection. | 112 Bed board | 24 "Baloney!" | 65 Everyone, to Hans | 95 Put out |
| 30 Curriculum segment | 75 Cave hanger | 113 Pal. in Paris | 25 Wheat bristles | 66 "How -- Your Mother" | 96 Squirrel away |
| 31 "Jingle Bells" vehicle | 76 Silcom | 114 Signify | 32 Encircle with a band | 69 Outer: Prefix | 98 Country singer Judd |
| 33 Hoosiers stuffing suitcases? | 77 Teacher who lives next to a stream? | 119 One-on-one pupil | 34 IX | 70 Big online music store | 99 Hit the gas |
| 39 Italian automaker | 80 Some Greek letters | 120 Devout | 35 IV hookup | 71 -- Magnon man | 100 Gossipy sort |
| 41 Does a pressing job | 81 Lamb-in-pita sandwich | 121 Peach part | 36 Tiny thing with a charge | 72 Veiled | 102 Happily |
| 42 Fly smoothly | 82 Keats' -- a Nightingale | 122 Hot spots in spas | 37 "Life of Pi" director Lae | 73 Figure skater | 103 Tripled trio |
| 43 Muslim ascetic's caution? | 83 Bladed tool | 124 Helps pull off a crime | 38 Of weather conditions | 74 Region | 104 Little "una music store |
| 47 " -- didn't" (denier's cry) | 84 Aleve target | DOWN | 40 Pad, e.g. | 75 Eldredge | 108 Top pilots |
| 48 Vine-covered, as a wall | 86 Intended | 1 Ship spars | 43 Passion | 76 Region | 112 Checkpoint demands |
| 49 Horn's honk | | 2 Really praise | 44 Say to be so | 77 Figure skater | 113 Pro-learning org. |
| | | 3 Writer -- | 45 Careful and delicate, as treatment | 79 "So that's the trick!" | 114 Bearded antelope |
| | | 4 Part of CPA | 46 Vintage Olds | | 115 Myriad eras |
| | | | 47 High degree | | 116 Pro-learning org. |



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

SUDOKU

1	3	8	4	9	2	7	6	5
5	7	4	3	6	8	2	9	1
9	6	2	7	1	5	3	4	8
2	1	7	5	4	6	8	3	9
8	5	3	9	2	7	6	1	4
6	4	9	8	3	1	5	7	2
3	2	1	6	5	4	9	8	7
7	9	5	1	8	3	4	2	6
4	8	6	2	7	9	1	5	3

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

3	5	1	6	7	2	9	8	4
9	2	4	8	1	5	6	7	3
7	8	6	4	5	9	1	2	3
2	1	5	1	3	8	6	4	9
4	1	9	7	2	6	3	5	8
6	8	3	4	6	4	7	5	1
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- STORIES
- TALL
- THE SHARD
- TOKYO MODE GAKUEN
- TORRE AGBAR
- TURNING TORSO
- TWO INTERNATIONAL WINDOWS

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

Crossword Answers

MECCA AVATAR ABA SOAP
 AXLES SERAPE PIG UPTO
 STARKPERFORMANCE ZITTS
 TORT SAO WEES QUERT
 SLEIGH INDIANA PAIGHERI
 FIAT IRONS GLIDE
 FAKIRWARNING NOI
 TIVIED DEEP TNT MAORI
 REDD FLO PATHBASKED
 ERG IRE AARONS IT SAGO
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 RIVERKOTTER NUS GYRO
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Car Report

EXCITING, CAPABLE CH-R COMES ALONG JUST IN TIME TO REPRESENT TOYOTA IN HOT SUBCOMPACT-UTE SEGMENT



By Dale Buss

One of the best things that happened to the new Toyota CH-R is that the downscale brand the car originally was supposed to represent -- Scion -- disappeared a couple of years ago. So Toyota Motor Corp. plugged the subcompact crossover vehicle into a crying need in the namesake brand's own vehicle lineup. And Toyota has been able to execute a better model because it took CH-R upscale in the process.

In fact, CH-R is clearly worthy of the Toyota badge, with its interesting shapes and surfaces in exterior design and a platform loaded with amenities that will make CH-R very competitive in what admittedly is an already highly

competitive segment. Hyundai's very late-coming new Kona is tilted at the same opportunity: the desire for small but utility-type vehicles by millennial consumers.

CH-R offers a sporty enough 23-liter, four-cylinder engine that delivers 144 horsepower, coupled with a continuously variable transmission, for a powertrain that provides 31 mpg on the highway and 27 mpg in the city. Among its featured performance benefits are a very tight turning radius.

The standard safety system is a huge plus as well, including automatic braking as standard equipment and a suite of other automated-driving features that to date have remained the province mainly of much pricier vehicles.

All of this for a price that begins at \$22,500 with a \$960 delivery fee.

"Prior to 2010 the segment didn't exist," John Meyers, national manager, Toyota Motor Sales, told me. "The



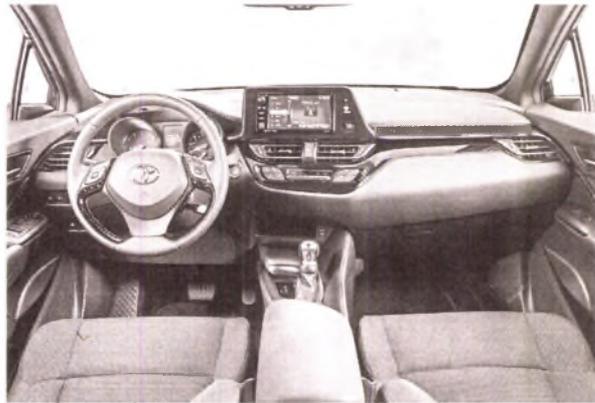
The new Toyota CH-R is styled for summertime fun

Toyota CH-R as the object of desire. "One of our main objectives was to spark interest and enthusiasm in a creative campaign equally as captivating as the vehicle itself," said Ed Laukes, group vice president of marketing for Toyota Motor Sales USA, in a press release. "The fairy tales we use in the creative element are timeless classics, but we're telling them in a fresh and mischievous way."

Further adding to the mischief, Toyota also had agency Saatchi & Saatchi remix the content with the help of YouTube sensation Bad Lip Reading, whose re-dub spots highlight CH-R's features with a humorous touch.

Meyers told me that the creative "is a little un-Toyota like and that starts with the target we're going after. They're younger and not typical Toyota buyers. With the audience we're going after, the young millennial audience, and the vehicle and product we have to offer, it really kind of drove the decision to create this unique campaign. It was after mischief makers from fairy tales. We have Cinderella, Ginger Bread Man, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and so on."

Right now these spots are strictly for YouTube; they won't be repurposed for TV ads. It'll be all digital placement. "We also have print ads, social and digital -- it's a fully Toyota campaign," Meyers said. "We have activations with music and a big partnership with MTV. And a lot of experiential activations at various festivals spread across the country."



Advanced standard safety features highlight the CH-R package

is for another 61 percent in the next couple of years. It's an entry point for new buyers with starting prices in the low 20,000s. It offers the alternative to a sedan.

"For our vehicle, the three key items are styling, fun-to-drive, and it offers our full suite of safety items as standard, which no one else in the segment does. That include dynamic radar cruise control, lane departure alert with steering assist, and [others]."

But whatever happened to the notion, so popular in the auto industry just a few years ago, that millennials don't want to own a vehicle or even learn how to drive?

B, and to work, and to do what they need to do. We don't see slack. While millennials come in later to get their driver's licenses and drive cars, they are purchasing vehicles. They're doing a lot of what you traditionally do in life, just a few years later."

Meanwhile, the marketing launch campaign for C-HR -- which stands for Coupe-High Rider -- inserts the new vehicle into online video ads that tell classic and traditional stories of mischief makers that are updated for the modern age. So, for example, Cinderella escapes the rules of conformity around her life in a C-HR, and a Gingerbread Man spot places

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STATE OF MICHIGAN OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS
SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND
THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Garden City, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to issue and sell capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) for the purposes of paying the cost to (a) acquire, construct, furnish and equip street improvements within the city, parking lot improvements within the city, and athletic field and ice arena improvements, together with related site improvements, appurtenances and attachments thereto, and (b) acquire, furnish and equip an emergency rescue vehicle for the fire department and equipment for the city's ice arena, together with appurtenances and attachments thereto.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations.

BOND DETAILS

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RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A VALID PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF A VALID PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Allyson M. Bettis
City Clerk
City of Garden City

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Garden City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. 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 a request to establish a secondhand store at the property located at 30459 Ford Road. Secondhand stores are a special land use in the C-2 Community Business District.

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 Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.
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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to rezone the property located at 28680 Cherry Hill Road (Tax Parcel No. 35014030019000) from R-1, One Family Residential to R-3, Multiple Family Residential.

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals**

**July 11, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259**

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-05-28 (Tabled on May 9, 2017): Thomas Haas, south side of Minton (30427) between Henry Ruff and Sunset, seeking to construct a garage addition onto a detached garage, resulting in excess garage area and the addition placing the detached garage into the side yard, which is not allowed. Detached garages must be located in the rear yard. The existing shed to be removed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-07-40: Nagle Paving, 39525 West 13 Mile, Ste. 300, Novi, MI 48377, on behalf of Lessee Quick Fuel, west side of Levan (12985) between the C & O Railroad and Schoolcraft, seeking to replace an existing fuel canopy (wall) sign and add a new ground sign with changeable electronic price information, resulting in excess ground sign height, area and installing both a ground and canopy (wall) sign(s) where only one or the other is allowed, not both. Also, changeable electronic message signs are not allowed in an industrial zoned district.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-07-41: RNDC-NWS, LLC, One National Drive S.W., Atlanta, GA 30336, seeking to construct a new office/warehouse building on property located on the east side of Eckles (13000) between Amrhein and the C & O Railroad, resulting in deficient rear yard setback and front yard landscaping.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-07-42: James Mattick, west side of Heatherlea (18301) between Seabrook and Weymouth, seeking to erect a cover over a rear patio, resulting in deficient rear yard setback.

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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Livonia Observer

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**PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE
CITY OF LIVONIA
RESIDENTS**

The City of Livonia, in compliance with federal requirements, prepared a 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan which includes a statement of housing and non-housing needs, a five-year strategy plan identifying various projects, and anticipated financial resources. An Annual Action Plan is also required as a part of the Consolidated Plan. The 2017-18 Annual Action Plan (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018) details how the City proposes to utilize its 2017-18 Community Development Block Grant of \$319,348, in addition to approximately \$269,000 of potential un-programmed funds from prior years and program income, to fund the following activities:

Activity Name	Budget
Major Home Rehabilitation	\$60,000
Emergency Rehabilitation	\$20,000
Minor Home Repair	\$50,255
Rehab Inspection	\$2,500
Acquisition, Rehab & Razing	\$30,000
Maintenance of Rental Homes	\$78,593
Management of Rental Homes	\$55,000
Neighborhood Revitalization	\$64,000
Public Facilities Improvements	\$93,000
Public Services:	
Senior Van Transportation	\$46,000
Mental Health Counseling	\$4,000
First Step-Domestic Violence	\$20,000
Emergency Utility Assistance	\$5,000
Overall Grant Administration	\$60,000
Total:	\$588,348

Other Programs and Activities Include:

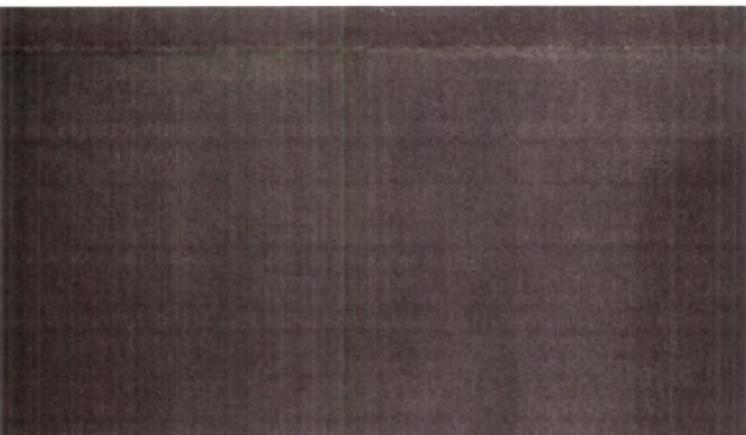
- Economic Development
- Fair Housing Initiative
- Ongoing administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program
- Public Housing modernization through the Capital Fund Grant program
- Provide referrals to the homeless and persons with special needs for shelter and other available services.
- Provide referrals to counseling agencies for persons seeking assistance with foreclosure and purchase of affordable housing

Copies of the 2017-18 Annual Action Plan are available for review at the Office of Community Development, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia MI 48150 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments regarding the Annual Action Plan will be accepted for a 14-day period ending at 4:00 p.m., July 10, 2017. The Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development no later than August 16, 2017

James M. Inglis, Housing Director
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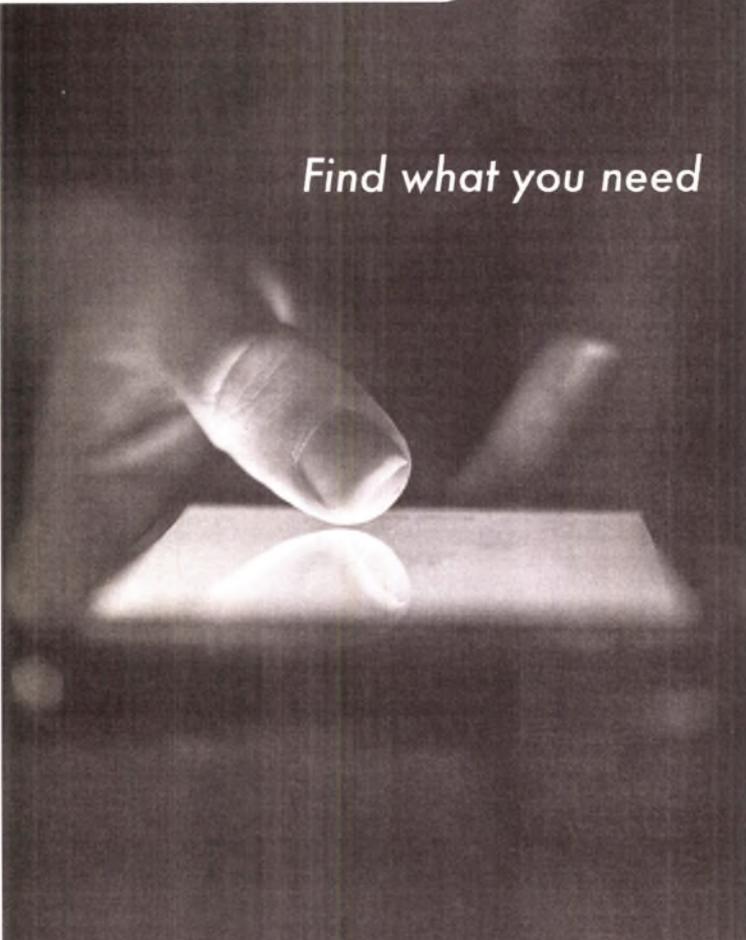
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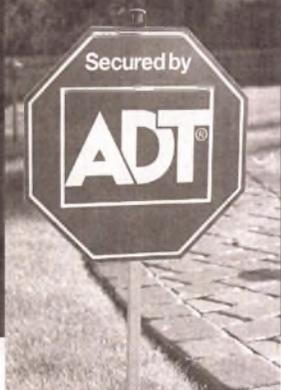
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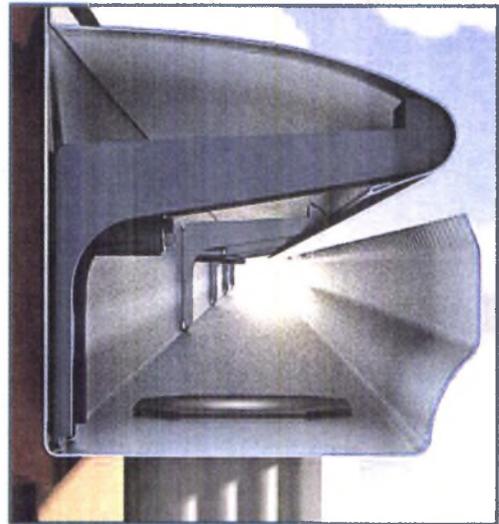
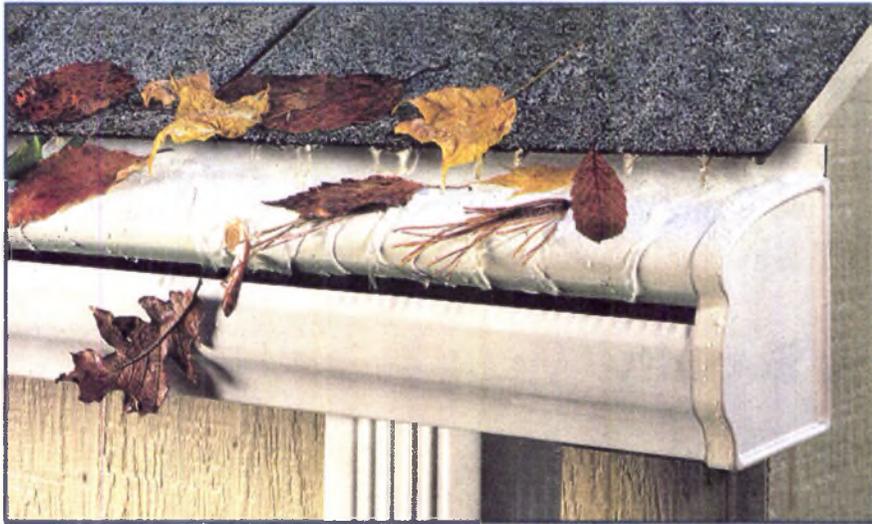
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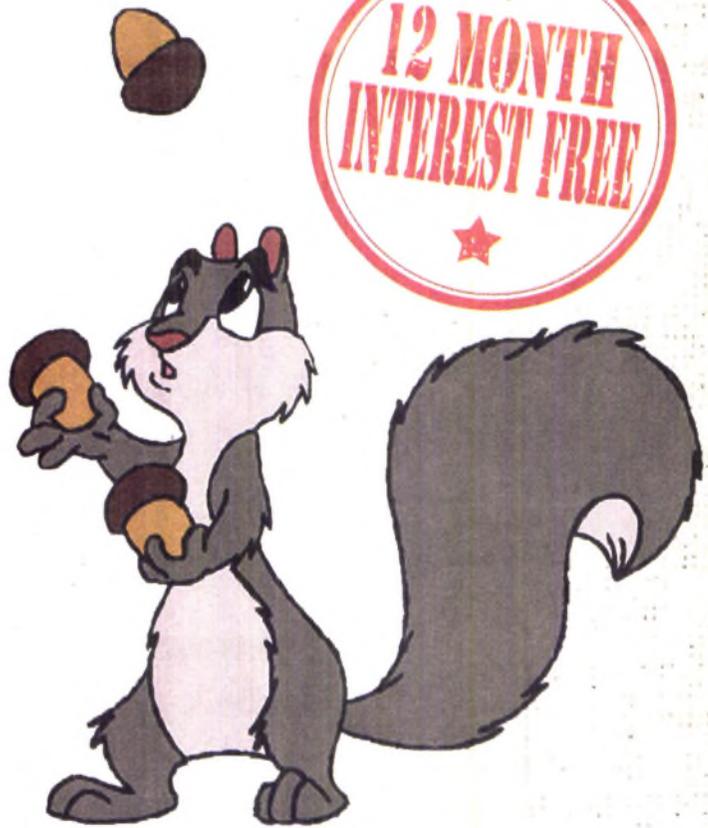


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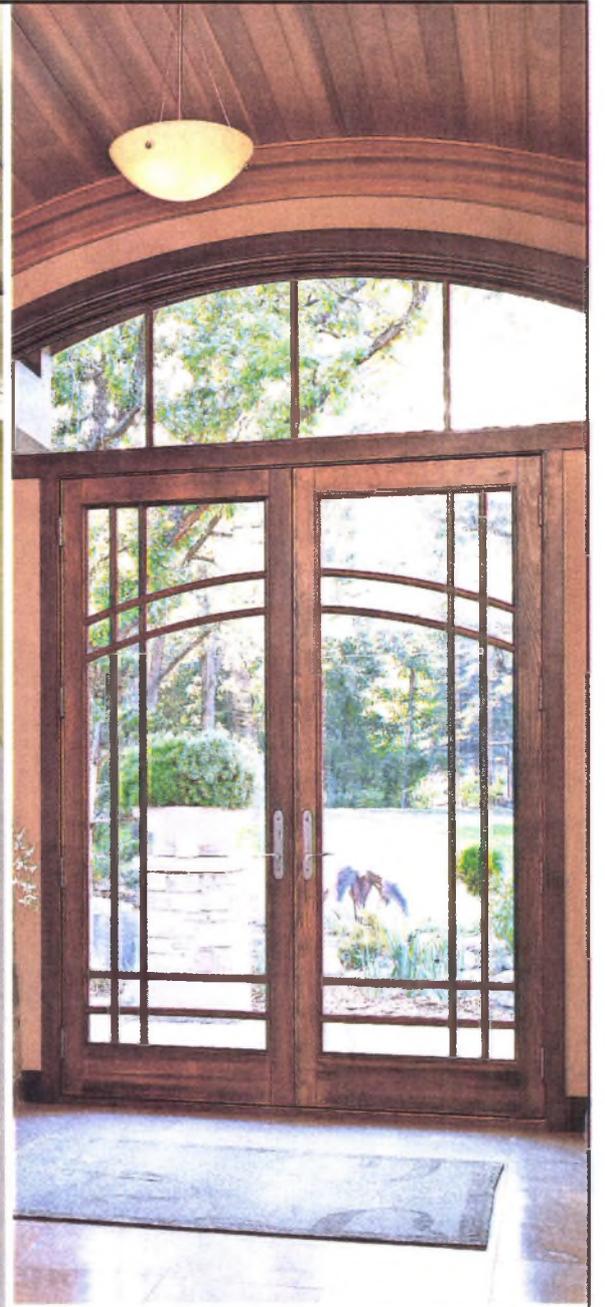
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