

Meeting set on haunted attraction

LeAnne Rogers Staff Write

Residents living near a pro posed outdoor haunted house are finding the idea scary but not in a good way.

Cody Bailey, owner of Skate-land West on Cherry Hill west of Newburgh, is seeking a spe cial-use permit to allow an outdoor seasonal haunted at-traction/Christmas event. He is looking to move his Hush

haunted attraction from its current Ford Road location to Skateland West for an expanded operation.

After opposition from neigh-bors, along with a Planning Commission recommendation that the special-use permit be denied, the council voted last week to table the request to allow a study session to be scheduled to discuss the mat-ter. The study session has been set for 6 p.m. Thursday, June

30. The Westland Police Department is also to do a traffic study

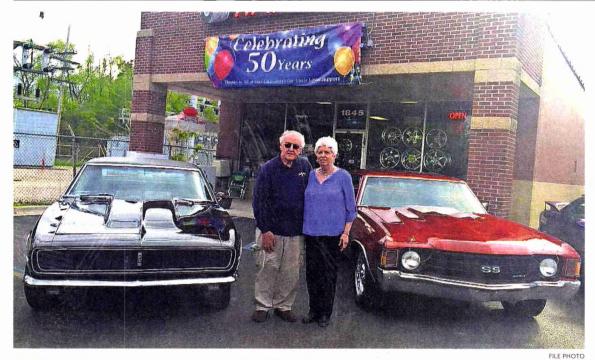
Along with a temporary structure in the north parking lot, the haunted attraction would also utilize wooded land to the north and west that is part of the 16.7-acre Skateland West property. The woods currently serves as a buffer between the business and ad-joining residential properties. Neighbors living to the north have expressed concerns about noise, people wandering off the wooded trail, insufficient parking and traffic.

Citing an unacceptable increase in noise, inadequate parking and public safety con-cerns, the Planning Commis-sion recommended that council deny the request. "I have a lot of questions.

When they conducted sound tests, I heard screams," said resident Barbara Allen, whose

home on Florence abuts the Skateland West property. "The property is not heavily wooded in the fall — I can see Cherry Hill."

The proposal is to construct a 11,600-square-foot temporary building in the north end of the parking as part of the attraction. Bailey had said that his 60 employees would park at the current Hush Haunted attrac-



Jim and Margaret Harlow pictured last year as Harlow Tire celebrated 50 years in business.

HARLOW TIRE ENDS 51 YEARS IN WESTLA

LeAnne Rogers

Staff Write

A mainstay on Wayne Road for 51 years, Harlow Tire will close at the end of business Saturday as owners Margaret and Jim Harlow have decided to retire.

Margaret Harlow announced the couple's retire-

ment last week at the West land Council meeting. The business will open Monday as Monro Muffler and Brake. "We're riding off into the

you for your support over the years. We have an opportunity, so we going to seize it," Harlow said. "The new company is keeping the employees, so you

will get the same great ser-

Jim Harlow semi-retired a couple of years ago but with no one in the family to take over the business, he returned to work. Along with the business, Margaret Harlow has been active in the community - she was honored as both Business Person of the Year

and First Citizen in 1991 "I want to say thanks to Margaret. You've meant so much to the community. It's great you got to ride out on your own terms," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "I think it's great that Harlow Tire beat Westland (incorpora-

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See MEETING, Page A2 Wayne cuts retiree benefits

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A fight over retiree healthcare between Wayne and re-tired city workers is likely to end up in court.

The city council voted last week to require retirees to pay 30 percent of healthcare premiums plus a hard cap paying 100 percent of future premium increases.

The resolution, citing the city's dire financial situation, also ends any city payments for Medicare Part B reimburse-ments. The financially strapped city argues there is no money to pay for the benefits. This move is expected to save the city \$600,000 annually.

Retirees, who called on council to delay action in par ticular on the hard cap require-ment, argued that their 100percent paid medical insurance after 25 years service is required under labor contracts in place when they retired, as well as spelled out in the city charter

Following the vote, many of the retirees who attended the meeting gathered in the hallway to discuss their options. Retired Wayne firefighter Tim Reynolds said the retirees would be organizing and suing the city over the changes. "We all retired under a con-

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Rotary honors boxing champion

Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Erskine "Duck" Wade won

facility some 18 months ago. Rotary President Paul Motz, in honoring Wade at the West-land Chamber of Commerce

believer that everyone who walks into the boxing club should walk out a well-rounded individual



his first 70 amateur fights as a boxer, and he holds multiple Golden Gloves titles.

But it's his work outside the ring that drew raves Tuesday when the Westland Rotary Club honored Wade with its 2016 Community Champions Award.

Wade, brought in to help run the Norwayne Boxing Club, has been a champion for the kids who work out there since his arrival at the Jefferson-Barns

awards celebration at Joy Manor, said Wade has the kids helping people in the neighborhood have a better life.

"Erskine teaches the values of giving back," Motz said. "Instead of being lost souls, these kids find value in their lives. These young people he's teaching become leaders themselves.'

Born in Chicago and a boxer since he was 16, Wade is a firm

Wade's resume includes being involved in the first boxing match ever televised by the USA cable network.

"Boxing can teach you so much about life," Wade said. "I am so excited to help make a difference in the lives of the young men and women who walk through those doors."

Kids who work with Wade

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Erskine "Duck" Wade (left) had a lot of support at Tuesday's Westland Chamber of Commerce awards night.



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tion) by one year." Married 53 years, the Harlows met while at tending Plymouth High School — the downtown high school, Margaret Harlow notes. They got married after Margaret now 72, graduated in 1962 — Jim, 73, had graduated the previous year.

Jim Harlow worked changing tires right out of high school. He started at a store called Tire

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borhood, mowing lawns, doing yard work and

His faith is a big part of it — "God is letting

me know I'm special to

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Discount at Beech Daly and Warren Road. Later, he was managing a tire store on Woodward at half a mile north of Eight Mile

"He wanted to go into business for himself. I said do it now while there was only the two of us," Margaret Harlow said We had already moved to Westland."

Located on the west side of Wayne Road just south of Ford, Harlow Tire was originally locat ed in a building immediately north of the present site. The building was

the Rotary award is special to him.

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"It means so much to me," Wade said. "Now I'm going to work even

demolished but today it would be the south half of the Lady Jane hair salon.

into the building next door and in 2006 built a rear

too. "One fella came in. He

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tion location on Ford and be shuttled to the site, along with possibly leas ing parking on the south side of Cherry Hill.

"There is a lack of parking and building a structure on the asphalt will take away from the parking," Allen said. "How are they going to shuttle 60 employees when there are only 10 parking spaces at Ford Road?"

Another nearby resi-dent Jerry Minch said that there are about 25 homes north of the Skateland West property. "These are working families. On the weekend you like to come home for time with the family, not

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tract, let alone the city charter. The contracts were all signed by the city as to what we walked out the door with," retired fire chief Mel Moore said. "How can you violate the contracts? You said cuts would violate the existing contracts (with current employees). We're still under contract."

Due to losses of revenue through the steep drops of property values, the end of personal prop-

used to work for us when he was 20 — that was 42 years ago," she said. (Former Westland Mayor) Bob Thomas worked for us right out of high school before he worked for the city. We've had a lot of employees. Some of the best tire changers came as co-op students from Glenn (high

school)." Having lived in Westland for 38 years, the couple moved about an eighth of a mile away into Wayne. "We had a tri-level

when we raised our kids.

to hear screams and who knows what until 1 a.m.," he said.

The proposal, which would have a haunted attraction open weekends leading up to Halloween, is that tickets would stop being sold at midnight. However, customers would have until 1 a.m to make their way through the attraction. The tem-porary structure would be altered to serve as a town area for Christmas.

Representing Skate-land West, attorney Kenneth Silver wanted to speak on the proposal but a motion to table had already been made and support precluding discussion.

"Considering the amount of time needed to put the attraction togeth-er, a time delay could be fatal," he said. "I think I

erty taxes and reductions in state shared revenue, Wayne is projected to run out of money by the end of 2017.

On Aug. 2, voters are being asked to approve Wayne's membership in the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Agency and up to 14 mills for police and fire ser-vices. That additional revenue would fund police and fire services, including a council com-mitment to hire additional police officers and firefighters if the mea-

sure is approved. "We're willing to work with you. If you shove something down our throats, it leaves a bad

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Then our (three) kids started having kids and we needed a different living area, a gathering area" said Margaret Harlow.

With retirement, the couple won't be making a big changes, Margaret Harlow said.

"I'll continue on the Salvation Army board and Rotary. I can't be on the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) board anymore," she said. "I chaired my last meeting today (Thursday). You have to either have a business in the

can address this with regards to the noise, traffic and other concerns of the public. We can demonstrate it's a substantial benefit to the community.

Noting that a few residential property owners were expressing concern about the development, Silver said he thought he would be able to sway the council by addressing those concerns. Council President

James Godbout com-mented that the council was tabling the specialuse permit request for more information rather than just denying it.

Several days prior to the council meeting, Bai ley hosted a meeting with residents to show an altered trail route and answer questions.

A question that came

taste," said Moore, who asked the council to wait on implementing the hard cap provision.

Retired parks and recreation deputy direc-tor Juan Bradford cited a letter of understanding with the supervisor's association detailing retiree healthcare, including 100-percent paid coverage for retirees with 20 or more years service.

'There was a window and you could buy time for service credit. Some people took the buyout with this letter of un-derstanding," he said.

Council approved the resolution with opposing votes from councilmen

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district or live there. I've probably chaired the DDA board for 20 years."

It'll be strange not er and heading to the store Monday morning, Margaret Harlow said.

"I'll miss the custom-ers and the interaction. I won't miss the economic down turns and what that does to the business," she said. "Or January and February — those were always slow times."

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up at that meeting, as well as the council meeting, was a lengthy Facebook posting which several residents viewed as an attempt at intimidation.

In the statement, Bai-ley writes that if the project isn't approved that Skateland West would be shut down, the land would be clear cut for industrial development. "This is not a resi-

dential area, this is the city's Industrial District. We will not stand for being told that our over million dollar investment in this community the last three years is irrelevant. We will not stand for for being told that our planned \$1.25 million dollars in investment by 2020 is irrelevant." Bailey wrote in his statement.

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Ryan Gabriel, Christopher Sanders and Richard Sutton.

Reviewing the finan-cial conditions that brought the city to this point, Sanders said, "However with all that said, the faces of the retirees haunt me. I could support looking at options.'

Councilman Anthony Miller noted that citizens have been forced to deal with increased insurance expenses for years. "We're at the end of the road. This has gone on long enough," he said. "I have to be the voice of the people as well."

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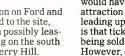
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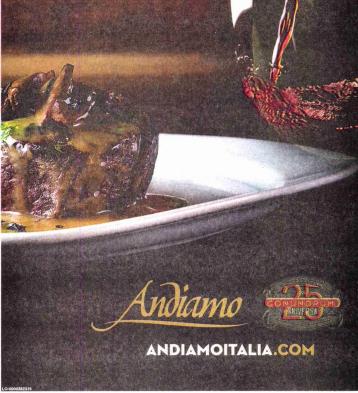


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Harlow Tire moved new service center at the

Once word was out about the business changing hands, Margaret Harlow said customers have been coming in to get a last set of tires there are sales since the new owner didn't buy the stock - or to say hello. Some former employees,

area for a reason," Wade said Tuesday. And





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Hayes crossing guard retires after 39 years

For more than three decades, Betty Kraska donned a bright safety vest and wielded a red stop sign in her hand always making sure Hayes Elementary students crossed the street safely on their way to and from school.

to and from school. On June 16, Kraska crossed her last students and lowered her stop sign for the final time, after serving 39 years as a crossing guard at Ann Arbor Trail and Flamingo. No matter the weather — rain, sleet, snow and heat — Mrs. Kraska stood vigilantly on guard for three decades.

She started working as a crossing guard when her own children, Dan and Denise, were in first grade and kindergarten. And, she's been there for hundreds of children over the years. When she started, there were many more students who crossed with her daily; she even used to cross kids at lunch time when they would go home to eat lunch,

then return to school. Kraska says her best memories are the kids. She loves seeing them each morning and afternoon. She said parents who were students she crossed years ago are now walking their children to Hayes.

Kraska's loving but firm voice kept children safe as they waited for the light to turn red. The stop light has been in place for all of the years she's worked, but she notes that many more drivers ignore it these days. That's why Hayes students knew they couldn't start crossing until Mrs. Kraska said it was safe. "The Hayes community

"Ine Hayes community loves her for her time and dedication and wishes her the best on her retirement," Principal Theresa O'Brien said.

Students and their families decorated her corner on the last day of the school year, and even chalked some friendly messages on the sidewalk, to show her how much she will be

missed. "The fence line says it all!" O'Brien said.



Students and family members decorated the corner for Betty Kraska on her last day



Messages in chalk brightened Betty Kraska's last day.



After 39 years, Betty Kraska has lowered her stop sign.

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Cleanup effort encourages caring volunteers

Julie Brown Staff Write

Cleaning up Detroit's Denby community matters a great deal to Hakeem Weatherspoon, 19, a junior studying journalism at Michigan State Univer-

sity. Weatherspoon's interning with Life Remodeled and active with the Remodeling Lives One Neighborhood at a Time, set for Aug. 1-6 in the Denby community, around Six Mile and Kelly on Detroit's east

side. "I'm presenting this project to everyone I can. Every hand is a helping hand," he told Westland Rotarians and guests June 23 at Joy Manor. The goal is to sign up 10,000 volunteers and beautify 300 blocks. Weatherspoon, who now

lives in Warren, noted the Den-by area will have a "Green Light" park with 24/7 surveil-lance. The high school salutato-rian, who was a National Honor

Society member, recalled a Denby capstone project pre-sented to legislators, judges and other leaders. "We had to create some-

thing to benefit the communi-ty," he recalled of their park plan adjacent to their school. A couple years later, he heard of Life Remodeled and Chris Lambert's work. "Once I see problems, I see solutions,' Weatherspoon said.

Volunteers also aim to re-model 50 homes in that time. Volunteers will mow overgrown weeds, cut brush, re-move illegal dumping, paint and plant. Sponsorship opportunities remain. Volunteer shifts will run

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for those age 14 and up Aug. 1-6. West-land officials are focused on Aug. 2 specifically for Westland volunteers, although signups at all times are encouraged. Visit LifeRemodeled.com/Westland

for more information.



Visiting at the Westland Rotary June 23 lunch are (from left) club President Paul Motz, Life Remodeled intern Hakeem Weatherspoon, a 2014 Detroit Denby High School graduate enrolled at Michigan State University, past club President Lou Toarmina, and the Rev. Tyson Nofzinger of Westland Free Methodist Church.

Weatherspoon and others are also talking at local schools. He noted the split between downtown Detroit and

its neighborhoods "and getting people to live in the neigh-borhoods and know those people.'

Some have moved away from Detroit, he noted, which limits its "alumni base." Also, some young adults just out of college are moving in, drawn by lower housing prices.

"A lot of blight causes vio-lence sometimes," Weather-spoon noted. "If you look good, you do good. This is a great way of the community coming together."

He noted the blue-collar, hardworking people of the city "and the people who run the streets."

A flier from Life Remodeled noted one year after investing with partners in Cody Rouge crime had decreased in 10 of 11 categories, including;

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Westland Goodfellows award four \$500 scholarships

Four local high school graduates have been awarded \$500 scholarship thanks to the

Westland Goodfellows. Working with the guidance counselors/scholarship com-mittee at both Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools, the recipients were chosen with the following requirements: a Westland resident with a minimum 2.5 GPA and plan on attending secondary education at a university, community college, technical training school or similar accredited school; and having actively participated in some form of community service, volunteerism or activism within the two years prior to graduation.

The Goodfellows scholarship recipients for 2016 are: » Stephen Hegenauer from John Glenn High School. In addition to doing well aca-demically with a 3.5 GPA, he has participated in a variety of charitable activities through-out the community. With his church youth group he made food baskets for homeless people in Detroit and later helped at a soup kitchen. Hegenauer coached and

refereed elementary age chil-dren in hockey and basketball. During the holidays, he has worked as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army, As a member of the National Honor Society, Hegenauer helped collect toys for the Goodfellows 2015 No Child Without a Christmas program. He will be attending Albion College with a goal of eventually becoming a pediatrician.

» Also a Glenn graduate,

Autumn Klips has been a volunteer with the Westland Goodfellows for many years She has been willing to help in whatever is needed at the Goodfellows annual No Child Without a Christmas event. She has sorted toys, made sandwiches for volunteers and signed in parents when they arrived to pick up their chil dren's gifts.

As a member of for Health Occupations Students of America at the William D Ford Vocational Training Center, Klips has participated in many charitable activities including a bowling fundraiser to help the group purchase gifts for 12 children the group adopted from the Goodfellows 2015 applicants. Klips will be attending the

University of Michigan to

study to become a nurse practitioner.

» Jacob Melcher is a 2016 scholarship winner from Wayne Memorial. He is described by his teachers as a hardworking and outgoing young man who will go out of his way to help others or just to make them smile. Melcher enrolled last year

in the firefighter and EMT programs at the William D. Ford Vocational Training Cen-ter. He was selected by his EMT instructor to do clinicals, to gain hands-on experience in this field and to represent the center.

Melcher has also been very active in his church, the JROTC program and is a food bank volunteer. He will continue his firefighter/paramedic career at Schoolcraft Community College.

» The second Wayne Memo-rial scholarship recipient, Marisa Sdao, included a quote from Audrey Hepburn in her application essay: "As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself and, the other for helping others." Sdao has demonstrated her

desire to help others in many ways, from packing dry meals for her church's "2 Million Meals" campaign, to partici-nating in an Adamt e Fomily pating in an Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas, and as a regular volunteer with the Westland Goodfellows.

Sdao plans to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn to pursue a degree in education.



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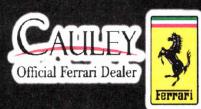
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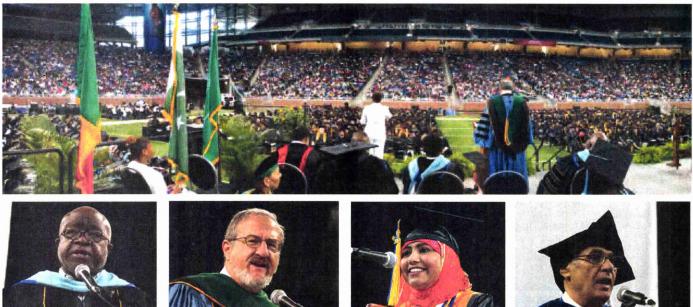
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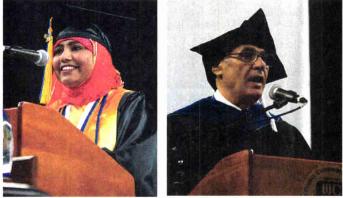


Dr. Mark S. Schlissel, the 14th President of the University of Michigan, delivered the keynote address for the Wayne County Community College District's (WCCCD) 47th commencement ceremony at Ford Field in Detroit on Saturday, June 4th. More than 1,800 students received degrees and certificates in various disciplines.

"I want to give a very special shout out to Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery for his amazing 21 years of leadership of the District and opening the doors to higher education for the people of Wayne County," Dr. Schlissel went on to say.

"The key to thriving through change is education, and the benefits extend beyond enhancing careers. It enhances life - for you as graduates and everyone you interact with," Dr. Schlissel told the graduates. "Education is the gift that keeps on giving. It informs how we interact as citizens, how we vote, and how we approach our greatest challenges."

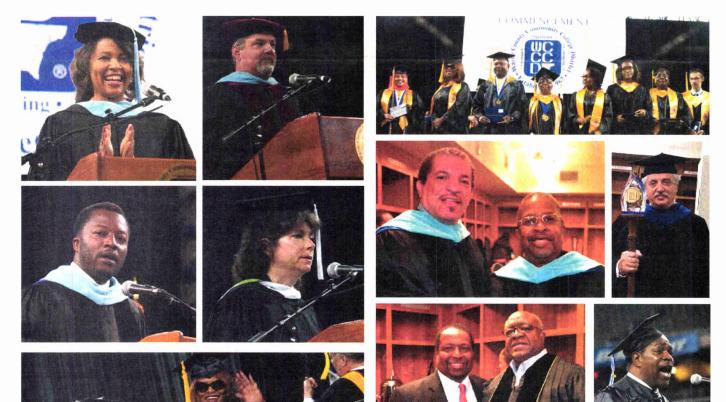
Among this year's graduates was Ms. Ruby Watson Parker, a great-grandmother, received her nursing degree at age 87. Ms. Parker



enrolled at WCCCD in 1969, and remembers her journey here at WCCCD. Also making news was Meranda Sawabini, the mother of quadruplets, who graduated with her nursing degree.

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery who conferred the various degrees and certificates reminded the students that "As we approach our 50th anniversary, education continues to be the key to achieving success. Our students leave with the assurance that they step forward into this changing society with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed."

These sentiments were echoed by Dr. Schlissel when he said, "We need college graduates. Twenty-five percent of Michiganders over the age of 25 have some college but no degree. Yet, the Business Leaders for Michigan estimates that by the year 2020, 70 percent of the jobs in Michigan will require education beyond high school level. Think about the problems we face as a society in our state, in our schools and neighborhoods. These problems can best be solved by educated citizens who understand what communities need. Congratulations! You made it!"



















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Westland Police are trying to identify this couple wanted in connection to an identify fraud case

Pair sought in debit card charges case

Westland Police are attempting to identify a couple wanted for fraud after a Westland resident's debit card was charged over \$200 with out permission.

Suspects were allegedly caught on surveil-lance footage at a Wal-mart in Ypsilanti mak-ing multiple purchases using multiple credit/ debit cards debit cards

Wallet stolen

Police were dis-

Seven Mile, on the re-port of a stolen wallet.

patched Thursday after-noon to Walmart, 29574

The victim said she

was shopping in the store and had her wallet in her hand. She said she

either dropped it or put it down and could not

find it later. She was contacted by her bank,

who said her card had

been used for several

Phone taken from

Livonia police were called Thursday night to

online transactions.

car at gym

Both suspects then left the location in a silver 2004-2008 Pontiac Grand Prix with tinted rear windows, and black rims, possibly just missing hubcaps, police said.

One suspect is de-scribed as black male approximately 25-35 years old, medium to heavy build with facial hair on his chin.

The other suspect is described as a black male with approximately 25-35 years old, heavy build, long hair

pulled back into a bun. Anyone who can help identify either of the suspects is asked to call the Westland Police Department at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Brian Hum-phrey at 734-467-3179.

been taken from her

Morlock

vehicle while it was parked in 29200 block of

She said she was

came out to her vehicle

center console scattered on the passenger seat.

The faceplate for her stereo was also missing.

She drove the car to work, and later found

her vehicle registration

missing from the glove box. She observed scratch marks on the

exterior of one of the doors, which appeared

to be where the entry was made.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

LA Fitness, 30273 Plymouth, on the report of a cellphone that had been taken from a vehicle parked outside the gym.

The victim told police he parked his car in the lot, locked it and went inside. He locked his items in a locker using a combination lock and later returned to find his keys missing. He went out and found his cell-phone missing from his

Items missing from vehicle

A woman came into the police station Wednesday afternoon to report several items had



Dalai Lama to speak to mayors; Wild to attend

World-renowned spiri tual leader the Dalai La-ma is scheduled to speak to U.S. mayors about how to instill compassion in their cities, a speech that comes in the wake of the recent violence in Orlan-do and elsewhere in the

westland Mayor Wil-liam Wild will be joining mayors from across the country in Indianapolis this week for the U.S. Conference of Mayors

"This is a unique op-portunity to not only share ideas and discuss major issues affecting cities across the country,' Wild said. "But it is im-portant time in our history to focus on the role that compassion can play in building social innovation.

The Dalai Lama's keyon the global significance of building kind and com-passionate cities through mayors' actions at the local level.

In addition to the keynote address, His Holi-

Street light upgrade coming

rib said. "Phase one was on Wayne Road. These

The project is expect-ed to kick off in the next

few weeks and will take

10-12 weeks to complete.

phase to the city is \$435,173 with an annual

savings of \$260,364. "As a city dedicated to

mental practices and sustainability, Westland is thrilled to be able to

improve upon the safety

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of motorists and pedes-

The total cost for this

responsible environ-

lights are along sub-

division roads

LeAnne Rogers Staff Write

The third and final phase of Westland's LED street light conversion project is expected to get underway within the next couple of weeks.

Approved earlier this month by city council, the project will convert 2,466 street lights from

"We're in the planning stages now. The lights (being converted) are scattered all over the city," Westland Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gha-

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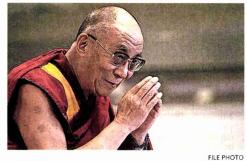
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the meeting of the Board of Education of the South Redford School District of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "School District"), to be held on the 27th day of June, 2016, a decision will be made or discussed with respect to the issuance of the School District's proposed state aid notes that will be payable from state aid, but will also contain a limited tax full faith and credit pledge of the School District.

Stephen Baker Secretary South Redford School District



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The Dalai Lama will address the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which is meeting in Indianapolis this week.

ness will answer questions from mayors during a Q&A session following his remarks.

This is Wild's second meeting with the Dalai Lama. After their first meeting in 2012 in Louis-ville at the Festival of Faith, Wild was inspired to create Westland's own Compassionate City Pro-gram. Westland was the first city in Michigan to sign the Charter for Compassion.

The United States

Conference of Mayors 84th Annual Meeting takes place Friday, June 24 - Monday, June 27. In addition, each of the

presidential candidates has been invited to address the meeting and to discuss the 2016 Mayors Compact for a Better America: A Call to Action, which prioritizes urban issues, as well as their vision to strengthen the federal-local partnership and build strong cities and metro economies.

streetlights that use less energy yet provide for enhanced visibility,"

Mayor William Wild said. With the reduced ener-gy costs from the more energy-efficient LED lights, Westland expects the project costs to be recouped in less than two years.

The initial phase, which began in March 2015 has already converted 166 street light fix-tures to LED on Wayne Road between Glenwood and Parkgrove. That project resulted in an sanual savings of \$23,136. The city's in-vestment in this phase of the project was \$29,688. The second phase of the project hearon in Au

the project began in Au-gust 2015 and converted 230 street light fixtures to LED on major roads throughout the city. The total cost to the city was \$68,996 with an annual savings of \$38,516. Mercury vapor lights

are being converted to LED but other existing

obsolete — we can't get parts," El-Gharib said. "The high pressure sodi-um lights are alright they aren't as inefficient

as the mercury vapor." The project is being funded with Metro Act funds which are ear-marked for work done in road right-of-ways. Addi-tionally, property owners are also assessed for street lights through a special assessment which will be up for renewal later this year. The as-sessments aren't levied on properties which have no street lights.

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Check out 2016 Maxima at Nissan of Canton

The redesigned 2016 Nissan Maxima is a powerful, good-handling sedan that stays true to the nameplate's performance-oriented heritage and features an upscale interior that befits its price. You can view and test drive one at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

gan Ave. "Maxima" is Nissan's longest continually-inuse nameplate, and the eighth-generation car is a boldly styled sedan that draws heavily from the Nissan Sport Sedan Concept.

Ever since the Nissan Altima grew into a midsize family sedan in the early 2000s, the Maxima hasn't fit neatly into a segment. Nissan says the 2016 Maxima is designed to compete with larger, traditional full-size sedans like the Chevrolet Impala and Toyota Avalon, as well as appeal to buyers looking to move up to a luxury car, like the Acura TLX. The 2016 Maxima is

The 2016 Maxima is offered in five trim levels — S, SV, SL, SR and Platinum — that determine the level of equipment; accessories are available, but there are no option packages. We drove an SL, which is priced at \$37,715, and the \$38,495 SR. That one is the most performancefocused model, with unique suspension bushings, springs, shocks, front stabilizer bar and chassis bracing, in addition to 19-inch alloy wheels with stickier Goodyear tires (prices include an \$825 destination charge).

Exterior and styling

The Maxima brings Nissan's Energetic Flow design language to its sedan lineup. Signature cues include a plunging grille bordered by LED daytime running lights and gloss-black pillar



Test drive the 2016 Nissan Maxima at Nissan of Canton, 42175 Michigan Ave.

finishes that give the roof a floating appearance — something Nissan says is inspired by a fighter jet's canopy. The front end is aggressive the car looks menacing when you see it coming up on you in your rearview mirror — and also memorable. It's a design that demands a reaction, good or bad.

How it drives

Large cars may be known for a forgiving, comfortable ride quality, but that's not the Maxima formula. Compared with a Chevrolet Impala or Chrysler 300, which both do a good job smoothing out bumps and cracks in the road, the Maxima is a much more connected, tighter-handling car. There's remarkably little body roll when driving quickly through a corner. You feel bumps, but they're dealt with in a refined way.

refined way. The SR trim level's unique suspension is considerably firmer and busier; you feel more road imperfections, even smaller ones, and the impact is harsher when you hit a big pavement crack. It's a little too rough-riding for me, especially considering the good ride-and-handling balance the regular suspension provides. You'll want the SR trim if you really care about steering feel, as it offers the best of the bunch. Press the Sport button in an SR, however, and the steering wheel gains a nice, firm heft to it and some feedback through the wheel. It feels right in this performance-focused trim.

All trim levels benefit from the performance of the standard 3.5-liter V-6 engine, which provides smooth, effortless acceleration. Rated at 300 horsepower, the V-6 still has power to spare for a quick pass at highway speeds. It pairs with a continuously variable automatic transmission that's programmed to act like a conventional automatic at low speeds for a more traditional driving experience, according to Nissan.

The Maxima shows how far CVT technology has come recently, at least when paired with a powerful engine. It's mostly unobtrusive, with only a hint of the droning that's associated with this type of transmission when you accelerate hard. If you've been driving a car with a conventional automatic, this CVT won't seem strange or different.

One of the benefits of a CVT is that it's able to

quickly increase engine speed when you want more power because it doesn't need to shift to a lower gear. The Maxima's CVT is very responsive; nudge the gas pedal and engine rpm immediately increases, providing more power.

CVTs usually enhance gas mileage, and the Maxima's EPA-estimated 25 mpg combined rating tops most V-6 competitors by a few mpg or so.

Interior

Overall quality and attention to detail is very good. The standard leather-wrapped steering wheel feels great; it's even better in the SR, which has Alcantara simulated-suede inserts. The upper sections of the doors are finished with soft-touch material that's a comfortable alternative to the door armrests.

The center console has a padded section to rest your knee against, and there's real stitching on the doors, console and dashboard. One element that doesn't look premium, however, is the simulated metal finish on the dashboard, doors and center console. It doesn't look real. Fighter jets also in-

formed the layout of the cabin controls, according

to Nissan. The center dashboard control panel is angled 7 degrees toward the driver, and center console controls are close at hand.

The new Maxima's roofline is 1.3 inches lower, which contributes to the sedan's hunkereddown look

down look. The Maxima has the latest version of Nissan's NASA-inspired Zero Gravity front seats. They're finished in cloth (S), leather (SV and SL), premium leather with quilted Alcantara inserts (SR) or premium leather with quilted leather inserts (Platinum).

Ergonomics and electronics

Digital screens are rapidly taking over the dashboards of modern cars, and there are two in the Maxima: a 7-inch screen between the gauges and an 8-inch touch-screen in the center of the dashboard. The gauge cluster screen lets you cycle through different modes to see information like speed and heading, trip data, tire pressure and active safety features.

The dashboard screen is the primary display for the standard navigation system and multimedia functions. The Display Commander control knob on the center console can also operate the dashboard touch-screen.

Cargo and storage

The Maxima's 14.3cubic-foot trunk is nicely shaped, and the trunk lid's support arms move within an enclosed area, so there's no risk of them crushing your cargo. The release straps for the 60/40-split folding backseat are in the trunk. The rear seatbacks fold flat with the trunk floor.

The Maxima has a media bin just ahead of the center console cupholders. The bin is large enough for an iPhone 6 Plus, according to Nissan, and it's also where the car's two standard USB ports are located.

Safety

Most of the Maxima's active safety features come on SL and higher trims. These models have standard blind spot warning, rear cross-traffic alert, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with autonomous braking and predictive forward collision warning. Predictive forward collision warning uses low-mounted radar to "see" under the car directly ahead of you to the next one in line. The system can issue a warning if it senses that car slowing suddenly — even if you can't see it yourself.

The top-of-the-line Platinum trim adds a surround camera system with moving-object detection and a drowsy-driver warning system. Drowsydriver warning compares steering inputs at the beginning of a drive with ones later in the trip to determine if the driver is getting tired and needs to take a break.

Value in its class

Years ago, Nissan dubbed the Maxima the 4-Door Sports Car. It's an ambitious tagline, but it reflects the fact that the car caters to a specific type of buyer: the driving enthusiast who still needs sedan practicality. The 2016 Maxima is no different from its predecessors in this regard. but its new level of luxuboth in terms of rv cabin materials and features now makes it a credible alternative to entry-luxury sedans. If you're shopping sport sedans, it's worth a test drive.

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Forest Service, partners boost Rouge

Julie Brown Staff Writer

A "Rouge Growing Green" project, aimed at improving Rouge River water quality, is partly funded by the U.S. Forest Service and the Great Lakes Restoration Initia

tive. Some 20 trees were planted in the city of Plymouth recently on Burroughs between Har-ding and Fairground, across from Lions Park The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is the largest investment in the Great Lakes in two decades, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agen-cy website notes. "There were nearly 700 trees planted," said

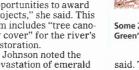
Jill Johnson, Midwest Urban Forestry coor-dinator for the U.S. For-est Service. Johnson, who works out of the St. Paul, Minnesota, field office, noted the grant to the Alliance of Rouge Communities covered a number of local communities as well as Wayne County

Plymouth Township, the city of Plymouth, Bingham Farms, Bloom-field Township, Canton, Inkster, Novi, Oak Park, Rochester Hills, Southfield, Troy, Franklin Vil-lage and Wayne County are recipients of the grant for tributaries of the Rouge River. The grant was for \$100,000 with trees planted this spring

"This is just one of the grants we have. There have been many grants over the years" associat-ed with the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Johnson said. The U.S. Forest Service manages EPA funds and has given the grants since fiscal year 2010. "We've had a lot of

opportunities to award projects," she said. This aim includes "tree cano-py cover" for the river's restoration.

devastation of emerald ash borer. "The EPA recognizes that trees are important for reducing toxic substances," she



BIRTH



Evan William Reinke

EVAN WILLIAM REINKE

Evan William Reinke was born April 9. He joins his parents, Chris and Dana Reinke, and brother, Aaron, 4, at home in West Bloomfield. Proud grandparents are Dave and Karen Crowe

of Livonia and Karen Reinke of Huntington Woods



Some 20 trees were planted along the city of Plymouth's Burroughs between Harding and Fairground. The "Rouge Growing Green" project is partly funded by the U.S. Forest Service and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

said. The trees also help control invasive plants, along with reducing stormwater runoff.

After grants are awarded, Johnson said, recipients find vendors/ contractors. "Almost always, those trees are locally sourced," Johnson said. "We always try to make sure we're awarding to communities that have an arborist.'

In planting, the arborist considers diversity of plants "to make sure that urban forest is as resil-ient as possible." The arborist needs to consid-er soil, hardiness of the zone, as well as possible road salt.

"Some species can't handle that salt. There are so many site factors to take in. That's why we rely on the local experts to pick that palette of trees," Johnson said. Johnson gets to visit

on-site from Minnesota. "I've had a chance to

see all the good work that's been done," she said. "It's very reward-



JULIE BROWN This sign along Burroughs in the city of Plymouth notes the

the wildlife habitat as

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The Great Lakes re-gion includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York. Some \$17.8 million has been granted in the Great Lakes region for

JULIE BROWN

the initiative, she said. Federal agencies use GLRI resources to strate-gically target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem and to accelerate progress to-ward long-term goals, the EPA website notes. Com-bining GLRI resources with agency base bud-gets, the GLRI works with nonfederal partners to implement protection

and restoration projects. GLRI funding is also used to support efforts to prevent Asian Carp from establishing populations in the Great Lakes. For more information about the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, visit www.glri.us.

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Pet Palooza at market a popular pup meet-greet

The All-American Farmers & Artisans Market of the Westland Chamber of Commerce was going to the dogs Thursday.

'Special events at the market make it more fun," said Mary Vellardi-ta, the chamber's marketing and membership staffer. "And we have so many pet lovers. This is a fun event they can bring their pets to."

It's been held each of the three years since the chamber took over managing the farmers mar ket from the city of Westland. Brookellen Swope, chamber president, said noise levels aren't a big problem at Pet Palooza

"A little bit, but gener-ally all the dogs are well-behaved," Swope said. 'So it's not too noisy.'

Last Day Dog Rescue had a presence, arranging several pet adoptions, along with the Michigan Humane Society being on the scene. Beyond the Bark professional train-ers and pet vendors also participated. Beyond the Bark offered a free train

ing session. Doggie contests included: best in show for both male and female, as well as cutest pup. The contest winners

were: best in show male --- Maxwell, a Golden/ Border collie mix, owned by Deborah Ordway; best in show female — Mag-gie, a Lab/Border collie mix owned by Ed Stroble; cutest pup, Darla, a Lab/hound/Jack Russell mix, owned by Judy Pawlowski. Each received a \$25 Petco gift card courtesy of Westland Car Care Automotive Group and a certificate for free services from VIP Pet Care

Market information is online at www.westland farmersmarket.com and on Facebook. The West-land chamber manages the market with it made possible by the Westland Downtown Development authority and city of Westland.

By Julie Brown



Ed Stroble meets Nevada, owned by Michelle Damron

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33475 Palmer Westland, MI 48186

Meal Service will start on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at all locations* *Days and hours vary by location

For hours, program end dates, and meals provided, please call the school For more information, please call 734-419-2118



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Maxwell, meet Darla. According to Deborah Ordway, Maxwell's human, he won Best Dog in previous competition. Darla, who rescued Judy Pawlowski, may grow up to be a contest winner, too.

NOTICE OF THE LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All voters are hereby given notice that the City of Livonia will hold a **State Primary Election** on **Tuesday, August 2, 2016**.

Electors who wish to vote in the election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

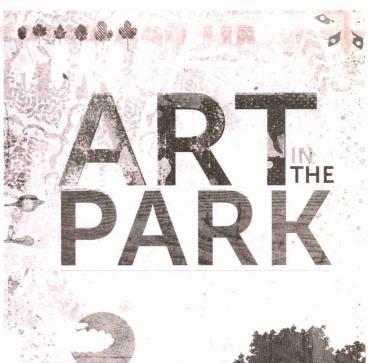
Registrations will be taken at the office of the City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during regular hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

THE STATUTORY DEADLINE for registering to vote will be on Tuesday. July 5, 2016, on which day the City Clerk will be in her office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving registrations of electors to vote.

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK



ral civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)



CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2016-04-01-03 submitted by Dave Phipps pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the properties at 14851 and 14931 Farmington Road, located on the west side of Farmington Road between Lyndon and Five Mile Roads in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, from OS (Office Services) and R-2 (One Family Residential) to R-9-I (Housing for the Elderly, 4-Stories Maximum Height of Buildings)

Petition 2016-06-01-04 submitted by Soave/Oro Construction, L.L.C. pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 28200 Lyndon, located on the north side of Lyndon between Harrison and Barkley in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, from R-U-F, Rural Urban Farm (minimum 1/2 acre lots) to R-2, One Family Residential (9,600 sq.ft., 80 ft. x 120 ft. lots).

Petition 2016-06-02-11 submitted by Livonia Office Center requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 9.03(m) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a massage establishment (Refuel Massage) within the Livonia Office Center at 28200 Seven Mile Road, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Livity and Middleha Brade, it the Scuthers 11(4 of Section 1. Inkster and Middlebelt Roads in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1.

Petition 2016-06-02-12 submitted by N.C. Designers & Contracting, Inc. requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(c)(4) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a limited service restaurant with drive-up window facilities (Tim Hortons) within the gas station at 37921 Ann Arbor Trail, located on the southeast corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31. Hortons

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

IAN WILSHAW, CHAIRMAN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION



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On Saturday, July 9. DFCU Financial will offer residents the opportunity to have their paper records and data storage materials shredded and recycled during the Community Shred Dav at the Livonia branch location at New-burgh and Seven Mile. This free event aims to raise public awareness

of the need to securely destroy confidential materials to prevent identity theft and fraud, as well as to encourage recycling.

Materials will be col-lected on July 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the credit union at the corner of Newburgh and Seven Mile (enter off Newburgh) in Livonia. The drop-off event is open to the public. There is a maximum of five boxes/bags limit per vehicle. For more in-

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shredding include bank statements, forms, re-ceipts, old checkbooks unwanted/expired credit cards, junk mail, file folders and binders and all envelopes

Mom 2 Mom Sale

SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer in Westland, hosts its Mom 2 Mom sale from 10 a.m. to noon (9-10 a.m. for early bird) on Saturday, Aug. 6.

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-46: Gerald Morrone, north side of Lamar (29622) between Melvin and Fremont, seeking to replace an existing privacy fence, resulting in a double fence remaining which is not allowed and not receiving consent for the new fence from the adjoining property owner.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-47: David Borges, west side of Shrewsbury (19113) between Seven Mile and Bridge, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall privacy fence upon a corner lot, resulting in excess fence height and the privacy fence being within the side yard, which is not allowed. Privacy fences cannot be in the side or front yard.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-49: Stephen Velte, south side of Myrna (31557) between Merriman and Auburndale, seeking to construct a detached garage, resulting in excess

APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-50; Livonia Distribution Center, LLC, east side of Middlebelt (12200) between Plymouth and the CSX Railroad, seeking to replace an existing blank monument sign, erect a second monument sign and three (3) new identical directional signs, resulting in all signs being excess in height and area, also, the two (2) monument signs must be 300 feet apart and approximately 180 feet is proposed for a deficiency of 130 feet

<u>APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-51</u>: Kevin and Amy Smith, west side of Brentwood (19245) between Pembroke and Seven Mile, seeking to maintain a six (6) foot tall wood privacy fence erected without a permit, resulting in the fence being located parallel to the front of the house, which is not allowed. Privacy fencing must not extend beyond the rear line of the

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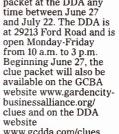
Beginning Friday, July 8, and running through Friday, July 22,



Montessori grads

Dearborn Heights Montessori Center honored graduates of the 2016 Middle School program. This year's graduates included Dearborn residents Michael Alzaroui, Grace Audi, Karim Berry, Lucas Doran, Reema Haimour, Mila Nolan and Ethan Peet; Jenna Dabaja of Dearborn Heights; Michelle Stubbs of Inkster; Livonia residents Sarah Davidson and Grant Gutowski; Suha Qashou of Northville; Molly Byrne of Plymouth; and Frank Ducu of West Bloomfield.

the Garden City Business Alliance and the Downtown Development Authority will be hosting a city-wide scavenger



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correctly and return your packet to the DDA by 3 p.m. July 22 and you'll be entered into a drawing for cash prizes. The first-place prize is \$500. Winners will be drawn at the Music in the Park event July 28 in Garden City Park.

For more information, call 734-261-0380 or email theresa@downtowngardencity.com.

Park performances

Parks, Performances, and Play! is a new summer concerts series with performances designed just for kids. The series, sponsored by The Livonia Arts Commission and Leo's Coney Island (Six

Mile and Haggerty), kicks off at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, with Randy Kaplan, followed by Guy Louis at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20. The series concludes with series concludes with Mr. Seley at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17. All concerts take place at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard.

Park It! family fun nights return this summer. Enjoy live music, kids activities and a movie under the stars. The event starts at 6 p.m. with live music at 6:30 p.m. followed by a family friendly movie at 8:20 p.m. Park It! takes place on Tuesday, July 12 at Ford Field (Farmington and Lyndon) and Tues-day, Aug. 9 at the Kirk-sey Recreation Center (Five Mile and Hubbard). For more information,

call 734-466-2900 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us

Meet up and e<mark>a</mark>t up

Redford Union Schools announced the sponsorship of the Sum-mer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made avail-able to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the men-tally 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 dis-ability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be pro-vided at: » Hilbert Middle

School: Monday through Friday from June 20-Aug. 11. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

» Redford Union High School: Monday through Friday from June 20-Aug. 12. Lunch will be 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. (No meals served July 4 or Aug. 2). Adult meals will be \$2.

Vacation Bible School

St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, Wayne, is hosting Vacation Bible School June 26-30 from 6-8:30 p.m. each day. Children age 3 to those entering sixth

grade are welcome. Pre-registration is recommended by calling the church at 734-728-1950, emailing r.barta@att.net or visiting St. Michael in

person. St. Michael Lutheran Church & School, Wayne, is at the corner of Han-nan and Glenwood roads.

Car show

American Legion Post 32 hosts a car show at 9318 Newburgh Road in Livonia every Thursday from 5 p.m. to dusk through Sept. 29. Join the Legion for

fun, food, cars and bikes. The event also features door prizes, raffles and giveaways. Plaques for "best of show" are awarded each week. Dinner inside and grill food outside.

Westland market

The Westland Farmers & Artisans Market is up and running from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 13 (closed June 16 and Aug. 4). It features a variety of food and craft vendors, special events and music. EBT is accepted.

The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, Central City Park, in Westland. For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@ yahoo.com.

NOTICE OF HEARING - BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS APPEAL CASE NO. 484-05-16

An appeal has been filed with the Building Code Board of Appeals by Michael La Forest, Apartment Services, 34600 Glendale, Livonia, seeking to modify the decision which would not allow a temporary salt storage building longer than six months without the approval of the Building Code Board of Appeals (Michigan Building Code 2006, Section 112.1) and without proper permits proper permits.

A hearing will be held on **Thursday, July 21, 2016, at 7 p.m.** in the offices of the Inspection Department, in the Annex of the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, thus offering an opportunity of the appellant's attitude being recorded on this appeal.

APPELLANT MUST APPEAR OR HAVE AN AUTHORIZED AGENT PRESENT

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NOTICE OF HEARING - BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS APPEAL CASE NO 482-11-15 (Tabled on January 14, 2016)

APPEAL CASE NO 482-11-15 (Tabled on January 14, 2016) An appeal has been filed with the Building Code of Appeals by Nazir Jawich, 40500 Ann Arbor Road Ste. 105LL, Plymouth, MI 48170 seeking to reverse the decision of the Building Official to forfeit their bond under provision of Livonia Code 15.56.020 (c) (d) for work performed at 15230 Levan Road by letter dated August 19, 2015. A rehearing will be held on **Thursday**, July 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the offices of the Inspection Department, in the Annex of the Livonia city Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154. The original meeting vote was to table this request until May 18th and ordered the appellant to provide the results of arbitration concerning the dispute between appellant and building owner so that this information may be included in the Board's discussion. The May 18th meeting was subsequently cancelled as the arbitration was delayed. APPELLANT MUST APPEAR OR HAVE AN ALTHORIZED ACENT PRESENT

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2016-07-52: Najeeb and Bernadet Ajjo, 32501 West Wayburn, Farmington, MI 48334, seeking to erect a vehicle fueling facility on property located on the north side of Five Mile (31386) between Bainbridge and Merriman, resulting in deficient lot frontage, lot area, deficient building setback from Merriman Road Right-of-Way and deficient landscape area. Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 – all comments must include name, address and signature.

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Close of Registration Notice Primary Election, Tuesday, August 2, 2016

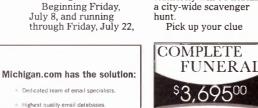
Notice is hereby given that the last day of registration for the Primary Election is Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

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The following proposals will also be voted on:

PROPOSITION P PARKS MILLAGE CONTINUATION

To continue the millage authorized in 2010, shall Wayne County levy this millage at the estimated 2015 rollback rate of .2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2016 through 2020) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park, and improvements to municipal parks in the 43 communities as provided in an implementing ordinance through an annual allocation by commission district of the greater of \$50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district, on the condition that, for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed. Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriation for parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$9,865.514 in 2016.

YES NO

WAYNE COUNTY ZOOLOGICAL AUTHORITY RENEWAL MILLAGE

The Wayne County Zoological Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008 and formed to allow for continuing zoological services for the students, residents and visitors of Wayne County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax on real and personal property to provide revenue to an accredited zoological institution for this purpose. Accordingly, as a renewal of the previously approved millage authorization which expires with the 2017 tax levy, to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the County, shall the 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all of the taxable property located within the County continue to be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2018 through 2027? It is estimated that if approved and levied, this millage would generate approximately \$3,940,066.55 in 2018. Shall this proposal be adopted?

YES NO

Allyson M. Bettis, City Clerk Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan

Published: June 26, 2016

FOR THE AUGUST 2, 2016 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE

ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WESTLAND

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Please take Notice that the State Primary Election in the City of Westland will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the State Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, is Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Persons registering after 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 are not eligible to vote at this State Primary Election.

On the ballot for the State Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 will be:

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Wayne County Proposals Proposition P PARKS MILLAGE CONTINUATION

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A sample of the ballot containing the full text of ballot proposals may be obtained at the City of Westland City Clerk's Office, at http://www.cityofwestland.com/departments/city-clerk or at Michigan.gov/vote

You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office, 36300 Warren Road; Westland, M1 48185 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM or at any Secretary of State Office.

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Public visit police at open house



Westland Police officers Kevin Yudt (left) and Matt Allen show off the department's motorcycles to youngster attending the police department open house.

As Westland celebrates 50 years as a city, it's also the 50th anniversary of the Westland Police Department.

To celebrate the anniversary, the department recently hosted an open house. Members of the public got to talk with officers, see demonstrations, including the department's canines, got a closer look at equipment and vehicles.

Officers also provided tours of the police station, which earlier this year completed a \$2 million renovation project — the first major upgrade since the station was opened in the 1970s.

Westland Mayor William Wild commended Chief Jeff Jedrusik with "a great job with the open house."

"There were a lot of demonstrations. People came away with a lot of information," Wild said. "The amount of (police) retirees who came was great. It was great hearing their stories."



An evidence collection display at the Westland Police Department open house.



Westland canine Officer Derek Trosper with police dog Narco.



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik is interviewed by Westland Mayor William Wild for cable television during the police department open house.



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Barn sale aids low-key animal rescue

Sharon Dargay Staff Write

Good Juju Rescue Fund is the most low-key animal welfare organization vou'll ever meet.

It doesn't beg for money, adoptions, fosters nor volunteers. It's not listed on Petfinder and it will never grow beyond its four members and three fosters.

"If we have an animal, people have to come looking for us. Most peolooking for us. Most peo-ple who adopt from us either know us or know the foster. We are local," said Amy Thomas, founder and president. "We will never be big. "Any time we have an animal, that animal gets

all of our time. We only do one at a time. That way we know as much about the dog and as much about the place they are going as possible

The Plymouth-based rescue currently doesn't have any animals looking for permanent homes, although it rescued a horse, Malibu, and pays for its "retirement" at a

barn. The group assists with vet bills, temporary boarding, food and shares its event proceeds with other animal welfare organizations. Small businesses support Thomas' rescue work, which started about sey en years ago. She found-ed Good Juju 2½ years ago, basing it at her husband's law office in Ply-

mouth. "I have had animals my whole life. I always helped a bunch of rescues. Specialty Pet (Sup-plies) in Plymouth would always give me food to give to rescues that need ed it," she said. "I ended up with a pit bull that was abandoned in Milan. I placed her and we had so much support from businesses. I just realized I could do it on my own



Malibu the horse is in "retirement" at a barn in Brighton, thanks to Good Juju Rescue Fund, which pays for her food and boarding

"My family was small business owners in Can-ton starting in 1979, so I know a lot of the small businesses. I just had good contacts.

Jenna Pedersen, Good Juju's vice president, owns a small candlemaking business, Motor City Creations. She started it four years ago and was able to quit her fulltime retail job this year to concentrate on candle making and sales, in-cluding an agreement with Faygo to make and sell soda pop-scented candles.

Pedersen also devotes a line of her candles to Good Juju and donates profits to the rescue. Good Juju candles each cost \$12 and are available in a variety of scents, including lemon verbena, vanilla lime, hippie chick and monkey farts, a com-bination of banana, bubble gum and kiwi. They're sold through Motor City Creations website and at Lilley Veterinary Medical Center in Canton.

Helping other rescues

Good Juju will share the proceeds from one of its biggest fundraisers of the year, a barn sale planned for June 17-19, with Pan Equus Animal Sanctuary in Oxford. The group also regularly works with Providing for Paws in Garden City and The Devoted Barn in Newport, south of Detroit

"I have nothing but mad respect for the res-cues we work with. They take the cases we aren't equipped to do. I'd support them if we had a rescue or if we didn't have a rescue," Thomas said. The semi-annual barn

sale of donated and trash-picked treasures gives Thomas a chance to put her skills as a "picker" to work.

"I used to be a dealer out of the Town Peddler in Livonia," she said. "Then gas became \$5 a gallon and I moved to Ann Arbor and couldn't do that any more. But then it hit me when we started Good Juju that I could start doing barn sales. I have the storage and I know how to pick, so I went back to picking.

As a kid, Thomas was embarrassed whenever her father combed curbside trash for treasures but when she moved out



Puppies take a whiff of Good Juju Rescue Fund's candle, made in a variety of scents by Motor City Creations

on her own and, eventually, into a house in Ply-mouth, she also took up the practice. "I moved in there

around spring cleanup and saw all these amaz ing things. I brought a loveseat home in my Nissan Pulsar, driving with the passenger door open. I had no furniture. I wanted nice stuff and I couldn't afford it, so I got it out of the garbage.

Finding the best

The upcoming sale will include antiques, decorative objects, some clothing, pictures, furni-ture and the contents of a condo that Good Juju was given last year. Some of the condo items, which were part of an estate,

sold at last year's sale. "When it comes to trash picking day in Ply-mouth, she will come back with loads of furni-ture. She finds the best stuff," Pedersen said. Thomas said she filler

Thomas said she filled a U-Haul truck and made five trips with a bor rowed truck to picking sites. She generally doesn't price every item, but asks for a reasonable donation at the barn sale.

"If I was still a dealer, I'd love to come to my sale," she said. It runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 17-19 at 2509 E.

Joy, Ann Arbor. Visit Good Juju Rescue Fund on Facebook and check out Pedersen's business at www.motor citycreations.com.

CITY OF WESTLAND **INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on July 6th. 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following: LOG JAM REMOVAL

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at <u>www.</u> <u>CitvofWestland.com</u>. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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LOCAL NEWS

Forage for wild greens in your backyard



Milton French of Wayne finds a white mulberry at Rotary Park in Livonia.

Sharon Dargay Staff Write

Dinner's ready. It's in your lawn, at a nearby park and on the forest floor. You just need to look, and

know what you're looking for, before you bring out the salad tongs

Lucky for you, Rachel Mif-sud of Grass Lake, Minjung Godfrey of Detroit and other experienced members of Will Forage for Food are happy to share their knowledge of living off the land.

Mifsud maintains a website, Facebook page and Meetup-.com presence, while offering opportunities to members of all experience levels and ages to share and practice skills in foraging for edible wild plants, making traditional crafts, fermenting foods and beverages, making cheese, cooking wild foods, cultivating mushrooms, and more. The Meetup.com group has Ann Arbor/Brighton, Lansing/Jackson and Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo chapters. Mifsud is considering a new chapter in Livonia and held a free nature walk, led by God-frey, this week in Rotary Park. "I started the Meetup be-

cause I was thinking, oh yeah, other people forage and we'll meet to forage together," said

Mifsud, who organized the group with the hopes of build-ing a foraging community. "It turned out almost all of them were coming to see if they could learn something. Nobody else knew what to do.

"So, literally it turned from a hobby into this quasi-busi-ness on its own."

Free classes

Mifsud teaches biological sciences at the University of Michigan, and leads a mix of Will Forage for Food activities, some free and some with fees.

"On the Meetup group we have several partners. If you're going to post on our Meetup you have to post free events once and a while. We want to make sure we're including everyone in the community.

A seven-class series, "For-aging 101," introduces novice foragers to plants and mush-rooms through lecture, readings and hands-on nature walks. Classes are \$25 each or 4150 for the series, which is currently held in Fenton, Fruit-port and Chelsea. Godfrey will lead a free walk to identify edible and medicinal plants Tuesday, May 31 in Milford. Participants must join the Meetup group to learn the exact location



Minjung Godfrey holds plantain leaves.

The session at Rotary Park in Livonia drew a handful of newcomers and a few Will

Forage for Food regulars. "You learn a little some-thing every time," said Kathy Morris-Stilwell, a Livonia resident and practicing veterinari-an in Redford. She has attend-ed several Will Forage for Food events the past few months.

"I forage in my own yard. I could spend hours. The garlic mustard, I could feed the world on the garlic mustard and plantain," she said, with a laugh. "I just made a macaroni salad with garlic mustard. I chopped it up. I added about a quarter of a cup. It adds a little bit of a crunch. You can eat the flower, too."

Your vard

Godfrey found garlic mus-tard and several other edible plants within a few yards of the entrance to the park's nature trail. Although garlic mus-

tard is high in nutrients, it's an invasive plant and the focus of spring cleanups in parks and

"My main goal was to cover what's in season, something you could find in your yard,"

Godfrey told the group. She showed tiny leaves from the plantago (plantain) plant that taste similar to mushrooms and demonstrated the medicinal use of its larger leaves as a rub on bug bites and scratches.

"That's really abundant and you should see it in your yard," she said. "Another is dande-lion. Dandelion is edible almost at any time, but after flower-ing it gets bitter." Yellow flower petals add color to salads and the plant's root can be used as a coffee substitute, Godfrey said. Make an oil infusion with its flowers and grapeseed oil or sunflower oil for a muscle rub

She pointed out sorrel leaves, a seasonal delicacy, and BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

lambsquarter, which tastes

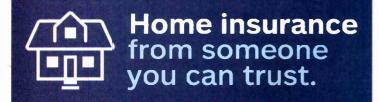
lamosquarter, which tastes similar to spinach. Along the trail, the group tasted the intense lemon-fla-vored tendrils of a wild grape vine. They sniffed aromatic spice bush leaves and found a patch of mayapple. Godfrey described the mayapple fruit as fragrant with a tropical flavor. The green fruit "has a bit of toxicity," but can be picked when it ripens to a pale yellow

Morris -Stilwell hopes the group will offer more pro-grams in Livonia. She routinely drives to Chelsea, Ann Arbor and Fenton to attend Will Forage for Food events. "This," she said, "is wonder-

ful.

Check out the "Woodland Grocery Specials" on willfor-ageforfood.com for ideas on using wild edible plants. The site also lists upcoming classes and events.

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Pond, fire pit anchor garden filled with art

Sharon Dargay

Anna Graham and Matt Noble-Richardson like to sit by the fire pit in their backyard and listen to the crackling flames. They enjoy hearing water splash into the pond, the croaking toads and tree frogs, the chirping birds that feast from their backyard feeders and horn blasts from nearby trains

At night they're likely to see a raccoon or a passing skunk drink from the pool filled with orange and calico goldfish. During the day, cats from a feral colony that Graham feeds hang out on the lawn or visit the the two-level deck that's furnished with trash-picked and re-purposed treasures, antique store finds and handmade tables.

Every planting bed along the garden perimeter tells a story or evokes a memory through handmade art and vacation mementos set amid perennials. "I would describe this re-

gion of Plymouth as funky," said Noble-Richardson, who moved into the Old Village house 18 years ago. "And our yard is

"I always say eclectic, Graham interjected. "And meandering because it moves around the yard. It's not just in one spot.

"We enjoy the space. If you saw it at night, it's actually quite charming," Noble-Rich-ardson added.

"This yard has been us for five years, working on it together. He'll come up with something. I'll come up with something. And in the end we're working on something that is ours," Graham said. "We change it on the fly all the time. It's always evoluting. We time. It's always evolving. We call it our secret garden."

The secret will be out Tues-day, June 28, when Trailwood Garden Club brings its annual garden walk, Flowers are Forever, to the couple's backyard and to several other home gardens in Plymouth. The walk runs from noon to 8 p.m. and will include complimentary treats and beverages. Master Gardeners also will be stationed at each garden to an-



The "wall of license plates" reminds Matt Noble-Richardson and Anna Graham where they have traveled on vacation.

swer questions. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the walk. They're available at Specialty Pet Supplies, 1449 Ann Arbor Road; Sideways, 505 Forest; and Saxton's Power Equipment, 37980 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia.

DIY

Graham and Noble-Richardson have never attended a garden walk nor been involved as hosts, but that didn't faze them when the Trailwood Garden Club extended an invita-tion. They've worked on seven rooms in Noble-Richardson's house since they began dating five years ago. They finished basement bathroom construction while starting outdoor prep for the Trailwood walk

last month. "It's something we enjoy doing together. We don't neces-sarily know how to do it every time," said Graham, who embraces do-it-yourself challenges. "Sometimes we'll You-Tube it Sometimes we'll talk to other people. We have friends who are very handy and we'll get information from them."

Graham is a hair stylist who works at Vanity Salon in down-town Plymouth. She and her two teenage daughters moved into Noble Richardson's home last year. Paige, 19, often helps garden and has painted de-signs on a portion of the deck, a fence and tables. She also traps the feral cats for spay and neutering at the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Noble-Richardson grew up in Livonia and was a landscape architect before going into environmental education 18 years ago. He works for Wayne County Parks at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. He and his late wife Janet also worked on the garden together and installed the pond. A few art pieces in the yard pay homage to her.

Texture, light

Noble-Richardson said he and Graham have been work-ing on the house, inside and out, to transform it into a home.

In the garden, they focus on textures and varying heights. "We always talk about having different textures. We can

see when there needs to be a change somewhere. It's look ing at a spot and sensing what is missing," he said. "You've got to know your lighting," Graham added.

You've got to know if you have short things, high things and texture. Then you think about color after you've got your texture, because texture can be just as interesting.

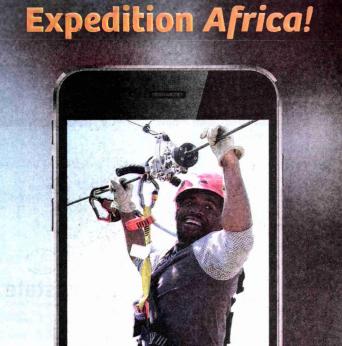
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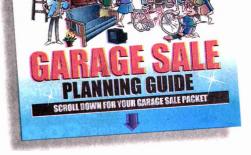
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NHL ENTRY DRAFT

USA Hockey alums dominate first round

NHL teams draft several ex-NTDP players on opening night

> **Tim Smith** Staff Write

There indeed was a red-

white-and-blue glow Friday at Buffalo's First Niagara Center. Led by Auston Matthews, Clayton Keller and Kieffer Bellows, USA Hockey alums paraded to the podium during the National Hockey League Entry Draft's opening round

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Matthews, a center from Arizona who played for the U.S. National Team Development Program in 2013-14 and 2014-15, was drafted first overall by the Toronto Maple Leafs

But the draft's American

PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

flavor continued when former NTDP players Matthew Tkachuk and Clayton Keller were selected 6-7 overall — by Cal-gary and Arizona, respective-ly. "It's unbelievable, it's crazy

to think I'm here today," Kel-ler, who with 189 points is the all-time scorer in NTDP histo-ry, said on NBC Sports Net-work. "All the work I put in when L was younger is finally. when I was younger is finally paying off, and I think the real work starts the day after the draft

draft." Keller (2014-16 in the NTDP) and Tkachuk (2013-15 in the NTDP) were teammates as youngsters in St. Louis, and exchanged a hug as they passed each other on the First Niagara Center floor. ""Mothery Threabul?" heap

"Matthew Tkachuk's been one of my best friends since we were little," said Keller,



standout 2015-16 season with the U.S. NTDP Under-18 te ım, forward Clayton Keller was the seventh pick in Friday's NHL draft.

> played on the same line together, we're so close and still are. As for Matthews, also in

terviewed on NBCSN, it was "a dream come true" being drafted first overall and "espe-cially (by) a storied franchise like the Toronto Maple Leafs." Matthews, whose NTDP tenure (2013-15) was out of the

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Ann Arbor Ice Cube, can't wait to start his Toronto career. 'Just be myself every day, be a good teammate, work hard and use my skills to the best of my abilities.

The NTDP had other alums who had the chance to don NHL uniforms and caps dur ing the opening round (picks 1-30). Subsequent rounds were set for Saturday. Taken 14th overall by Bos-

ton was defenseman Charlie McAvoy (2013-15 in the NTDP) while high-scoring forward Kieffer Bellows — who was a

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HIGH-PERFORMANCE EXPORT

whose second season with the NTDP was out of USA Hockey

Arena in Plymouth. "We

Naubert proving he can play with Europe's finest Ed Wright

Staff Write

When opponents of the German professional basketball team based in Ibbenbueren learned that 5-foot, 10-inch point guard Bobby Naubert secured the Swap Ballers' only roster spot allotted for an



American, their reaction often bordered on disbelief. "They were usually surprised because hey, if you only

Naubert

get one Amer-ican on your team, it figures you'd sign some 6-foot-8 guy who can jump through the gym, not a 5-10 point guard," Naubert said during a recent phone interview. But the shock factor would

dissipate quickly with every three-point rainbow Naubert would deliver through the net, and every slick, pin-point as-sist he'd distribute to a teammate.

During the 2016 season for Ibbenbueren, a town of 51,000 people located in the district of Steinfurt, Naubert proved that average-sized Americans can ball, as he singed the nets to the tune of 18.5 points per game and a league-leading 5.5



Former Livonia Stevenson and Madonna University star guard Bobby Naubert is pictured driving to the basket during a German professional basketball game last season

assists

Those who knew Naubert during his highly-productive careers at Livonia Stevenson and Madonna University are anything but surprised by the success the smooth-as-silk

lefty is enjoying overseas. Among his collegiate acco-lades were a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference "Play. er of the Year" award while playing at Madonna, where he set a WHAC record for career assists. He is also the only player in the conference's distinguished history to score 1,800 points, dish out 700 dimes and grab His skills are translating

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

500 rebounds.

MAKING THEIR MOVE

well in German. "A lot of times, the defense would sag on me, at least early in games," he said. "After I hit a couple threes, they'd get up

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After successful

successful seasons in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, along Abe Mashhour said. "When we

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Schoolcraft guard Dre Black, a Westland John Glenn alum, slices through Delta College defenders during a 2015-16 game. Black will play at University of Detroit Mercy next season.

Schoolcraft careers, players getting chance to advance to the next level

> **Tim Smith** Staff Writer

Schoolcraft College is turning into a fruitful proving ground in basketball, with several Ocelots earning tickets to four-year colleges to continue their careers and work toward academic degree

Off the heels of two hugely

with long runs in the NJCAA tournament, a handful of play ers from Schoolcraft's men's basketball team are reaping

life-changing benefits. Guard Dre Black, who went to Westland John Glenn, received the green light to be come a Detroit Titan in 2016 17. Canton alum Davon Taylor, a hard-working power for-ward who turned double-doubles into nightly occurrences, is headed to Corcord Univer-sity in West Virginia. "For us it means every-

thing," Schoolcraft head coach

recruit kids, we talk to them about, our number one goal is to move them on to four year schools. Give them the option.

"The other part for them, Dre and Davon both have just matured so well on and off the court. Totally improved their basketball skill level, their overall game, and academi-cally as well. They both worked very hard in the class-room, they both represented the college and the program very, very well.'

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JUNIOR GOLF Piot treats Western Junior as a 'learning experience'

Marty Budner Staff Write

The Western Junior Championship did not exactly finish the way James Piot had envi sioned Thursday at Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak. The Canton resident

entered

the final 18 holes of play in a seven-way tie for



fifth, seven shots behind leader

Sean Maruyama. Piot's hopes of making up ground on the leader never materialized.

Maruyama, from Los Angeles, finished with 2-under 70 in his final round to win the tourna ment by two strokes over Texan Trevor Brown, 278-280. Ryggs Johnston from Libby, Mon., was third at 281 after finishing with 6-under 66 over his last 18 holes.

Piot, on the other hand, had a tough afternoon and carded a 4-over round of 76 and finished in a three-way tie for 26th

"This isn't what I was hoping for at all," Piot said. "At the beginning of the day, I had it going. I was 2-under through eight to start my day and I was hoping to keep it going

"But it started falling apart. It started going downhill and I was just grinding for pars near the end," he added. "I tried to keep it together the best I could.

A learning experience

Piot, a Michigan State commit, had dreams of a much higher finish this year after having done well in last year's West-ern Junior Championship at Chicago. Piot held a late lead in that tournament and ended up tied for seventh

NHL DRAFT

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linemate of Keller's was picked by the New York Islanders with the 19th pick.

"It's unbelievable," said McAvoy, who played 2015-16 at Boston Univer-sity. "I don't even have words right now. I don't have to go too far. It's just an honor.

Bellows 19th pick

Bellows reached the 50-goal plateau in 2015-16 with the NTDP U18s and also collected more than

MARTY BUDNER ames Piot, a Canton resident who will be a senior at Catholic Central, lines up a putt on the ninth hole during Thursday's final round.

This year, Piot put himself in a strong posi-tion through the first 54 holes of the three-day tournament, especially after carding 3-under 69 in the second round, which put him in a tie for fifth. The final 18 holes Thursday afternoon proved the difference, as he had just one birdie to offset three bogeys and one double-bogey

Piot finished his week of work with 46 pars, 12 birdies, 12 bogeys and a pair of double-bogeys. Both double-bogeys came Thursday on the same hole - the par-3,

100 minutes in penalties

offensive zone. "I'm a power forward,

I'm not afraid to throw around my body," said Bellows, on NBCSN. "I

always loved to shoot the

into the dirty areas and

drafted by the Islanders, Bellows likely will play

2016-17 at Boston Univer-sity along with NTDP linemate Keller.

Meanwhile, his dad,

Brian Bellows, was the

hit some guys."

"I'm not afraid to get

Although excited to be

love to score goals, I

puck

to illustrate his mix of power and skill in the

194-yard fourth hole. "I was thinking about winning this thing after the first two rounds and. through my first eight holes today, I was defi-nitely thinking I was in it, for sure," said Piot, who helped lead Catholic Control to its assessed Central to its second consecutive state championship earlier this month.

"Every tournament I play, I try to win," he added. "But it's always a learning experience whenever you don't play your best and you're hoping for better. Today, I definitely can take

second overall pick in the 1982 draft (taken by the Minnesota North Stars) and went on to score nearly 500 goals in

over 1,000 NHL games. The elder Bellows smiled when asked what NHL draft day was a bigger thrill, his own in 1982 or his son's.

"This one for sure, I'm just so excited." he said. 'He ended up going to one of the couple teams I really wanted him to go

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to.

some stuff out of there and use it to help me better myself in the fu ture.

Even with the disappointing outcome, Piot still entertains positive vibes about historic Red Run.

"I've played (Red Run) three or four times," said Piot, whose father Glenn served as his caddy. "I love this place. It's pretty straight-forward. You hit the fairway and keep it be low the hole. It's just that today I didn't do a good job of it. But it's a simple course.



Catholic Central's James Piot makes a putt during the Western Junior Championship held at Red Run

Missing the cut

Orchard Lake resident Devin Deogun and Bloomfield Hills native Imaad Qureshi also par-ticipated in the Western Junior, the country's oldest national junior golf championship. Neither were among the low 44 scorers after the first 36 holes and did not make the cut.

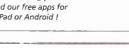
Deogun, who will be a senior at Cranbrook Kingswood, finished at 150 after rounds of 76 and 74. Deogun, the Divi-sion 2 individual state champion, highlighted his final round of play with an eagle on the par-5, 465-yard first hole

Qureshi finished his tournament at 151, rally-ing with 73 Wednesday after opening with 78. Qureshi, out of Detroit Country Day, posted five birdies and 19 pars in his

two days of work. The Western Junior is considered a proving ground for future pros. Rickie Fowler, Hunter Mahan and Jim Furyk have been past champi-ons, while Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and 2015 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year Daniel Berger have also competed.

The tourney was last played in Michigan in 2005, when Fowler won at Blythefield Country Club in Belmont.





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the programs. Adebiyi can be reached at 313-204-3106 or

Following are some other summer offerings: » Basehall 6-12 for the weeks of June 27 through Aug. 8. Players will learn the basics of baseball through practices and games All equipment is pro-vided by the YMCA. Practices start the week of July 11 and the first game is Saturday, July 23. Practices and games are held at Farrand Elementary. Ages divisions are 3-5 T-ball; 6-7 coach pitch; and 8-10 kid pitch. The league costs \$80 for YMCA members, \$105 for non-members and \$15 jersey for coach-pitch and kid-pitch league. » Flag football will be taught by YMCA staff during a three-week clinic Aug. 4-25 for ages 6-10. Participants will learn through drills, games and scrimmages. A jer-sey, football and medal are included. » A new, preschool cheer clinic is on tap for youngsters ages 3-5. The clinic starts Aug. 3 and continues until Aug. 24. Families can register by going to ymcadetroit.org/plymouth or calling 734-453-2904.

ments for applicants include the following: high school graduate

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The Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coach es Association announced its 2016 Super Team, and three area high school golfers were named to the prestigious group. Making the squad

Just 'Super'

were Novi Detroit Catho-lic Central's James Piot (of Canton), Ben Smith and Plymouth's Jack Boczar. All just completed their junior seasons.

Hole-in-one club

Richard Czopek, 71, of Woodhaven, recorded a hole-in-one June 20 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet

Center in Plymouth. Czopek aced the 156-yard No. 5 hole at the Lakes course, using a 7 Wood and Top Flite ball. He recorded a 43 for nine holes.

Coaching vacancies

» Salem High School is looking for a new varsity girls swimming coach to succeed the retired Chuck Olson

Interested applicants should email athletic director Brian Samulski at brian.samulski@pccsk12.com

Minimum require

equivalent; experience in high school level coaching or competing at the college/university level in swimming; have a time schedule compatible with that of high school; CPR and/or firstaid training preferred; demonstrated ability to work with parents and children.

» Livonia Clarence ville High School is searching for a boys basketball coach.

The the new coach's responsibilities will be providing leadership and direction for the program's players (both varsity, junior varsity, freshmen and middle school) and assistant coaches; establishing the cooperation and coor dination of all levels of the program; and estab lishing a high level of self discipline and self confidence in all the participants of the program.

To apply for the posi-tion, email a letter of interest, your coaching resume and references to kevin.murphy@clarencevilleschools.org.

Livonia is hosting its first Fast Break Basketball Camp, 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22. Boys and girls of all skill levels, who are en-tering grades 3-8, are welcome to sign up. Oce-lots head coach Abe Mashhour, along with other coaches and players, will run the camp. Fast Break is designed to teach basic fundamen-tals on shooting, passing, ball-handling, defense, rebounding, conditioning and agility training. En-hanced instruction will be available to those more advanced in their basketball skills.

Each camper will receive a customized Fast Break basketball and reversible jersey. Cost is \$85 if regis

tered by July 8 and \$95 for late registration. The camp will be held at the Schoolcraft gym, 18600 Haggerty Road.

or more information or details on how to register, contact Patrick Yelsik in the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at 734-462-7696 (office), 989-289-8933 (cell) or

tAthletics.

Voltage camps on tap

Voltage Elite football and basketball summer programs, being launched by 2015 Plymouth High School grads Deji Adebiyi, Harman Sidhu and Josh Gendron. The programs are open to anybody in metro Detroit.

There will be a six-week football training camp through July 28, with sessions Tuesdays. Wednesdays and Thurs-days (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at The PARC, 650 Church Street in Plymouth. The program is for athletes from elementary to high school age. Fee is \$20 per session or \$240 for flat rate. The program is described as "an up close and energetic opportuni-ty for young athletes to learn about the basics of football and life lessons off the field.

Voltage also is putting together a 14U AAU team to practice and play games from July 11 early August. Go to www.voltageeli-

te.com for more about

biy@owu.edu. Sidhu can be reached at 734-660-7583 or harmandeep.sidhu@gmail.com. Gendron can be reached at (734) 756-7590 or jgen-dron@collegeforcreativ-ostudios.edu estudies.edu.

Plymouth 'Y'

Stay active this summer with Plymouth YMCA sports, through various clinics, camps and leagues for ages 3-12. On tap are weeklong sport-specific camps, to help players develop skills using vari-ous drills, games and scrimmages while teach-ing YMCA core values in a fun, safe environment.

Every sports camp is from 9 a.m. to noon Mon-day through Friday. Cost for camp is \$75 for YMCA members and \$100 for non-members Cost includes facility usage, T-shirt, water bottle, experienced YMCA staff, player awards, player's raffle and equipment. Extend-ed after care for families for an additional \$75 YMCA members and \$100 for non-members is available.

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Snapshots of Little League joy

Tim Smith Staff Write

For many youngsters, there is nothing better than being part of a little league team

Whether the sport is baseball, soccer, football, basketball or hockey, rec leagues give them oppor-tunity to be with friends, have fun and learn and grow while playing their favorite game.

Recently, I asked Jeff Holt, president of Ply-mouth-Canton Little League, if he could sub-mit photos of baseball players from recent contests to show a glimpse of what the are experiencing and enjoying this

spring and summer. Some of those photos

accompany this story. I would be interested in receiving photos from other little league organi-

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Realizing a dream

Black was understandably ecstatic about the chance to play at Univer-sity of Detroit Mercy and attain his goal of joining a Division I program. "It's a dream come

true to be able to have this opportunity given to me," said Black, who was recruited by new Titans' coach Bacari Alexander. "It feels like all my hard work is paying off. It feels great knowing that the coaching staff at UDM have a lot of confi-dence in my ability to be a part of something special.'

According to Black, his two seasons playing for the Ocelots proved invaluable in his allaround development. "Schoolcraft helped

me become a better play er as well as give me experience in a collegiate setting both on and off the court," Black con-tinued. "Coach Abe and Corey (McKendry) and Mike (Allie) all helped put me in positions to be seen by multiple coaches. That helped out tremendously.

"Schoolcraft just gave me a second opportunity to get to where I wanted to be. Now I get to spend my next two years on the D-I level as a Titan playing for coach Alexander and I couldn't be happier.

Opportunities

Black and Taylor aren't the only School-craft products who are moving up in the col-legiate basketball world Center RJ Coil will

play the 2016-17 season at Florida Institute of Technology, a NCAA Division



Ready to rip a homer off the tee for the P-CLL Pirates is Grace Hyland

zations — and not just baseball — that could be published in the Observ-

er as space permits. I would need names of players and coaches (first and last names),

II school.

He had multiple Division I schools that were interested in him and a couple that even of-fered," noted Mashhour, about Coil. "But he want-ed to go to school on the beach, and he had that opportunity."

Howell native Tyler Johnson, a sharp-shooting guard for the Ocelots, also is primed for a chance to keep playing. Mashhour noted that Johnson was slated to visit the University of Minnesota-Moorhead and had several other options to consider.

Guard Ja'Christian Biles also is on the D-I radar after losing his spot with the Titans. Mashhour said Biles needs to complete his two-year degree at Schoolcraft before being eligible to advance.

"It's more because of academics, he's academi-cally behind right now," Mashhour stressed. "I know several universities are interested in him, but has to finish his two-year degree at Schoolcraft. He'll go Division I but not

this upcoming year." Biles had been recruited to go to Detroit by former Titans coach Ray McCallum, let go follow-ing the 2015-16 season.

Particularly proud of Taylor's growth as a play er and person during his Schoolcraft career was Canton Chiefs head coach Jimmy Reddy.

"When he came to us as a ninth grader he was not that polished as a player," Reddy said. "He's one of the kids we're most proud of in terms of growth from ninth grade to 12th grade, and then the two years he did at Schoolcraft, he got better from year one to year two, so much better from year one to year two

what league and division, and where the photo was taken

Until August, the Ob-server will publish a regional sports section including Canton, Ply-

"And now he's got an opportunity to play at a Division II. four-year school and get a college degree, which is most important. He's turned into just a really out-standing young man. I've told him how proud I am and I can't wait to see how it ends up down there in West Virginia."

Stepping stone

Meanwhile, Mashhour said the fact several of his players are getting the chance to join four year colleges is evidence to show incoming freshmen - that what Schoolcraft has to offer is as on

the morey as a Johnson trey from the corner. "Absolutely, and that's what these kids want," Mashbour addad Mashhour added. "They're coming to a junior college, and they're not looking at it as being the final destination, they're looking at it as being a stepping stone. "For us, we welcome

that opportunity for us to be a stepping stone.

Concurring was Pat-rick Yelsik of School-craft's athletic department

"It's a huge feather in our cap," Yelsik said. "We know that the majority of the kids we get are kids who out of high school would like to go to a four-year school. But for one reason or another, wheth-er its academic or they were under-recruited that was not an option for them

"Now we can show incoming recruits, hey we've got all these kids who were in the same position as you two years ago and look where they're going?

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RACHEL HYLAND Pumping her arms after hitting a home run is Grace Hyland, of the Plymouth-Canton Little League T-ball team

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on me a little closer.

There are a lot of very good players over there. I've gone up against guys who played Division 1 basketball one from Georgetown and another from South Florida. Not only are the players pretty athletic over there, they play smart. The guards can all dribble the ball really well and they have great vision."

Naubert's opportunity to play professionally overseas materialized when - to make a long story short — a friend of a friend informed him that the TuS Red Devils, who are based in Bramsche, Germany, were in the market for a point guard.

'I attended a tryout. "They liked how I attacked the basket and

could get to the freethrow line.

"My teammates included mostly Europeans. When everyone was talking German, I'd part, we all communicated really well."

get a little lost and con-

but

Naubert said the games are well-attended and the fans are spirited.

"They really get into it," he said. "There are usually chants going on in the stands. They love basketball. They like talking to us after games or if they recognize me around town, they'll stop me and talk to me. It's a cool area to live in. They really embrace the for-eign players."

Naubert gave the team's supporters an abundance of thrills, including a three-point bomb that he swished as the buzzer sounded to give his team a one-point victory.

Videos posted on You-Tube of Naubert's highlights show that he was a fearlessly drove the basket, could score in traffic, around the rim and from well beyond

the three-point arc. Ibberbueren provided Naubert with an apart-ment and a car this past season - a reflection of the respect the American has garnered in Europe.

go and check out the sights over there," he said. "People are a little more laid back over there than in the United States. Everybody is pretty relaxed and not in a big rush to get somewhere.

"It's nice to be able to

ve some

With an eye on eventually becoming a teach-er and coach — he ma-jored in education at Madonna — Naubert has arrived at a crossroads, of sorts, as far as his basketball career is concerned. "I've already received

an offer to play for a team at the same level I played at last year, which I appreciate, but I'd like to try to move up a division," he said. "I'm still debating about whether to go back next season: there's a lot involved in it, and I have some time to think things over. "If I don't go back,

and my professional basketball career as a player is over, it's been a great two-year experience.'

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Looking to make his move toward the basket during a 2015-16 Schoolcraft game is Davon Taylor (No. 21). The Canton alum will play next season at Concord University.

Pro Secrets Baseball Academy

Noah Zakarias, 16U Red Sox, continues to shine in his baseball performances.

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chool/adult Bible study; 10 a.m.

Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShep-

» Grace Lutheran Church » Grace Luttleran Charter Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m. contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m.

Location: 46001 Warren Road,

Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna Univer-

Location: Trinity Church, 34500

Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Contact: www.HisChurchAngli-can.org; 248-442-0HCA

» Holy Cross Evangelical

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sunday; 9 a.m. Faith Forum; 10

a.m. Sunday school; 7:30 p.m

Location: 30650 Six Mile, Livo-

» Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11

Beech Daly, north off West Chicago Road, Redford

» In His Presence Ministries

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Location: 26500 Grand River Ave., Redford

Contact: 313-533-1956; detroi-tinhispresence.org

» Nativity United Church of

Time/Date: 11 a.m. service with

Plumb Line Church with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Praise Group, Sunday school and child care.

Coffee at 10:45 a.m. Traditional Sunday worship service at 2 p.m with Bastien. No Sunday school

Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road

at West Chicago Road, Livonia

New Beginnings United

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford

Contact: 313-255-6330

Church

» New Life Community

Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday

Contact: 734-846-4615 or www.newlifec

ommunitychurch4u.com

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville

» Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Church

Time/Date: 6:30 a.m. and 8 a.m.

urday Mass; 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass; 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. Sunday Masses; Exposition

a.m. Monday-Friday; Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m. Monday through 3 p.m. Friday in the Day

Chapel; Sacrament of Reconcilia

tion, starting at noon Thursday and 2-3:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

Location: 47650 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth Township

» Plymouth Baptist Church

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45

Location: 42021 Ann Arbor Trail,

west of Haggerty Details: Both services feature

Contact: 734-453-0326

a.m. Sunday

of the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8

weekday Masses; 8 a.m. Sat-

Contact: 734-421-5406

Methodist Church

or child care. Coffee after the

service at 3 p.m.

Contact: 313-937-2424

Location: 9600 Leverne, west of

Wednesday worship in the

Contact: 734-427-1414

Lutheran Church

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a.m. Sunday

nia

between Canton Center and

Beck, Canton Township

Contact: 734-637-8160

» His Church Anglican

Email event information for this calendar to Sharon Dargay, sdargay@hometownlife.com

JUNE

FILM Time/Date: 7:30-9:02 p.m. Tuesday, June 28 Location: AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty, Livonia

Details: One-night screening of "Alison's Choice," a story about a young pregnant woman who meets Jesus Christ in the guise of meets Jesus Christ in the guise o a friendly janitor while waiting for her name to be called at an abortion clinic. She must decide if she will go through with the abortion. Tickets are \$13 and must be reserved by June 21. Order tickets at https:// www.tugg.com/events/106414 Contact: Donna Gonzalez at 313-247-3108

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church & School Wayne, located two miles east of I-275 and one mile north of Michigan Avenue, at Hannan and Glenwood

Details: "Cave Quest Following Jesus The Light of the World" will include Bible adventures, songs, snacks and hands-on explorations for children, 3 through those entering sixth grade. Pre-register by calling the church at 734-728-1950 or email r.barta@att.net.

Contact: 734-728-1950; stmichaellutheran.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, June 27-July 1

Location: Berean Baptist Church, 38303 Eight Mile, Livo

nia Details: "Submerged" is the

theme Contact: 248-477-6365

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8:30 p.m. June 27-July 1

Location: Bethel Baptist Tem-ple, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia Details: Bible adventures, singing, snack, craft. Family Fun Night is 6 p.m. July 1 with food, games and inflatables Contact: 734-525-3664; bbt livonia.com

JULY COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, July

Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton Details: Women and girls, 12 and over, from more than 30 churches will gather for worship to live music and an after party with appetizers, a coffee and cocoa bar and giveaways. The outreach focus for the event is Grace's Table, an organization that works with teen mothers and their children. Lisa An-derson, founder, will be the guest speaker. CommonGround will collect diapers, sizes 2-6, refill packages of moist wipes \$10 Meijer gas cards and \$10 Starbucks gift cards, for dona tion to Grace's Table Contact: 734-397-1777

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 30

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road, Highland

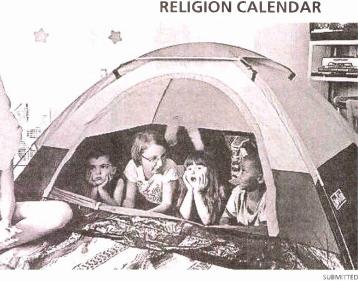
Details: The Paradise Band, Elvis Lives and The Soulmen perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door

Contact: 248-887-5364; holyspi ritconcert.ezevent.c **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m Saturday, July 23

Location: Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Free Christian music



Youngsters play in a tent at Celebration Lutheran Church in Livonia last year. The program runs July 13-14.

festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.; The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket Contact: 313-937-2424; hosannatabor.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, July 13-14 Location: Celebration Lutheran

Church, 9300 Farmington Road, between Joy and W. Chicago Road, Livonia Details: For children, 4 through starting fifth grade. The theme is Deep Sea Discovery. Activities

include Bible stories, music, art, science and games. A family meal is available 5:30-6 p.m. No fee, but registration is required Contact: 734-421-0749 Monday Thursday mornings, or online at www.celebrationlc.com.

ONGOING **CLASSES/STUDY**

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, through May

Location: 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Gary Michuta, author and Catholic apologist, leads a study of Isaiah. Bring your own Bible

Contact: 734-261-1455, ext 200 or on line at www.livoniast-michael.org.

Faith Community Wesleyan

Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday Location: 14560 Merriman,

Details: This informal class

includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m Tuesday and Thursday Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Mid-dlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba

practitioner, teaches Zumba through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more in-formation, email Motta through

zumba.com Contact: 313-408-3364 FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 **HEALING SERVICE**

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia Details: The service includes prayers of petition and in-

readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church. Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS **Christ Our Savior Lutheran**

Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m

second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOP5 is a place where more can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.

Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767 PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia **Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal set ting. Pet blessings are available

after the service Contact: 313-563-0162 PRAYER

St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs day Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Group meets for sing-ing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others. Contact: 313-534-0399

SONG CIRCLE **Congregation Beth Ahm**

Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in trans-literation as well as the original

Hebrew. Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

SUPPORT Apostolic Christian Church

Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m daily Location: 29667 Wentworth

Livonia Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retire ment.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for all hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free Contact: Jonathan@Connec tionchurch.info or 248-787-5009 Detroit World Outreach Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 202 Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244 » Farmington Hills Baptist Church

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011 Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibro-group.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

www.oa.org for additional information

Ward Evangelical Presby terian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (op tional); 7 p.m. worship; 8 p.m. small group discussion; 9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursday Location: 40000 Six Mile, North ville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and

hangups (addictive and com pulsive behaviors); child care is free.

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery com and www.wardchurch.org celebrate

THRIFT STORE

St. James Presbyterian Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information Way of Life Christian Church Time/Date: 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through May

Location: 9401 General Drive, Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100, Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives. Contact: 734-637-7618

TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit Details: Led by Capuchin frian Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compas-sionate coursel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted. Contact: 313-579-2100, Ext. 149;

www.solanuscenter.org WORSHIP » Adat Shalom Synagogue

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebeit.

» Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11

a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia

» Congregation Bet Chave

p.m. the third Friday of the month Time/Date: Services are held 7

Location: At the shared facilities

of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton

Details: Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Pete

Contact: www.Facebook.com/

betchaverim or email to be

» Due Season Christian

tchaverim@yahoo.com

Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with

7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study

Location: Stevenson High

School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org

» Faith Community Presby

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday

Contact: 734-522-6830

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Contact: 248-851-5100

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ELIZABETH MARY OF

ELIZABETH MARY Of Plymouth, passed away June 21, at the age of 97. She was born in Fall River. Massachusetts to John and Johanna Hickey. Elizabeth is survived by her three beloved daughters, Jane (Robert) Paulger. Susan MacDonald (George), and Kathleen (Gerence) Long, as well as her 11 grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren, and her dear brother, Walter Hickey. Elizabeth was Hickey. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her beloved husband Neil Pierce; both of her parents, John and Johanna; her daughter, Donna MacDonald; and seven of her siblings. Visitation wi be Sunday, June 26, from 2-8 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St. Plymouth, 48170. Her Funeral Service will be Monday, June 27, at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Family and friends may begin visiting at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The American Cancer Society.

May the memory of your loved one ...

...bring you peace.



Contact: 734-464-1223

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday Friday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon Canton

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests wel-comed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

Recycling **RISEN CHRIST** LUTHERAN CHURCH

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Sat-urday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbor Road, between Sheldon and Beck roads, Plymouth

Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church.

Contact: Lynn Hapman at 734-466-9023

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org **Steve's Family Restaurant**

» Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Location: 11771 Newburgh

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho-g.org; or email to adm@fire-sidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard

Details: A twice-monthly drop in Food Cupboard (nonperish able items) is available Contact: 734-421-8451

St. Thomas a' Becket Church

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

» Unity of Livonia

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

Details: Overeaters Anonymous Contact: 248-559-7722;

worship; 9 a.m. Bible study Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile,

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 8-12

Contact: 248-349-2345; faithcommunity-novi.org

» Faith Community Wesleyan Church

Time/Date: Prayer service, 9 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4 p.m. Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking

Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

Contact: 734-421-7620

» Good Hope Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Commu-nion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery an preschool programs available at both services.

Contact: 734-453-5534

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. Social hour follows each service.

Location: 37775 Palmer, Westland

Contact: 734-722-1735

Riverside Park Church of God

Time/Date: 5 p.m. every second and fourth Sunday

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: "Sunday Night Lights" service designed for younger families: other services are 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Wednes day

Contact: 734-464-0990

» Salem Bible Church

Time/Date: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 9481 W. Six Mile, Salem

Contact: 248-349-0674; sbc4christ.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday Location: 16360 Hubbard.

Contact: 734-421-8451 or standrewslivonia@mi.rr.com



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or many people, quitting a job can be a liberating experience, particularly when it's a position that's making you miserable. But while you may fantasize about leaving in a blaze of glory, telling your colleagues what you really think of them and where they can shove next month's financial reports, such rash behavior could come back to haunt you, career experts say.

"In many fields, people are very interconnected, so if you leave a position on bad terms, people in other organizations in your same field may hear about it," says Cheryl Palmer, a certified career coach and owner of the coaching firm Call to Career.

Even if you do not hold any ill will toward your employer and are simply leaving for a better opportunity, it's worth your while to keep in touch with former co-workers.

"You never know where your career path might lead you," says Samantha Lambert, director of human resources for Blue Fountain Media. "It doesn't make any sense to burn a bridge you (might) need to cross one day."

For example, Lambert says, you may find yourself interviewing elsewhere with a former boss or colleague, or

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you may need a recommendation or referral from them down the line.

When it comes to leaving your job, take the high road to maintain both good professional relationships and your reputation. Use these expert tips to quit your job gracefully.

Give adequate notice. Two weeks is the standard amount of time to give your boss notice, but some companies have different policies, and certain roles may need more lead time to find a replacement. Find out your company's policy on giving notice, Lambert says, and offer

to extend it if necessary. She also suggests volunteering to be available once you leave to help out with any questions. Should you need a referral from your former boss in the future, he or she will remember your thoughtfulness.

Resign with respect.

Be mindful when writing your resignation letter. "Your resignation letter lives in your file forever. It is not a place to air grievances, list everything you think is wrong with the company or place blame," says Michele Mavi, a career expert with Atrium Staffing. You won't gain anything by criticizing

the organization at this point, and you also might regret your behavior later, should you ever run into a former colleague or decide you want to come back.

Don't be a lame duck. Resist the urge to slack off in

your last days on the job. "How you work during those last two weeks is essential to maintaining and growing your credibility," says Mindy Mackenzie, author of "The Courage Solution: The Power of Truth Telling With Your Boss, Peers, and Team." If you slack off, your colleagues will grow to resent you, and you never know when you might need a

favor from one of them in the future.

Set your colleagues up

for success. "Be proactive about setting up your boss and colleagues for success (after) your departure," Mackenzie says. During your last few weeks, wrap up as many projects as possible. and delegate any unfinished or time-sensitive tasks to the appropriate people. Leave account login and password information in a central folder. Volunteer to help the company find and train a replacement, if possible.

Leave on a high note. No matter how you feel about the company you are leaving, try to leave on a good note.

"Keep it professional, positive and express gratitude for all you've learned," Mackenzie says. Even if the company treated you poorly, it is important to take the high road. "How you behave and how diligently you work will be long remembered. This is all about your name and your reputation."

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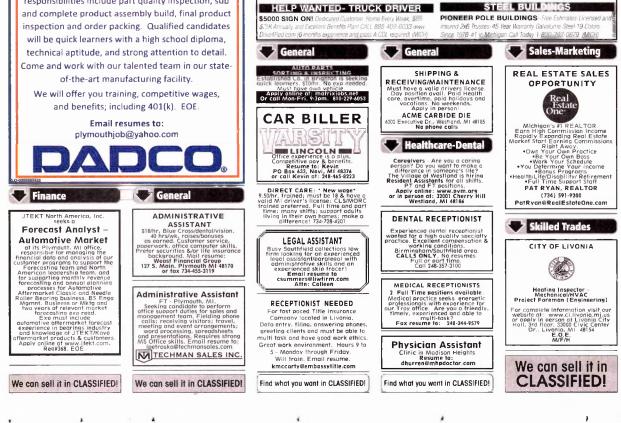
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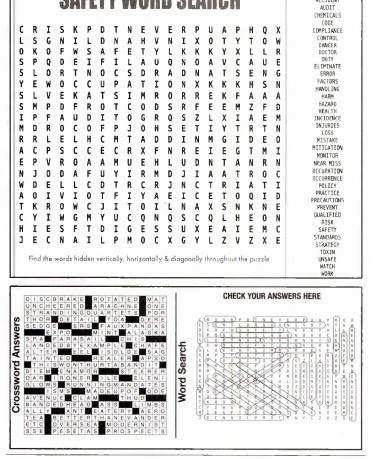
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