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Getting through traffic in metro Detroit can be horrendous at times. Those who weekend up north hope they won't experience similar traffic once they're past the suburbs. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Traffic hassles worth every chance to get up north, drivers say

Philip Allmen
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Maybe it's the turquoise water of Torch Lake or heavy forests surrounding Grayling that draws them in. Or perhaps the cute boutiques that bustle in the waterfront downtowns like Traverse City, Alpena and Petoskey in northern Michigan.

For tens of thousands of people, heading up north is a summer ritual. Load up everything in the car after work Friday, drive four or five hours until you get up north. Then Sunday afternoon, you get things packed up in the car for the adventure back home to reality.

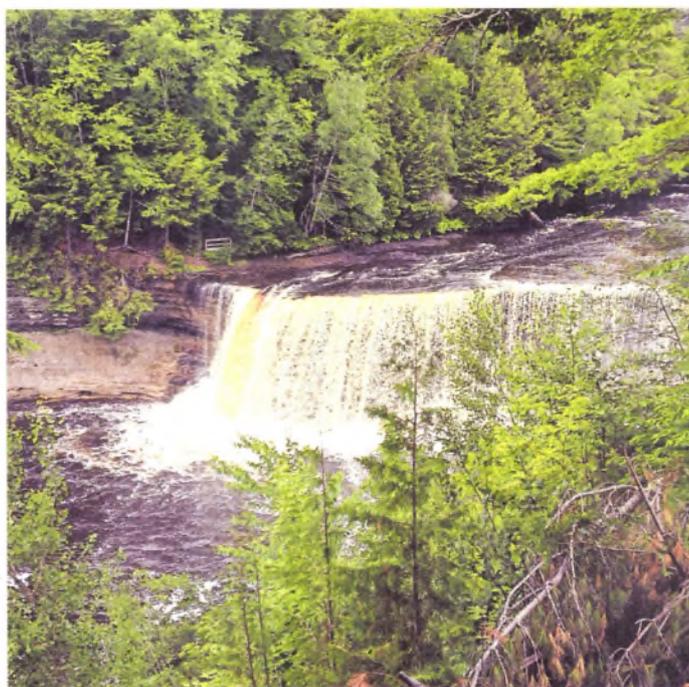
Michigan is a state where distance is usually measured with time, but "up north" has a flexible definition.

Just where is "up north"? Depends on who you ask. Steve Wisinski, a Hartland dad, thinks that moniker best applies to areas north of the Mackinac Bridge. He and his wife Karen bought a cottage on Drummond Island in Lake Huron about five years ago. If they time it just right, it's a 5½-hour drive and ferry ride.

But for Adam Daniels, a day trip to Kensington Metropark will suffice for his up north experience. Daniels, of Romulus, said he'd rather go to Kensington, Hines Park or Belle Isle for an afternoon, then go back to the comforts of home and suburban life.

"Why would I take all that time (to visit

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Tahquamenon Falls is found near Newberry in the eastern Upper Peninsula, as shown from this 2015 Pure Michigan Moments photo contest entry. ALLISON STOCK | PURE MICHIGAN

Property to be put up for sale

Former Hawthorne Valley site already has suitors

LeAnne Rogers
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There have been several proposals to purchase and develop the former Hawthorne Valley site over the years, but now the property will be officially getting a "for-sale" sign.

"Basically, the property disposition committee asked for the ability to put out a for-sale sign," Westland Mayor William Wild said. The city council approved a motion to have the for-sale sign put up.

A former golf course, restaurant and banquet center on Merriman north of Warren Road, Hawthorne Valley closed in 2011.

When the property went to tax foreclosure, the city ended up owning 14.75 acres of the 57-acre property, including frontage along Merriman. The city-owned part of the property includes five acres zoned commercial that contain the restaurant and parking lot with the balance zoned single-family residential.

Even without a for-sale sign on the property, the city has received proposals for redeveloping the property.

"We received interest for an indoor storage facility, a small residential development and the most recent, a skilled nursing facility — but nothing is pending," Wild said. "We have no offer for skilled nursing at

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Yearly picnic, parade salute summer

Matt Jachman
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The fireworks are gone, the grills are fueled by propane now, not charcoal, and the parade is led by polished marchers and musicians in colorful uniforms instead of neighborhood children playing assorted instruments.

But the parade and picnic in Rosedale Gardens, held yearly as the Fourth of July approaches, remain fixtures in the historic Livonia neighborhood and unofficial heralds of summer's arrival.

This year's events — a parade featuring the Plymouth Five and Drum Corps and a couple dozen kids on decorated bikes, trikes and strollers, then a picnic at Mies Park — was June 22, and brought longtime Rosedale residents together with relative newcomers. Hot dogs, sausages, pop and other picnic foods and games like

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cornhole awaited the marchers and riders, who processed south on Hubbard from St. Michael Catholic School about a half-mile to the park.

Erin Curd, who has lived in the area for six years, said the parade and picnic illustrate the sociability of the tight-knit neighborhood, something Curd says she hasn't seen elsewhere.

"You don't find that in neighborhoods any more, where people actually know their neighbors," said Curd, who helped with the judging of the bike-decorating contest and who chaired Rosedale's spring Easter egg hunt this year.

Curd said she and her husband have friends in



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The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps leads the parade.

a number of area communities who report that "they don't have anything even remotely close" to the kinds of social activities found in Rosedale Gardens.

"I don't remember there being big block parties" while growing

up in Sterling Heights, she said.

Curd was at Mies with son Everett, 3, who rode his tricycle in the parade. He was taken with the Fife and Drum Corps, whose members wear authentic replicas of U.S. military uniforms of 200 years ago and play the martial music of that time.

"He jumped off his



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Jeff Noble and grandson Hunter Noble play cornhole.

trike when he heard them playing, because he wanted to march with them," Curd said.

Tom Wozniak, a 37-year Rosedale resident, remembered when his sons, Dan and Mike, now in their 30s, were parade regulars in the early 1990s.

"They loved it," Wozniak said. "They played instruments and they

would actually lead the parade back then," joined by musical friends.

Now, Wozniak has a granddaughter, 13-month-old Reagan. "I would suspect that she'll be in these parades," he said.

The parade, Wozniak said, used to include elaborate floats, and there were fireworks and a bigger crowd at the picnic.

"This is an OK crowd, but we've got plenty of food left over," he said.

The chefs, he said, used to bring charcoal for the grills before gas-fired grills were used. "They were always biting their nails that the parade was going to get here and the charcoal wasn't going to be ready," Wozniak said.

Wozniak served as the president of the Old Rosedale Gardens Homeowners Association for about 15 years and is still active in the neighborhood. ORGHA, which organizes the parade and

picnic, marks its 85th anniversary this year. Much of the picnic food was donated by the nearby Larry's Foodland; some was purchased with ORGHA funds.

The parade has been around since the early 1940s, a newspaper article from 1958, displayed at the park, indicated. Also displayed were photographs from past parades and picnics.

George DuPuis, a 38-year resident, was doing some of the cooking for the picnic. A former ORGHA vice president and secretary, DuPuis said he's long been involved, including grilling for the picnic for about 10 years.

"We all owe it to our community to do these things," DuPuis said. "I don't think we have enough of that today."

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this point. We're trying to bring a viable option to the site."

The has received an appraisal of the property, which set the value at \$500,000. The last offer from a residential developer offered \$100,000 for the property.

"Getting the right project is most important. There will need to be demolition on the site," Wild said. "The flood plain will play into it from a development standpoint. We need something that would be compatible for other development in that area."

With the nature elements on the site, Wild said a small residential



FILE PHOTO
A for-sale sign is going up at the former Hawthorne Valley Golf Course and Restaurant on Merriman in Westland.

development might fit the site — likely through the use of a Planned Unit Development to get the needed density.

In addition to the restaurant, the city owns one of the two houses at Hawthorne Valley; the second house is privately owned.

"We're looking to see if the Department of

Public Services can demolish the city-owned house," said Wild, referring to a home that was damaged in a fire.

With the for-sale sign going up, Wild said the city will be cleaning up the overgrown plantings along Merriman. The city has also been mowing part of the former golf course — the area adjoining residential prop-

erty along the north side.

"The rest of the golf course has gone back to nature," Wild said.

Unless someone was already familiar with the Hawthorne Valley property, Wild said, they wouldn't know who owned the property and that it was available for development. All of the interest in the property so far has been through word of mouth, he said.

"The City of Westland is interested in marketing the property to facilitate a long-term sustainable development that would be compatible with the surrounding area and that would act as a catalyst for future development," Wild said.

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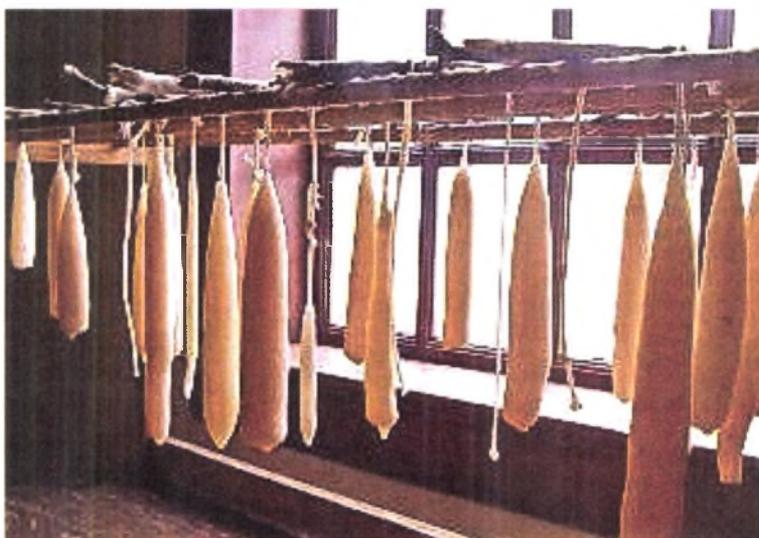
Local history is the focus for interpretive programs at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in July. Join us to try hands-on pioneer activities or discover the fascinating history of Belle Isle and Henry Ford's Village industry project in southeast Michigan. There is so much history to explore in our region.

All programs are held at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center and require pre-registration by calling the Parks Division at 734-261-1990. Please note program fees listed, payable by cash, charge or check made payable to Wayne County Parks. Payment can be made in advance or at the door. The center is at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For more program information, contact Carol Clements at 734-261-1850.

Our Island Jewel – Detroit's Belle Isle Park

When: 7-8 p.m. Thursday, July 13

Details: A presenter from the Detroit Historical Society Speaker's Bureau will join us at Nankin Mills to discuss the history of Belle Isle, the crown jewel of Detroit's riverfront. Learn about world-class sporting events, military in-



Learn the old-fashioned art of candle making Saturday, July 15, at Nankin Mills.

ursions and much more of the rich history associated with this island. Recommended for ages 12 and older, \$3 per person; add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents.

Make it at the Mill – Butter and Candles

When: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 15

Details: Join us for a hands-on opportunity to learn how pioneers churned their own butter and made hand-dipped candles. All supplies will

be provided for you to try making your own the old-fashioned way. Fun for the whole family! Recommended for ages 7 and older, \$6 per child, \$2 per adult; add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents.

Henry Ford's Village Industries in southeast Michigan

When: 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22

Details: Henry Ford is famous for many accomplishments in our

state, but do you know about his Village Industry project? Ford developed 20 sites in southeast Michigan to decentralize industry and utilize water power. Join us to learn more about this fascinating piece of Ford history that included Nankin Mills and several other sites in Hines Park during the 1920s through '40s. Recommended for ages 12 and older, \$3 per person; add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents.

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Tools taken

A man who left his work truck parked at the Hyatt, 19300 Haggerty, came to the Livonia police station June 21 to report the theft of tools.

He said he left his truck parked in the lot overnight. When he came out that morning, he noticed the tool box in the truck was unlocked. He said several tools were missing. No damage was done to the vehicle, and no damage was done to access the tool box. Tools taken included a circular saw and a hammer drill.

Shoplifting suspect drops purse

An employee at Kohl's, 29580 Seven Mile, came to the police station June 20 to report a retail fraud.

The employee said the suspect came to the store with someone else and began selecting several items, including shorts, sports bras and

capris. She went to a fitting room. The employee followed her into the area and reportedly noticed she did not have all the items when she left. They were not left in the fitting room. As she walked through the stores, the suspect's purse appeared to have a bulge in it. She allegedly went through and did not pay for any concealed item.

The employee approached her to try and stop her, but she ran from the store, the report said. The suspect dropped the purse as she ran. The employee picked it up and brought it inside, reportedly recovering clothing items in the process. Later, the suspect called to ask if she could pick up her purse, though the employee said she could pick it up at the police station after a retail fraud report was filed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter was divisive

The Beloved Community and the Plymouth Canton Interfaith Community Outreach are compelled to respond to Leo Weber's recent letter published by the Observer. As our communities and our country continue to grow more diverse, the hatred expressed in Mr. Weber's letter attempts to push people toward divisiveness rather than the inclusiveness and respect we each deserve as individuals and community members.

Mr. Weber's letter reveals a deep lack of understanding regarding Islam and the many Muslim members of our collective communities. In fact, we both were formed out of a commitment by community members to challenge assumptions and fear that arise when we are exposed to people we perceive as different from us.

As community organizations committed to educating and organizing against hate and oppression based on race, gender, ethnicity, religion or culture, we recognize that our communities benefit from our rich diversity. Statements attributing violence and hatred to Muslim people cannot go unanswered. Hatred and ignorance weaken our whole community. To leave such statements unchallenged would be to fail to stand with our fellow community members in solidarity and as allies.

"When you really know somebody you can't hate them. Or maybe it's just that you can't really know them until you stop hating them." - Orson Scott Card

To that end, we invite him to become more familiar with the richly diverse members of our communities by attending a community coffee hour Thursday, June 29, 6 p.m. at Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea. We welcome engagement and questions. Please come

and get to know us as individuals and community members before writing another letter.

Regarding the publishing of the letter, we are concerned the Observer would choose to print a letter which has seemingly no purpose other than to spew hate and division among our communities. While we are sensitive to the Observer's commitment to free speech, this was a letter to the editor. Certainly, news media receive many letters and select from among those letters which to publish. Here, the letter selected added no value to community dialogue and lacked a perspective beyond demeaning and vilifying a specific part of our community based solely on a twisted and uninformed understanding of their religion. The choice to publish a letter so lacking in substance and full of misinformation, does not encourage those of us who look to the Observer to provide important, substantive and unbiased information about our communities, to continue to support the Observer through our individual subscriptions.

The Beloved Community and
The Plymouth Canton
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Keep vigilant

Wake up, citizens and media personnel. Trump with his Trumpsters are still involved with reality TV. They are masters of manipulating and managing the news, driving the process and narrative with lies. Trump, especially, thrives on chaos as well as disorder. He and his cohorts divert our attention from Russian involvement in the November 2016 election, the Republican health care bill, and more.

Our senators and representatives want to be yes persons to save their own jobs. They neglect to address the serious problems in the U.S. Nothing constructive is being done to improve infra-

structures, the environment plus the primary concern, economic problems. Many Republicans still believe in the trickle down theory to address job and wage growth. Democrats believe in the bottom up approach.

As citizens, we must be aware of biases in all forms of media concerning the serious issues in our democracy. We should be active participants in choosing who represents us on all levels of government. Onward to 2018.

Hannah Provence
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On immigration

It's bad out there right now.

There are calls for closing the border and refusing all immigrants.

It is true that many have taken advantage with the H1-B Visa system which was intended, for what, I do not know. We have the finest universities in the world so I am at a loss to understand the imminent threat of 'brain-drain' on our nation.

Some folks took advantage of our porous borders with Mexico and Canada to just walk right in and get to work. This is understandable in many ways. It hasn't been made clear for more than 50 years as to what someone is supposed to do when they get here.

In the past they arrived, paid fees, got checked up, had to register for work.

Kindness pays dividends that war does not.

The strong man is not an aggressor but a protector.

The sound of freedom is the sound of a coffee cup placed gently on the kitchen table.

It is the sound of a page turning in a book.

It is the sound of children playing together.

The sound of people working together.

Many immigrants are doing all the right things. They have also decided to leave their home country behind because of horrendous things that happened to them and they earnestly wish to spare their families from. They do this because they know those horrible things don't happen here.

So, are the people that come here and work and learn English and become American my enemies?

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Thank you

Friends of the Lyon Township Public Library and LTPL would like to thank all those who helped make Family Fun Day such a tremendous success. A special thank you goes out to Oakland County Parks and Recreation, Troy Powe from Wonder Jump, McDonald's (New Hudson), the Lyon Township Fire Department, Mike's Garden and all the volunteers who donated their time.

A good time was had by all! Families enjoyed inflatables, planting flowers, bubbles, face painting, refreshments, crafts and so much more. We so appreciate the support we get from our patrons and community!

Friends of the Lyon
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ABHISHEK BAFNA | PURE MICHIGAN

This 2015 Pure Michigan Moments photo contest entry of Lake Superior is one example of the scenic beauty found up north.

UP NORTH

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northern Michigan for the weekend) when we have everything we need close by?" he said.

No easy way

The draw to northern Michigan can be hard to fight. The only problem sometimes? Getting there.

Matt Blase was heading north the afternoon of June 22 with plans for a long weekend to some family property near Rogers City at the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula. The Westland man and his wife stopped at a rest area on U.S. 23, near Grand Blanc, for a quick break.

"We really prefer coming up Thursday or staying until Monday, if we can," Blase said. "You never know how easy the drive's going to be. I'd rather just avoid it."

And when all you want to do is get to your destination — or get home — any hiccups can get frustrating.

For the amount of traffic Interstate 75 sees any given weekend, life isn't too bad for these weekend vacationers, said First Lt. Michael Shaw with the Michigan State Police. But for summer holiday weekends like Fourth of July, problems can be compounded.

"Naturally for us, the holiday weekends is when we see our heavier traffic, Shaw said. "If there is a bad crash, that throws everything for a loop. And construction is always another issue."

If you're lucky, those orange barrels have been pulled off to the side of the expressway for the weekend.

It's worth it

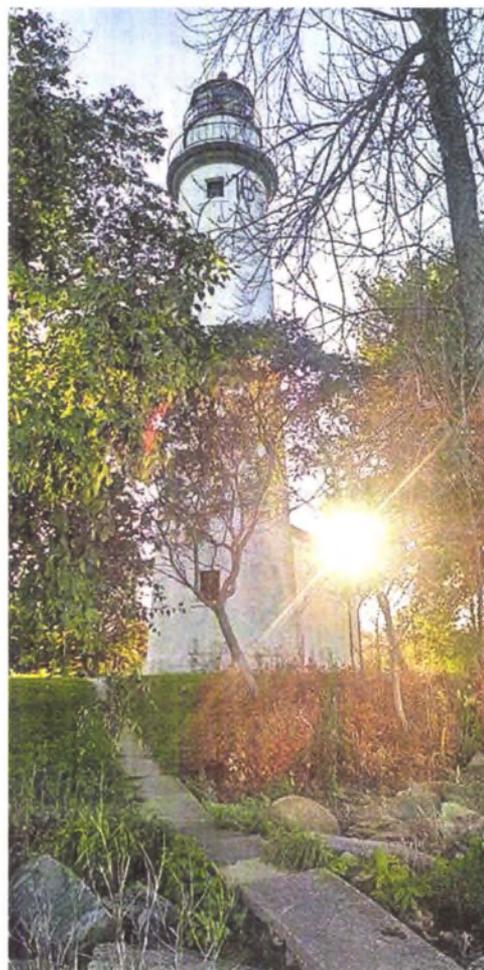
Matt Eggleston, a Milford High School teacher, said those first 60 miles or so — to about Bay City — are the worst, traffic-wise, but any headaches in the journey are worth reaching your destination.

"The journey up — packing and unpacking, making the trip — definitely the time is the worst part," he said.

Whether it's going to a family-owned cottage on the lake or rustic campground in the middle of nowhere, families like the Egglestons try not to limit their options. "I enjoy being outdoors," he said. "Northern Michigan is beautiful for that. I like to spend time in the woods, on the lakes."

Same goes for Jeff Wirth, who June 22 was on his way to the Alpena area for some fishing.

"Sure, I could fish near home, but it's so much nicer up here," Wirth said. "It's not so busy and you can just, I



AMBER CLARK | PURE MICHIGAN

Visiting lighthouses is a popular pastime with some Michigan travelers, like this one in Michigan's Thumb, one of the 2015 Pure Michigan Moments photo contest entries.

don't know, relax."

Wirth left from Farmington Hills early in the afternoon to beat the usual evening rush hour traffic on I-96 in Novi. Leaving Friday, he said, would just extend the heavy traffic through half his drive. More important to him, he said, was to maximize his time up north, since he can't get up there too often.

Same goes for the Wisinski family.

"It's not something we can pop up Friday after work for the weekend," Wisinski said. "We've got to have a day or two extra just to make it worth it."

But ask any regular weekend traveler why and they'll agree that any hassles along the way are worth it. Some seek the forest to connect with nature. Others meet up again with old friends who have grown up together along a line of cottages. Others prefer the resort towns, where they can discover local artists, craft brews and a slightly slower pace to life, a welcome respite at times from the daily grind.

It's tradition

Another common thread among these frequent northern travelers is that it's a tradition, something they've done all their lives.

"I grew up doing a lot of northern Michigan things. Lots of camping, canoeing and fishing," said Eggleston, who

grew up near Lansing.

Wisinski, a Bay City native, has fond memories of spending time with friends in places like Au Gres and Alpena.

Wirth went fishing and camping with his dad, grandfather and brothers for as long as he can remember.

"It's these Michigan getaways that I think of when I think of my dad. They were always so much fun," he said. "I hope my kids feel the same way then they get to be my age."

Busy holiday

According to AAA Michigan, it's going to be extra busy for people traveling during the Fourth of July holidays. The company said it expects more than 1.48 million people to travel 50 miles or more from home.

The number of Michigan travelers, AAA said, is on the rise compared to last year with a 3.3-percent increase. And the projected number of travelers during the holiday weekend is the largest it expects in Michigan in the past 15 years.

And the vast majority of those people will be traveling by car.

The July 4 holiday weekend is considered June 30 to July 4. Because the holiday falls on a Tuesday, AAA is considering it a four-day weekend.

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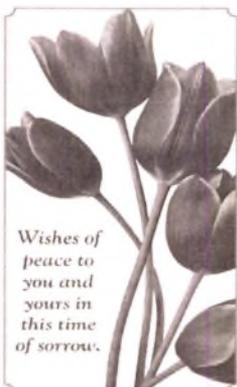


Barbara Lee (nee Brummel)
age 89 June 22, 2017
Beloved wife of Paul William Czamanske. Loving mother of Paul William Czamanske III, Elizabeth "Lisa" (Ted) Stoik, Peter (Meghan) Czamanske, and Maria (Robert) Stuart. Cherished grandmother of ten. Great grandmother of one. Dear daughter of the late Ivan and Marcella Brummel. Sister of the late Patricia (Bill) Tomlinson and the late Gail Fear. Funeral Services have been held. Memorials appreciated to the College for Creative Studies, 201 E. Kirby St., Detroit, MI 48202. Obituary and condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

Wattenbarger



Agnes Monteith age 89,
of Cohasset, MN, died on Friday, June 9th, 2017. Agnes was born March 31st, 1928 and became an actress early in life. She hosted her own radio show in college and spent a summer acting at Barter Theater after she graduated from the University of Tennessee. Agnes married Jacob Frazier Wattenbarger and devoted herself to raising her four girls. When her husband died, she went to work and finished up the job by herself. She was a dedicated volunteer, giving her time to various causes including Girl Scouts and church. She was an optimist who found the joy in everyday activity and was happiest swimming, or walking and talking with friends and family. Agnes was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her four daughters, Pat Noga, Lynn Hartwig, Jan Rourk and Kay Rudy; 7 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Monday, July 3rd, 2017 from 11 AM until the 12 PM Celebration of Life at the United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, MN. Rev. Marva Jean Hutchens to officiate. Arrangements are with Rowe Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Grand Rapids, MN. To sign the online guestbook or send condolences visit www.rowefuneralhomeandcrematory.com.



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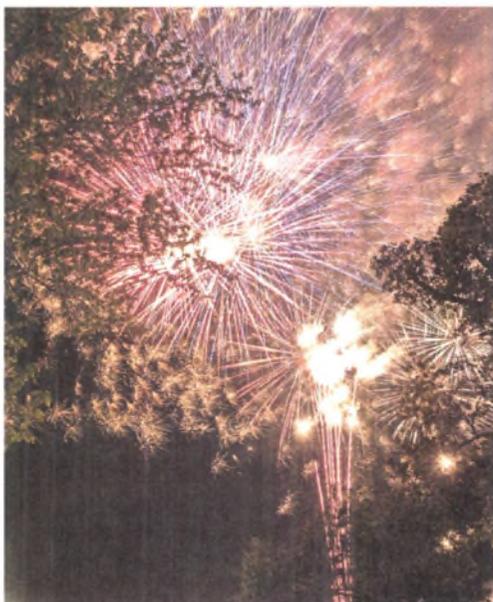
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Spree rides thrilled the youngsters.



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Three-year-old Hunter Major does a good job hanging on while riding the carousel.



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The Spree fireworks, launched near the Livonia Family YMCA, light up the sky.



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Allison and Dan Pawlak introduce 5-month-old Ava to SpongeBob SquarePants.



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Karen Billings of Livonia danced to the music of Steve King and the Ditties.

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Michigan Philharmonic headlines Fourth of July concert in Kellogg Park

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It'll be a patriotic homecoming of sorts Saturday, July 1, for the Michigan Philharmonic when the orchestra plays downtown Plymouth.

The Michigan Phil, born years ago as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, will play its own backyard with its annual Fourth of July holiday concert, An American Salute, starting at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

The stage will be right across the street from the PARC, which is where the Michigan Philharmonic is now headquartered.

"We will be performing a variety of pops and patriotic tunes which will also feature the children's chorus from our own local Main Street Opera in one of the melodies," said Beth Stewart, executive director of the Michigan Philharmonic. "As always, we end with the '1812 Overture' complete with canons."

It's the first of a whole summer of free concerts, Stewart said, that will see the orchestra performing at four Metroparks celebrating its 75th anniversary. Those concerts include:

- » July 15 at Kensington Metropark, 7:30 p.m.
- » July 22 at Lake St. Clair Metropark, 7:30 p.m.
- » July 29 at Stony Creek Metropark, 7:30 p.m.
- » Aug. 5 at Lake Erie Metropark, 7:30 p.m.



MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC
Nan Washburn and the Michigan Philharmonic play the orchestra's annual patriotic concert, "An American Salute," at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 1, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

The orchestra will also play July 23 at the opening of the new DTE Beacon Park in Detroit.

But the schedule kicks off July 1 in downtown Plymouth with a concert sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, the Wilcox Foundation, Joe and Ellen Elliott, Dearborn Jewelers and the Observer & Eccentric.

The Plymouth DDA hosts the popular Friday night concert series in Kellogg Park, but the

Michigan Philharmonic's patriotic show has become one of its crowd favorites.

"It has grown to one of the most popular concerts of the season," said Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth DDA. "We're proud of our relationship with the Michigan Philharmonic, and pleased to bring their music to the visitors to our concert series."

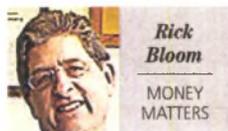
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Any buyout offer fraught with potential pitfalls

Ford Motor Co. has announced buyout offers for about 15,000 employees. The people eligible for the buyout have received materials from Ford detailing the terms of the offer. As opposed to reviewing the terms of the buyout offer, what I will do here is give you some thoughts to consider. These apply whether you are a Ford employee who has received an offer or you work for another company that offers a buyout.

The first thing that is important to understand in any of these buyouts is that it's not a cut and dry decision. I remember in the past that some auto company buyouts were so generous you had to take it. Those types of buyouts are long gone. In most of these buyout offers, I would label them as fair, but far from generous. The key is to always look at these plans from your own individual situation. Your goals for your future are what's important. Someone could be in your situation and the best option for them may be to accept the buyout offer, while for you the best option may be to not accept it. The key to making the right decision is to focus on your situation and goals.

For those who are going to sit down with someone professionally to help make the decision, it is important to choose the right person. That isn't the one who has more initials by their name, but the one who will help you make the decision that's best



Take your time, get all the information you can and don't let anyone talk you into anything that you're not comfortable with.

for you. If you sit down with someone and they don't talk to you about your individual situation or goals, you know you're dealing with the wrong person. You also know you're dealing with the wrong person if they tell you everyone should do this or everyone should do that. As far as I'm concerned, just because everyone else is doing something, doesn't mean I should.

In dealing with professionals, it is important to make sure they don't have any conflict of interest. Are they recommending you take a course of action because it's good for them or because it's good for you? Just like when you go to the doctor, you want to make sure that your doctor has your best interest at heart. The same thing applies to a professional who may help you make these decisions. I have mentioned many times

that, when it comes to financial advisers, there potentially are many conflicts of interest you should be aware of. The most notable is commissions. It's important that when you seek professional advice, the professional you use is not a salesperson looking at generating more commissions, but a true professional whose only concern is making sure you make the right decision.

One last note: If you were thinking of accepting the Ford buyout (or any buyout) and part of your game plan is to get another job, you should not automatically assume you'll be able to get a job paying the wages that you think. The older you are, the reality is that it's harder and harder to find employment. If part of your game plan is to get another job, it's a good idea to do some homework to find what jobs you would qualify for and what the chances of getting a job actually are. After all, you don't want any surprises.

The decision to accept the buyout is important and making the wrong decision can have severe consequences. Take your time, get all the information you can and don't let anyone talk you into anything that you're not comfortable with.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email Rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



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Golf outing for pancreatic cancer research

The fifth annual Charles Cobb Foundation Golf Outing will be held Saturday, July 22, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. All proceeds will be donated to the pancreatic cancer research team at Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$100 per person, which includes breakfast, scramble golf, BBQ buffet lunch and awards. The event will also include gaming holes, a 50/50 raffle and 20 themed raffle baskets.

For more information, sponsorship opportunities or to register, contact Denise Cobb at 734-673-9428 or denise@charlescobbfoundation.org.

To register or donate online, go to www.charlescobbfoundation.org. Registration deadline is July 15.

Former pastor makes return visit

Former Clarenceville United Methodist Church pastor Dr. Jim Tuttle will be returning Sunday, July 2, to speak at 9:30 a.m. The church is located on 20300 Middlebelt Road, just south of Eight Mile Road, on the east side of Middlebelt.

Tuttle, who recently retired, was the pastor at Clarenceville United Methodist Church from 1985-1990. He had a great impact on the congregation and many members will be looking forward to his return, if only for one day, the church says.

Recognizing military members

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants (TSFR), a Livonia-based family-owned restaurant group with an expansive portfolio of casual, quick service and family dining restaurants throughout the state, and its 65 Applebee's restaurants have launched a statewide campaign to recognize Michigan's dedicated military members in honor of the upcoming Fourth of July holiday.

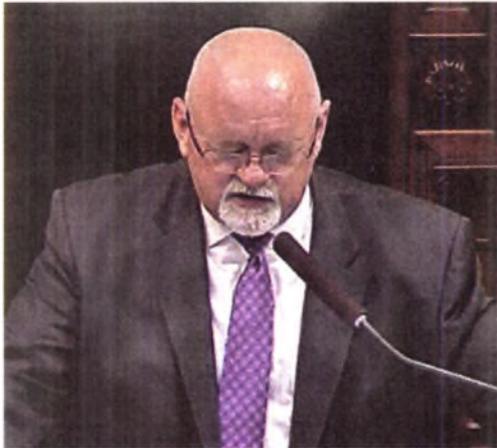
TSFR and its Applebee's restaurants are seeking community nominations now through Tuesday, July 4, for hometown military heroes who have courageously served or are enlisted in military services. TSFR will select a semifinalist group of 15 heroes. The public can then vote on the TSFR website for their hometown hero out of the 15 semifinalists from July 6-9. The five heroes who receive the most public votes will each receive a \$250 Visa gift card and a \$250 Applebee's gift card. All military members who reside within a 10-mile radius of TSFR's Applebee's restaurants are eligible to be one of the five finalists.

Those interested in nominating a military member need to complete the form and 200 words or less explaining why the military member should be recognized. Nominators can access the form on TSFR's website.

For more information on TSFR's Memorial Day Military campaign or a complete list of participating restaurants, visit www.teamschostak.com.

Vacation bible school

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9 a.m. to noon July 10-14 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia.



State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth recently gave the invocation for the Michigan House of Representatives. Noble is a pastor at Praise Baptist Church in Plymouth.

At "Hero Central" kids will discover their strength in God! There will be crafts, recreation, drama, music, science experiments, super snacks, and "Flame" the red panda. Heroes that are 3 years old and potty-trained through sixth-graders are welcome. Cost is \$10 per child for the week, \$30 maximum per family.

For more information, to register, or volunteer (adult or older youth), call the church office at 734-422-6038.

Colbeck office hours

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and District Manager Penny Crider will hold monthly office hours for June in Plymouth from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, June 29. The office hours will be held at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., and will be open to the public.

Colbeck will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. No appointment is necessary.

Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses the cities of Livonia, Northville, Plymouth and Wayne, as well as the townships of Canton, Northville and Plymouth. For more information, visit www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com or call 517-373-5713.

Drop-in art workshop

A free DIA Creative Drop-In Art Workshop for Kids in Wayne is set for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 14. The DIA is bringing a drop-in art workshop to downtown Wayne, Knights of Columbus No. 3021, Notre Dame Lounge, 3144 S. Wayne Road.

This is the perfect opportunity for kids, creatives and those young at heart to get out and be part of something cool in our own backyard. Space and supplies may be limited. To RSVP, go to <http://bit.ly/2rZ8s9I>.

Youth coed T-Ball and Coach Pitch

New this fall, Livonia Parks and Recreation will offer youth coed instructional T-Ball and Coach Pitch. Registration for T-Ball, ages 5-6, and Coach Pitch, ages 7-8. The program is an introduction to the concept of baseball. Youngsters get instruction and scrimmage with other teams. Youth will learn the importance of good sportsmanship and the joy of the game.

The season will take place from mid-August through early October, with T-Ball scrimmages on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Coach Pitch Scrimmages on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Fees are \$40 per child for Livonia residents and \$50 per child for non-residents. Registration runs through Friday, July 14, at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. For more informa-

tion, call 734-466-2900.

Jaycees networking night

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

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

Historic park event

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

Livonia Summer Fun Series

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

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

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

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

Catch the movie "The Secret Life of Pets" at 6 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Kirksey Recreation Center. Live music will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the movie at 8:20 p.m.

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

Farmers market

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

Church yard sale

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

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- ✓ It can ruin your travel plans...
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- ✓ The Biggest #1 Mistake back pain and sciatica sufferers make which actually stops them from healing...
- ✓ The 3 Most Common Causes of Lower Back Pain and Sciatica...
- ✓ A Sure-Fire Way to Pick the Right Treatment for the Cause of Your Pain (and save you a ton of time and money)
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- ✓ What successful treatment and permanent relief looks like without the side effects of medications, injections or surgery.

How Do I Register for the Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop?

Call our office to register at **734-525-3000** talk to Jessica or Nancy and reserve your spot today!!!!When you register, we will mail you The Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Worksheet which you will bring with you to the event.

We only have 15 seats available for the event...and this will be going out in our Newsletter and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Ally-Physical-Therapy>).

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PREP BASEBALL

East-West all-stars soak up Comerica Park

Players, coaches all take home personal memories

Brad Emons
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Grant Smith still has a lot of baseball left in his career, but he was already able to check off one thing on his personal bucket list June 20. And although the White

Lake Lakeland senior second baseman was on the losing end, 7-5, against the East, the opportunity to play in the 36th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Comerica Park will resonate forever.

"It was more than what I could ask for," said Smith, who got the start and went 0-for-2 at the plate. "This experience is once in a lifetime."

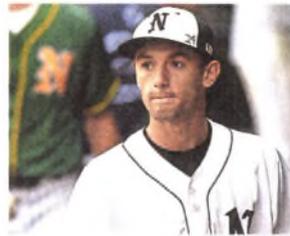
Smith admitted to nerves, but those quickly dissipated. "At first there were some,

but as the game went on, it all went away," said Smith, who will continue his baseball career this summer with A Green before heading of to play at Northwood University. "It was just all having fun."

The victorious East team featured area players Kolby Dewhirst (Livonia Franklin), Branden Posky (Livonia Stevenson), Kevin Morrissey (Northville) and Scott Combs (Dearborn Divine Child/Northville).
Morrissey, just coming off

a Division 1 state runner-up finish with the Mustangs, entered the game at shortstop in the sixth inning and made an immediate impact when he drew a walk and scored on a double by East MVP Sam Cross (Grosse Pointe North) to make it 2-0.

Morrissey, who helped Northville reach its first ever MHSAA Division 1 state final June 17 before losing to Saline, 5-2, followed with two singles,



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Northville's Kevin Morrissey paces in the dugout between innings during the MSCBA All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

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PREP BASEBALL



Kolby Dewhirst of Livonia Franklin throws a pitch from the Comerica Park mound during the MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game.

WENDY DEWHIRST

STARRY SENDOFF

After Comerica Park stint caps stellar Franklin career, Dewhirst ready for Eastern Michigan chapter

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Just one night earlier, Kolby Dewhirst threw from the mound at Comerica Park during the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game.

He still had a smile on his face just thinking about throwing from the same slab that Justin Verlander does.

Yet, as thrilled as the recent Livonia Franklin grad was about playing in the coveted game, he seemed more proud

about the legacy he built the past four years with the Patriots.

The four-year varsity performer and co-captain — both in baseball and hockey — sat on a bench at Alumni Field and let his mind wander to all the times he graced the neatly manicured infield.

"Obviously, going to Comerica was really cool," said the 17-year-old Dewhirst, who at the start of his senior year signed to play NCAA Division I baseball at Eastern Michigan University. "But I think I'm



TIM SMITH
Kolby Dewhirst reflects on his Livonia Franklin career while looking out at the Alumni Field diamond.

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REC SPORTS

Novi Fantasy Football Camp a big hit

More than 80 participants turn out for fun-filled evening

Brad Emons
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The Novi Wildcats Fantasy Football Camp is rapidly becoming a real happening.

Just ask the more than 80 children and young adults between the ages of 4-26 with physical or cognitive disabilities, along with their families, who participated in the second annual event June 19 at Wildcat Stadium.

The free event was spearheaded by the Novi High football players and coaches, who also worked in conjunction with the Easter Seals' Miracle League of Michigan and the Detroit Sports Commission.

Novi head coach Jeff Burnside set up six different stations for the participants to go through a simulated practice session, which included cone and bag drills to increase agility, while learning the basics about blocking, tackling, passing and catching.

The campers also had the thrill of entering Wildcat Stadium through the same inflatable tunnel that the Novi players use to run onto the field each Friday night during the fall.

Campers then finished the 90-minute session by demonstrating their own touchdown end zone and dance celebrations.

Detroit Lions fifth-year punter Sam Martin and NFL free agent linebacker Brandon Chubb, who had practice squad stints last year with the Rams, 49ers and Lions, also took part.

Members of the Livonia Stevenson football team also joined forces with their

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JUNIOR OLYMPICS

They keep up the 'Intensity'

Area high school runners combine talents for Intensity Track Club, gear up for AAU meets

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Just because the school year is over doesn't mean track runners such as Brandon Smiley shut it down over the summer months.

Smiley just finished his prep career at Livonia Franklin, but the standout sprinter was out on the track at Wayne Memorial High School with

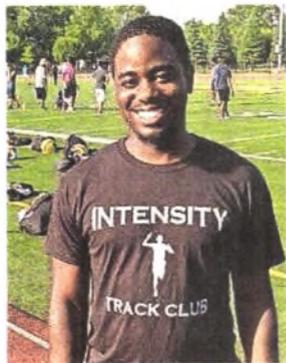
his new teammates — those on the Intensity Track Club.

Based at Wayne, under the guidance of Intensity coach Jamal Johnson (who also coaches the Zebras), the group of athletes from several KLAA schools works on shaving seconds and getting ready for the Amateur Athletic Union regional qualifier June 29 through July 2 at Detroit Renaissance High School.

"We're all in the same conference, so we all know each other," Smiley said. "Because it's a smaller team, it's more of a family."

"The people you're working with, you've raced them before and so you know what they run, if they're faster than you or slower than you ... everybody's competitive, but in a

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The Intensity Track Club is based out of Wayne Memorial and is coached by Jamal Johnson.



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NFL free agent Brandon Chubb (left) gets ready to take on a young tackler at the Novi Fantasy Football Camp.

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KLAA Central Division counterparts from Novi to work with the campers.

"It looked like everything came out really well," said Burnside, who worked alongside Chubb as they took turns getting tackled by campers. "It looks like the kids had fun. There was a rain shower in the middle but, hey, football is meant to be played in the rain. I saw a rainbow real briefly — that was good."

Novi junior middle linebacker Ryland Bennett partnered with 8-year-old Jonathan McSween, who attends Vandenberg Elementary in Southfield, going station-to-station during the various drills.

"I think it was amazing," Bennett said. "Such a great opportunity, not only for the kids, but for us. We're so fortunate to be able to play this great sport and such a great opportunity for these kids to come out and have a great time."

McSween, who has a form of muscular dystrophy, loves sports and counts Odell Beckham Jr., Steph Curry and LeBron James as his favorite athletes. He is currently playing Miracle League baseball.

"This is emotional for me, because he wants to play football," said Vivian McSween, Jonathan's mother. "And for me to just see him out here is just a blessing. I like the effort they made to put this together and the work of Easter Seals put in with the kids. They enjoy seeing the football players. They're passionate about being with the kids. I just think it's a good thing. They're thinking about doing a Miracle League football game, so I think that will be wonderful for him."

Jacob Louk, 21, of Farmington Hills, who has Fragile X syndrome, a genetic disorder, was attending his second Novi Fantasy Football Camp. He partnered this time with Stevenson lineman Brandon Plue, who will be a senior this fall.

"We were here last year also," said Andy Louk, Jacob's father. "Verbally, he's not that great, but he has a blast with it and once he figured out where we were and when we pulled back up, he was all for it again. He was yelling for the guys."

Louk is the team mascot and a big fan of both the Farmington Hills Harrison varsity football and North-Harrison (Flyers) hockey teams.

"He has a blast with them," Andy Louk said. "They take care of him and he takes care of them. It restores my faith in the next generation that the way they accepted him with all their programs and stuff."

South Lyon's Tyler Glaszek, 7, who has cerebral palsy, was a first-time participant.

"This is awesome," said Tyler's father, Tom Glaszek. "Tyler likes to play sports and likes watching his (twin) brothers (Joshua and Owen) play baseball and football and to come out and do this with a lot of these great coaches and



Novi junior middle linebacker Ryland Bennett (right) partnered with Southfield's Jonathan McSween.

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Farmington Hills' Jacob Louk (left) found a new friend in Stevenson lineman Brandon Plue.

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Novi varsity football coach Jeff Burnside braces for the hit during a practice drill at the Novi Fantasy Football Camp.

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players is awesome.

"You see all the camaraderie and the high school kids do an awesome job. We did another one of these last year, Victory Day, in South Lyon. Seeing the high school kids warm up to these guys is really cool. They all learn a lot, take selfies with them and I think it's something that's a real education for them."

And if it was only for a day, Stevenson junior safety Hunter Satz was glad to team with the rival Novi players to volunteer his time.

"We really got them going and getting around the pads, kind of showing them what we do out there, too, so they got to

experience it themselves," Satz said. "It's a little different, but no hard feelings going on here. We're all friends here, all getting along and we're all OK. It's all one community."

Martin, the Lions' punter from Appalachian State, was invited to the event by WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) sportscaster Justin Rose.

"This is really neat. It's the first time I've obviously been to this one," Martin said. "This is amazing, just the way both teams came out from different high schools and collaborated. Every kid I saw today had a smile on their face, no matter what activity they were doing,

whether it was something as simple as throwing and catching a ball or going through a drill. Everybody had a good time. This is awesome. I think they should continue this for years to come."

Meanwhile, Burnside said the camp participants will be invited back to join the players and coaches on the field for the pregame national anthem and run through the inflatable tunnel for the Week 2 match-up between Novi and Stevenson.

"We live in a world where a lot of times it's about 'me, me, me' and I want our kids to start giving back to everybody else," Burnside said.

Burnside and Chubb, it seemed, had the most fun, getting tackled by the campers as they braced to get hit with their blocking pads.

"I was taking some punishment, but all in the name of fun," Chubb said. "These kids, to be able to tackle an NFL player or to be able to punt with an NFL player or play catch ... it means the world to them, so I'm just using my platform to give back. I'll take a little hit for their fun, so it's a good time."

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friendly way, so everyone wants to outwork each other."

Those finishing in the top eight per event at Renaissance will make the cut for the Eastern Michigan University-hosted AAU Junior Olympics, slated to take place July 29 through Aug. 5.

"I want to qualify for the Eastern JOs and I want to run under 21.8 (seconds) in the 200 dash," Smiley said. "And in the 100, I want to get a better time just for myself. I know I can run under 11, I know I can run 10. That's a goal for me, too."

Keeping things fresh

Running hard side-by-side during practice were Wayne Memorial distance runner Jon Boland and Franklin's Greg Thaxton.

"It's so I can get better with my running," Boland said about what prompted him to essentially extend his track season into June, July and August. "I would like to im-

prove my time as much as I can."

Boland competed during the high school season in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs; some races are different in the AAU, he'll run the 1,500, for example.

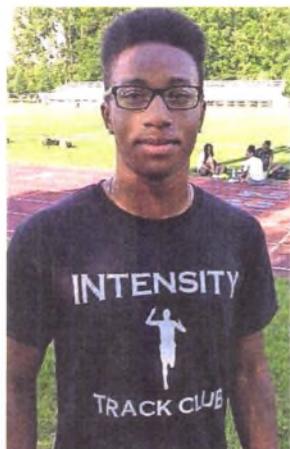
One concern about the Intensity season immediately following high school tournament season is the "burnout" factor.

But Johnson insists he tries to give the 18 young men and women on his squad (mostly grades 9-12) some variety to help them stay focused and energized.

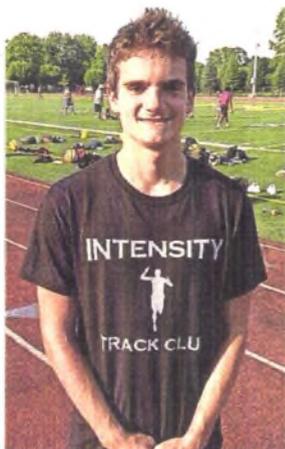
"We don't run every single day," Johnson said. "Yesterday, we did a whole bunch of jumps into the high jump mat. We were doing medicine ball tosses. Just to give the legs a rest from the pounding on the track. It's a little different. And our practices only last an hour and 20 minutes, so we aren't doing too much work."

Hot spot

According to Johnson, who started Intensity Track Club in 2014 (with only a handful of runners, all from Wayne at that



Smiley



Boland

time), the program continues to grow and attract athletes from all over southeast Michigan.

On the 2017 team, there are six members from Wayne, five from Franklin, two from Plymouth and one each from Livonia Churchill, Salem, Ann Arbor Huron, Monroe St. Mary's

and Dearborn Fordson.

"It's all word of mouth. Different kids being in different schools, they see them with the (Intensity) shirts on," Johnson said. "They've had success in their high school season so (they ask), 'How did you get fast? Who got you fast?'"

Johnson said he takes a bit of a different approach to coaching the club, too.

"There is an adjustment, because at this point in the summertime, I'm not really looking to get people in shape," he said. "The summer season is so short. So it's really just fine-tuning everything, putting everything together and try to run fast at certain meets."

With a chuckle, Johnson said if club members "aren't in shape after running the entire spring with their team, then you know that's a different story and we'll go from there."

This year's Intensity squad includes: **Wayne:** Boland, John Gatton, Kyle Osborne, Raymon White, Reanna Brown-Deacon, (state champion) Anavia Battle; **Franklin:** Smiley, Thaxton, Khalil Pasha, Michele Joyner, Christian Bagnall; **Plymouth:** Malcolm Caldwell, Faith Washington; **Churchill:** Niguel Smith; **Salem:** Berry Matthews; **Huron:** Kyle Martin; **St. Mary's:** Caden Smith; **Fordson:** Abe Jafaar.

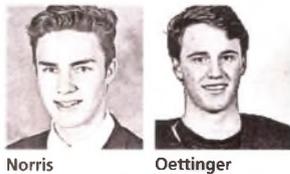
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NHL HOCKEY

USA Hockey NTDP players go high in NHL draft

Norris and Oettinger selected in first round

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Norris

Oettinger

USA Hockey National Team Development Program alumni Josh Norris and Jake Oettinger were selected in the first round of the 2017 NHL Entry Draft on Friday night at the United Center in Chicago.

They were among 11 players from the Plymouth-based national program taken during the two-day, seven-round draft.

Norris, who hails from Oxford, was the first NTDP alumni selected when the San Jose Sharks secured his rights with the 19th overall pick.

"It's so surreal and hard to explain," Norris said. "It's a moment I've been dreaming about for a long time and I'm happy to have my friends and family here with me."

The Dallas Stars traded up

to the 26th slot to select Oettinger, making him the first and only goaltender selected in the first round.

"Whenever a team trades up to pick you, it shows how much they want you," said Oettinger, a resident of Lakeville, Minn. "I couldn't be more excited to be part of an organization that really wants me to be there."

Norris most recently completed his second season with the NTDP, where he finished his career with 41 goals and 47 assists in 105 games.

He also helped lead the U.S. National Under-18 Team to tournament victories in the 2016 Under-18 Five Nations

Tournament (Plymouth), 2017 Under-18 Five Nations Tournament (Sundsvall, Sweden) and the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 Men's World Championship (Spisska Nova Ves and Poprad, Slovakia).

Oettinger recently completed his first season with Boston University, where he was named to the Hockey East all-rookie team after posting a 2.11 goals-against average and .919 save percentage.

He was also earned a gold medal with the U.S. National Junior Team at the 2017 World Junior Championship (Toronto and Montreal). Over his two-year career with the NTDP (2014-16), Oettinger earned 38 victories and posted a GAA of 2.48 and a .911 save percentage.

The picks continued Saturday, with University of Michigan defenseman Luke Martin (St. Louis, Mo.) and future University of North Dakota forward Grant Mis-

mash (Edina, Minn.) being selected in the second round.

Martin was selected with the 52nd overall pick by the Carolina Hurricanes, while Mismash was taken with the second-to-last pick in the round by the Nashville Predators.

When asked about his reaction to hearing his named called, Martin said, "I just had a big smile and I think I'll be smiling for a long time."

The third round featured three NTDP players selected.

Max Gildon (Plano, Texas) was taken with the 66th overall selection by the Florida Panthers, while Evan Barratt (Bristol, Pa.) and David Farrance (Victor, N.Y.) were taken just two picks away from each other by the Chicago Blackhawks and Nashville Predators, respectively.

"I met with them (Florida Panthers) at the combine and I thought things went well," Gildon said. "The Panthers are a great organization and I'm

just happy to have the chance to be drafted by them."

Four players were selected in the final four rounds: Scott Reedy (Prior Lake, Minn./San Jose Sharks), Tyler Inamoto (Barrington, Ill./Florida Panthers), Logan Cockerill (Brighton/New York Islanders) and Phil Kemp (Greenwich, Conn./Edmonton Oilers).

Playing together as part of a gold medal winning defense corps, Inamoto and Gildon will now compete together as Panthers prospects.

"It's unbelievable," Inamoto said. "I've been playing with Max for a few years now and he's a great friend of mine and I'm just looking forward to it."

Following the 2017 draft, the NTDP has now produced 294 NHL draft picks during its first 20 seasons.

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He's Aquinas-bound



Salem graduate Noah Haran (left) recently signed to continue his baseball career at Aquinas College. He is shown being congratulated by Saints baseball coach Doug Greenslate. Haran told the college website he plans on having a dual major, in business administration and communications. In 2017, he earned the Rocks' Most Improved Player award.

SALEM ATHLETICS

SUMMER CAMPS AND CLINICS

June and July are filled with family reunions, graduation parties — and various summer youth sports camps and clinics. Such is the case once again this year, with a number of offerings on tap.

» **CHURCHILL 'UNDER THE LIGHTS':** Livonia Churchill's football program is hosting an "Under the Lights" Youth Camp 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 27 for youngsters entering kindergarten through eighth grade. Cost is \$20. Checks should be made out to Churchill High School and be mailed in advance to Allen Feigel, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, 48150.

The camp will take place at Churchill's varsity football field. On tap will be instruction about "offensive and defensive football techniques."

Participants also can pay the fee at the door.

» **SALEM FOOTBALL ODK CAMP:** A fundamental skills football camp for incoming Salem High School players in grades 9-12 will be held 5-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 10-13, at the Centennial Education Park varsity stadium.

The camp will focus on Salem's offense, defense and kicking skills for all positions while integrating teamwork and discipline into all phases.

The cost is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt). All players must bring cleats, T-shirt, shorts and water.

To register, email Salem coach Kurt Britnell at salem-footballvarsity@pccsk12.com or call 734-416-7768.

Payment can be made at the camp.

» **CHURCHILL GIRLS HOOP CAMP:** Livonia Churchill is hosting a summer camp for girls in grades 1-9 this fall.

The camp is 5-7 p.m. July 17 through July 19 and costs \$60.

Former college athletes (including from Madonna) and varsity players will work with campers on various skills. Contact coach K'Len Morris, kmo2334@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to Churchill High School.

» **LIVONIA BLUE GYMNASTICS:** Gymnasts ages 11 and up are invited to sign up for the 2017 Livonia Blue Gymnastics Summer Camp at Churchill High School. The camp is July 10-13 and Aug. 7-10.

Submit questions to coach Lisa Broomfield, mslisa621@yahoo.com or (734) 765-5439.

The program provides the chance for youngsters to "practice and showcase their skills" and receive instruction on conditioning, flexibility, individual skills and team building.

» **CHARGER HOCKEY CAMP:** Livonia Churchill's Charger Hockey Camp will take place at Eddie Edgar Arena between July 31 and Aug. 4 and Aug. 7-11. Each day's session is from 7:30-8:50 p.m.

Questions should go to coach Jason Reynolds, jayrey48152@gmail.com or (734) 788-0447.

MICHIGAN GOLF HALL OF FAME

Six inducted with Class of 2017

They could be called the super six.

The Michigan Golf Hall of Fame's newest class was presented June 3 in induction ceremonies at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Club. Former LPGA Tour player and Birmingham Groves graduate Suzy Green-Roebuck of Ann Arbor was among the featured inductees.

PGA master professional Bob Ackerman of West Bloomfield, PGA professional Brian Cairns of Walled Lake, PGA Tour veteran Tom Gillis of Lake Orion, the late Alex Ross of Detroit — a U.S. Open winner 110 years ago — and Michigan State University women's golf coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll of Haslett were others in the group that tied for the largest class in history with the induction class of 1990.

Green-Roebuck, 50, won her third Michigan Women's Open title last summer at age 49. She played for seven years on the LPGA Tour in the 1990s and was a four-time winner on what is now the LPGA's Symetra Tour. As an amateur, she won the Michigan Women's Amateur, among other titles.

Ackerman, 63, owner of Bob Ackerman Golf in West Bloomfield, won his first Michigan Open title in 1975 as an amateur and added a second in 2003, while also winning the Michigan Senior Open that



The Michigan Golf Hall of Fame recently inducted its newest members (from left) Bob Ackerman, Brian Cairns, Tom Gillis, Suzy Green-Roebuck and Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll. A sixth — Alex Ross — is deceased.

year and being named Michigan PGA Player of the Year.

Cairns, 52, a teaching professional at Fox Hills Learning Center in Plymouth, was inducted into the Michigan PGA Section's Hall of Fame last year. His credentials include being a three-time Michigan PGA professional champion and being named the national Senior PGA Professional Player of the Year in 2015.

Gillis, 48, played nine seasons on the PGA Tour, including 2016, and has been a touring professional since 1993, including stints on the European Tour and the Web.com Tour. He has played competitive golf in 26 countries.

Ross, who died in 1952 at age 72, is the brother of famed golf course architect Donald

Ross and is credited with having won seven of golf's major championships because of his 1907 U.S. Open win at the Philadelphia Cricket Club and six North and South Opens at Pinehurst Resort (considered a major in the early 1900s). The native of Dornoch, Scotland, was head professional for 31 years at Detroit Golf Club.

Slobodnik-Stoll, 45, a Grand Rapids native, is the successful women's golf coach at Michigan State University with five Big Ten titles and 10 trips to the NCAA championships. As a player, she is the winningest golfer in Golf Association of Michigan history with 15 titles, including two Michigan Women's Amateur Championships and an unprecedented eight GAM Mid-Amateur wins.

USA HOCKEY

Appert named as new NTDP coach

Seth Appert, with more than two decades of coaching experience, has been named head coach of USA Hockey's National Team Development Program's Under-18 team for 2017-18.

In addition, USA Hockey promoted Nick Fohr to NTDP associate coach and hired Greg Moore as an assistant coach for the Plymouth-based program.

Appert, brought in after former NTDP coach Danton Cole left to become head coach at Michigan State University, spent the previous 11 seasons as head coach of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute men's hockey team. "We're excited to have Seth join the NTDP," said Jim Johansson, USA Hockey's assistant executive director of hockey operations. "He brings a lot of passion and knowledge to the table and is someone we really feel like will be a terrific coach for the young players that are part of the NTDP and also a great mentor for our intern coaches."

In addition to currently being on the coaching staff for the U.S. Men's National Team, Appert also served as an assistant coach for the gold medal-winning 2017 U.S. Men's National Under-18 Team.

"Seth's experience level, connectivity in the sport and

commitment to development are characteristics that were important to us," said Scott Monaghan, NTDP senior director of operations. "We look forward to welcoming him and his family to Plymouth."

A former president of the American Hockey Coaches Association, Appert spent the nine seasons prior to taking over the head coaching reigns at RPI as an assistant coach at the University of Denver, where he helped lead the Pioneers to a pair of NCAA titles, three WCHA playoff championships and two WCHA regular season titles.

"I'm honored to have this opportunity," Appert said. "I look forward to having a chance to work with the staff currently in place to help strengthen hockey in our country through our efforts at the National Team Development Program and across USA Hockey. I'm excited to meet and get to know our young men upon return from the world championship."

In his 20 years in the collegiate coaching ranks, Appert has recruited and helped develop 13 All-Americans, 37 all-league selections, four Players of the Year, four Hobey Baker finalists and 23 players who have gone on to play in the NHL.



Appert

DEWHIRST

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going to remember playing here as a Patriot the most, the past four years.

"It means a lot to represent Franklin. It's sad that I'm leaving but, at the same time, I'm ready to move on and do greater things at Eastern."

Dewhirst was in the middle of Franklin's baseball resurgence in 2016-17; the Patriots won 26 games each of those seasons and this spring won the district championship game. At the regional, he pitched the final inning and struck out the last batter he faced.

Unforgettable

Asked about any specific memories from his Franklin career, the bespectacled, introspective Dewhirst took a deep breath.

"There's a lot of good and bad memories, but mostly good," he said, with a knowing nod. "I'm going to miss playing here, that's for sure. I'll miss the guys."

A large contingent of Franklin players, coaches and classmates drove to downtown Detroit to watch Dewhirst compete on the East squad (as did Livonia Stevenson grad Brenden Posky). He joined David Wells, who played in the 2005 game, as the only Patriots to appear in the contest.

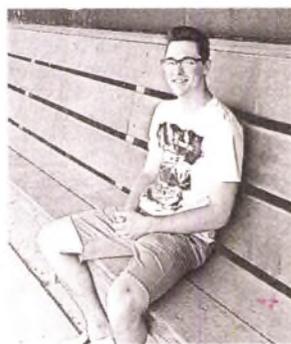
"There was a ton of people there. It was probably the most people I've ever played in front of," Dewhirst said. "I actually got to start at third base, so it was pretty cool to start the all-star game. No chances, thank God. I was a little nervous the ball was going to get hit to me. I was just happy to be there."

"I was more focused on just enjoying it. It was really fun to meet all the guys, guys I've played with before or played against before and some kids I'll be playing with and against in the future, too."

"I hit against Sam Weatherly. He got drafted (by Toronto). He was throwing pretty good. I struck out, but I was more focused on just going up there and getting good swings. I fouled a few off. I missed the last one just by a little."



Early in his senior year at Livonia Franklin, Kolby Dewhirst signed his NCAA national letter of intent to play baseball at Eastern Michigan University.



The afternoon after playing at Comerica Park, Kolby Dewhirst reminisced at Livonia Franklin. He now will go to Eastern Michigan University and pitch for the Eagles.

Working it out

With Dewhirst's work ethic, determination to get bigger and stronger and his already impressive pitching arsenal, veteran Franklin baseball coach Matt Fournier wouldn't be shocked if Dewhirst hears his name called at a MLB draft sometime in the future.

"You've got to have a lot of things go your way and somebody's got to fall in love with you, so to speak," Fournier said. "We haven't had a kid from here drafted in quite a long time, maybe since (former Detroit Tigers player) Chris Baker in the 1980s and Bernie Carbo in the late '60s, early '70s."

"But he's a hard worker. ...

He's a kid that got bigger every single year that he was here."

Fournier — noting Franklin's refreshing philosophy that athletes play as many sports as they can in high school — credited Dewhirst's standout varsity hockey career for helping him improve on the baseball field.

"You can just look at the difference in width of his shoulders (since ninth grade)," Fournier said. "He's 6-2, 6-3 now. The hockey helped him out tremendously because of the leg strength. If he doesn't play hockey, who knows, he might not be where he is now."

"Everything along the way helped him and, now that he can kind of focus on just doing one thing, the sky's the limit. I wouldn't put it past him."

"If he gains another couple miles an hour and you're sitting at 90 miles an hour and throw four pitches for strikes, someone's going to take a look."

Growing arsenal

Dewhirst, who is nicknamed "Dewey," throws four-seamers, two-seamers, a circle change and slider.

"But it's more like a slurve," he said. "And I'm working on a fifth pitch, a splitter. But it still needs a little work."

With a couple of months before EMU's baseball team begins its journey toward 2018 and, hopefully, another long run in the Mid-American Conference tournament, Dewhirst already is mapping out a busy, sweat-filled summer of training

sessions and bullpens.

He said he might join Barwis Methods in Plymouth, a training facility for many elite athletes (including college and professional).

"I've been looking into getting a personal trainer or training at a facility, because I know I need to get my body ready physically and mentally for college baseball," said Dewhirst, who sported an impressive 2.00 ERA against the best opponents on Franklin's schedule.

It's not all about work, however.

Having fun, too

"Not working out today, just some time to relax, babysit the little brother," Dewhirst said, talking about 9-year-old Braden, with him June 21 at Alumni Field. "We actually had a Wiffle ball game in the front yard and he beat me on a walk-off home run. He might be the best out of all three brothers."

The oldest brother, 24-year-old Tyler, also was a four-year letter winner in baseball and hockey.

"He was more of a hockey guy," Dewhirst said.

Dewhirst's memorable senior season partly was due to being able to chill from beginning to end, Fournier explained, simply because the pitcher/infielder had already made his decision to go to EMU.

"He started off (the year) by getting the recruitment process out of the way," Fournier said. "He got that done and over with,

so he could relax and play ball. It was a great year for him and a great year for us."

He just knew

According to Dewhirst, whose parents are Wendy and Brian Dewhirst of Livonia, he had some interest from other D-I baseball programs such as Michigan State.

But then he visited Eastern and immediately knew it was the place for him to play college baseball.

"I think I remember my first college visit, my mom said, 'When you leave the campus, if it's the right fit, you should see yourself going there right away,'" he said. "And I went to a few colleges and I was iffy on them and, when I went to Eastern, it was a right away thing."

"I liked everything there. It's a good school, a good campus and a smaller Division I school. I didn't like the fact some schools have classes with 300 or 400 kids in it. Not only that, but Eastern (baseball) is rebuilding right now. They just made it to the MAC finals this year. I think it was just the best fit for me, for sure."

Fournier said EMU head coach Mark Van Ameyde and his coaching staff will help the "good one" they signed to get to another level of success.

"The coach that's there now, Mark Van Ameyde, is a guy that was a pitcher himself in college," Fournier said. "He'll work wonders with Kolby and fine-tune some of the other things that maybe we missed on."

The best arm

If the Patriots "missed" on anything with Dewhirst, it wasn't enough to keep him from carving out an outstanding legacy.

"In the past 20 years, he's the best arm we've had that's come through here," Fournier said. "That's no knock on some of the other kids we've had. Alex DeYonker just finished up a great four years at Madonna."

"But Kolby, from the moment he stepped on the field as a freshman, he looked like he belonged."

Dewhirst is now set on doing whatever it takes to take flight with the EMU Eagles. All signs are he'll do just that.

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making it a perfect 2-for-2 night at the plate.

"It was just a fun experience overall," said Morrissey, who also scored two runs. "That was my goal coming in, was just to have fun and I did that. When I first walked in, you see the huge stands and then the huge fern wall in center field ... walking around, I got a little nervous. I didn't get in until the sixth inning, so just seeing everybody else go out there and play really kind of calmed me down."

Morrissey is undecided about continuing his baseball career, but if he doesn't, he can say he went out a winner at a major league ballpark.

"I've been talking to the Michigan State coach (Jake Boss) a little bit," he said. "He told me I should come and try out in the fall, so that's a possibility (that) I'll try and walk on there. Then, there's also club baseball up there at State as well."

The two Livonians, Dewhirst and Posky, both threw scoreless innings for the East and got a chance to swing the bats as well.

"Just to be able to pitch on the same mound as MLB players is a really cool experience for sure," said Dewhirst, who will throw next season at Eastern Michigan University. "It was something I wasn't used to, was the mound being so nice. I got out there and I was, like, 'Oh, my God, this is perfect.' It was an MLB mound, so I couldn't expect anything else. Just to know pro ballplayers get to come here every day and you get to play on that same field is really cool."

Taking part in the MHSBCA All-Star Game experience is something the right-hander will treasure.

"I think it's really cool that it's just not a game now," said Dewhirst, who will stay busy



Some of the East team members line up for the pregame introductions at the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game at Comerica Park.

this summer playing for College Connect, an 18-and-under team. "It's more like a two-day event. At the (MHSBCA) banquet, I got to hang out with the guys a little bit, meet some new kids. That's the thing I'll remember the most, just hanging out with the guys."

Posky, meanwhile, got one more chance to don a Stevenson uniform. In his final game June 10 with the Spartans, he struck out 13 in a 3-1 regional semifinal loss to Hartland.

The right-hander, who will pitch next year at Oakland University, followed East starter Alex Kuster (Birmingham Brother Rice) in the second inning.

Posky was able to work his way out of a slight jam when the West put two runners aboard before inducing a ground out to end the inning.

"I thought it was a great experience," said Posky, who will play sandlot ball this summer for Detroit Caesars. "I never had something like this before and I thought I did pretty well. I was a little bit nervous as I started out there, but I calmed down and started hitting my spots."

Posky and Dewhirst were also able to throw in the Tigers' bullpen.

"It's a different mound than what we pitch on in high school," Posky said. "In high

school, we have ditch on the mound and this one was flat. It was a little hard to get used to, but I got used to it."

For Combs, playing at Comerica has become old hat. The catcher, who has signed to play at Michigan State, played last month and last season at Comerica in the Detroit Catholic League A-B Division playoffs.

"This is my third time; it's crazy," Combs said. "As many times as you can come out and play on a professional field, is just a great feeling."

Combs, who will continue to play this summer in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League for A Green, was glad to renew some old acquaintances.

"Got to play with some old teammates and got to see some guys that I haven't seen in a couple of years, so it was an overall good time with the banquet yesterday and the game today," he said. "I'm just thankful to be in this position to play here."

Meanwhile, East manager Mark Blomshield went out a winner himself.

"I would call it a pretty good success," said the Canton coach, who guided the Chiefs this season to a 32-6 record, including the KLAA Association, Kensington Conference and KLAA South Division titles. "Everybody had two or

three at-bats. All the the pitchers that needed to throw threw. Everybody did a real nice job."

With the East ahead 2-0 after Cross's RBI double in the sixth, Blomshield tried some "trickery" to get things jump-started offensively.

"We were kind of stagnant for a minute there," Blomshield said. "(Matt) Boutin was on first and I said, 'Do a fake steal.' (Boutin) just took off and ended up making it and then we scored the run from third. Sometimes things work in mysterious ways, but it worked out that time."

Afterward, Blomshield sat in the visitor's coaching office and joked: "This is where Joe Girardi (Yankees manager) sits his rear end. Maybe I can put a thumb tack on one of those seats."

Blomshield's assistant coach for the East, Lutheran High Westland's Kevin Wade, was also able to check off one of his bucket list boxes as well.

"The experience was just phenomenal ... the practice, being on the field, it was just tons of fun," said Wade, who led the Warriors to a 21-4 record this season. "These kids are really good and you don't get to experience that too often, so it was fun."

Blomshield and Wade, along with the two other East



Lakeland High's Grant Smith mans second base for the West All-Stars at Comerica Park.

assistant coaches Corey Farnner (Woodhaven) and Tom Kurczewski (Avondale), had the task of getting all 21 players into the game for an equal amount of playing time.

"We planned it out the day before and tried to make sure we gave everybody three to five innings as best we could," Wade said. "We had a big matrix we filled out last night, just posted it in the dugout so they knew exactly what inning they were playing and everything. We just stuck to it, for the most part. It was good. Baseball season is officially over and what a sweet way to end it. It's fun to be here and fun to win."

Meanwhile, Blomshield will never forget setting foot inside Comerica Park for the first time.

"Being on the field was really breathtaking. Coming out of the tunnel and going out and saying, 'Whoa.' It's something as a coach that you should at least strive to try to do before you wrap it up, if you can," he said. "It was just a fun couple of days and glad I had the opportunity to do that. I was fortunate I was selected for the opportunity."

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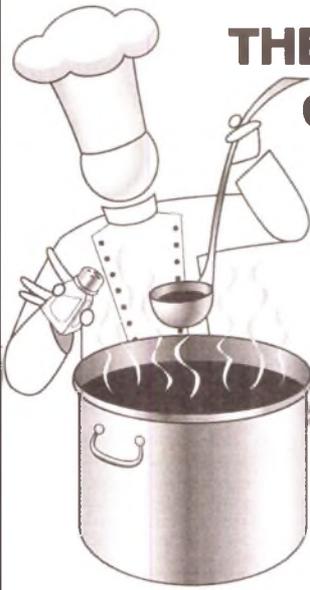
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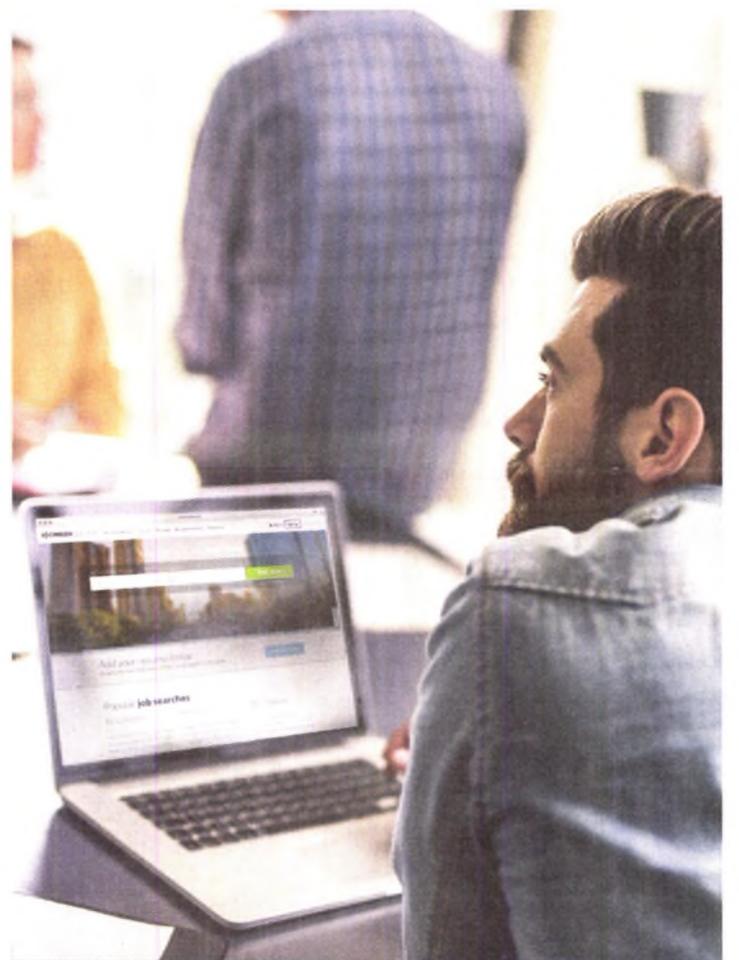


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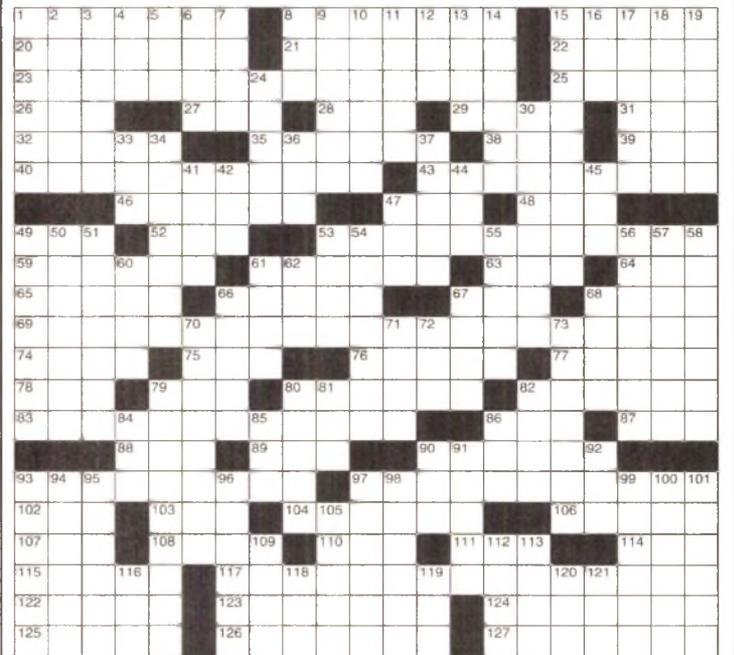
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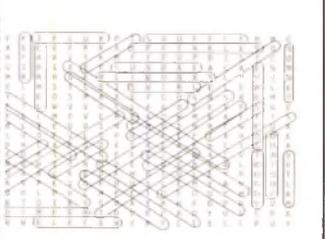
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WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-17
 June 20, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rowe, Miller, Rhaesa, Porter, Sanders & Gabriel. MEMBERS ABSENT: Sutton. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVED: agenda; minutes of Regular City Council meeting of June 6, 2017 as printed; bid to STEP Wayne, MI for City Properties cleaning; Materials Recovery Facility for Red Metals; resignations of E. McMurray from Historical Comm.; J. Jeziorowski from Planning Comm.; annual reappointments to July 2020 of R. Hays, Helen Braun & J. Van Stipdonk to Comm. On Aging, P. Rice & M. Smith to Planning Comm., G. Rowland & D. Hawley to Historical Comm., D. Hermatz, R. Hillyard & Q. York to ZBA; appointments of M. Baum to Planning Comm.; K. Rockwell to Comm. On Aging; J. Mills to Historical Comm.; Mayor Rowe as delegate to CWCSA; L. Nocerini as alt. delegate to CWCSA; Municipal Credit with SMART; payment to Nankin Transit; Budget Amendment #2017-11; PSA with Stantec for O&M of EQ basin; TCO #614; CWW youth services agreement; PSA with Ottenwess, Taweel & Schenk; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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 City Clerk

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Don Rohraff
 Director of Public Works

Dennis K. Wright
 Mayor

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City of Livonia - 05/22/2017 1,825th Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Kritzman, Brosnan, Jolly, White, Bahr, and McIntyre.
Absent: Meakin.

Items were received and filed.

- #174-17 Approving minutes of the 1,824th Regular Meeting of the Council - May 8, 2017.
- #175-17 Approving request to close the corner of Pickford and Farmington Road to the end of the property at 18518 Farmington Road, on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 10am - 6pm, for a block party, rain date of July 8, 2017 requested.
- #176-17 Recognizing the Ian Clemens Foundation as a non-profit organization.
- #177-17 Approving budget adjustments for the first quarter of the 2017 Fiscal Year Budget.
- #178-17 Approving the 2017-2018 CDBG Program Annual Action Plan and Budget.
- #179-17 Approving the Hold Harmless Contracts for CDBG-funded victim assistance, fair housing initiative and mental health counseling programs for the period July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.
- #180-17 Accepting the bid of Integrity Building Group (IBG), in connection with the Perrinville School Move Phase 2 to prepare school to be moved to Greenmead.
- #181-17 Approving a proposed Sub-Contract Agreement between the Conference of Western Wayne and the City of Livonia, for Youth Assistance Program costs in the amount of \$52,195.00.
- #182-17 Accepting the bid of Curb Appeal Concepts, Inc., for replacement of the electronic marquee sign at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center.
- #183-17 Accepting the bid of JSS-Macomb LLC, for Phase One - Dog Park at Bicentennial Park.
- #184-17 Accepting the quotation of D'Angelo Brothers, Inc., for the emergency water main repair on eastbound Schoolcraft, west of Newburgh.
- #185-17 Accepting the quotation of D'Angelo Brothers, Inc., for the emergency water main repair on 13245 Newburgh Road, just South of I-96.
- #186-17 Authorizing the temporary removal of equipment billing agreement between the City of Livonia and the Detroit Edison Company for streetlight removal of the Five Mile Road Water Main Replacement Project - Middlebelt Road to Inkster Road.
- #187-17 Approving Petition 2017-03-02-06 to construct new restaurant (BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse), including expansion of Class C liquor license, an outdoor dining patio.
First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 040 of Title 13, Chapter 08 (Water Service Rates and Revenues) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.
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First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 350 of Title 13, Chapter 08 (Water Service Rates and Revenues) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.
First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Sections 190, 220, 240 and repealing Sections 110 and 160 of Title 13, Chapter 20 (Livonia Sewage Disposal System) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.
- #188-17 Suspending the rules.
- #189-17 Approving request from American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, waiving Noise Ordinance, erection and use of tents at Bentley Field, 11am, June 3, 2017 - 6am, June 4, 2017.
Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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 Susan M. Nash
 Livonia City Clerk

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CITY OF LIVONIA - 06/05/2017 1,826TH
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

Present: Brosnan, Jolly, White, Bahr, Meakin, Kritzman, and McIntyre.
Absent: None.

Items were received and filed.

- #190-17 Approving minutes of the 1,825th Regular Meeting of the Council - May 22, 2017.
- #191-17 Approving request to close Orangelawn Street between Adams and Bassett Streets, on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 3-7pm for a block party, rain date Saturday, June 17, 2017.
- #192-17 Approving appointment of Leo Neville, to Local Officers Compensation Commission for seven years.
- #193-17 Accepting quote submitted by ESRI, Inc., to provide software maintenance for Livonia's Geographic Information System (GIS) for a one-year period.
- #194-17 Authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford F550 regular cab 4x4 pick-up truck built as a dump truck, with outfitting to replace a vehicle assigned to the Roads Maintenance section of the Department of Public Works, from budgeted funds.
- #195-17 Approving participation in the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) and payment for the City's Annual ARC Assessment for 2017.
- #196-17 Accepting quote from Azteca Systems LLC, to provide licensing and software maintenance, including Cityworks Online, for the DPW Work Management System for a one year period.
- #197-17 Approving establishment of Improvement Bonds to assure the installation of public improvements at Mystic Creek Site Condominiums.
- #198-17 Approving Petition 2017-04-LS-05, authorizing the sale of the City-owned property located at 31715 Wyoming for a sale price of \$10,309.80.
- #199-17 Referring Petition 2017-04-03-01 requesting the vacating of a 14-foot utility easement for the purpose of constructing an addition to home located at 31694 Curtis Road, to the Planning Commission for action and recommendation.
- #200-17 Referring Petition 2017-04-03-01 requesting the vacating of a 14-foot utility easement for the purpose of constructing an addition to home located at 31694 Curtis Road, to the Administration for its report and recommendation.
- #201-17 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford F-150 4x4 pick-up trucks, with plow, safety lighting, and spray in bed liner to replace vehicles assigned to the Parks Maintenance section of the Department of Public Works, from budgeted funds.
- #202-17 Referring subject matter of bi-fuel conversion in City vehicles and equipment to the Capital Improvement, Natural Resources and Waste Management Committee for its report and recommendation.
- #203-17 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford F150 (6.5' bed) 4x4 pick-up trucks, with plow, safety lighting, and spray in bed liner to replace vehicles assigned to the Roads Maintenance section of the Department of Public Works, from budgeted funds.
- #204-17 Authorizing the purchase of four (4) 2017 Ford F250 super cab 4x4 pick-up trucks, with plow, safety lighting, and spray in bed liner to replace four (4) vehicles assigned to the Roads Section of the Department of Public Works, from budgeted funds.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Chapter 48, of Title 10 (Right of Way, and Private Parking, and Prohibited Commercial Vehicle Parking on Residential Streets) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 040 of Title 13, Chapter 08 (Water Service Rates and Revenues) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

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#205-17 Accepting bid of Airport Lighting Employee Owned, LLC, for the replacement of the lighting system at Ford Field baseball/softball fields 1-3, including a 25-year warranty lighting system and a \$30,000.00 contingency allowance for soil remediation, for a total amount not to exceed \$499,500.00.

#206-17 Approving Petition 2017-03-02-03 to develop a planned residential development (Mystic Creek Condominiums) subject to conditions.

#207-17 Denying Petition 2017-03-02-05 requesting waiver use approval to utilize an SDM liquor license (sale of packaged beer and wine) in connection with operations of a convenience store (7-Eleven) and gas station (Mobil) located at 29321 Eight Mile.

#208-17 Accepting the quote submitted by Dominion Voting Systems, for the purchase of two (2) high speed scanners for the absentee counting boards; eighteen (18) transfer cases for the ADA compliant voter assistance terminals, and a computer work station for the election management software, for a grand total not to exceed \$24,070.00.

#209-17 Authorizing the Department of Law to resolve the claims brought on behalf of Deborah Mato, Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 13-010174-NO; for the amount of \$160,000.00.

#210-17 Directing that a closed Committee of the Whole meeting be held for the purpose of discussing litigation matters and attorney/client privileged communications in connection with pending litigation, *Frederick and Marilyn Wheeler v City of Livonia, et al.*

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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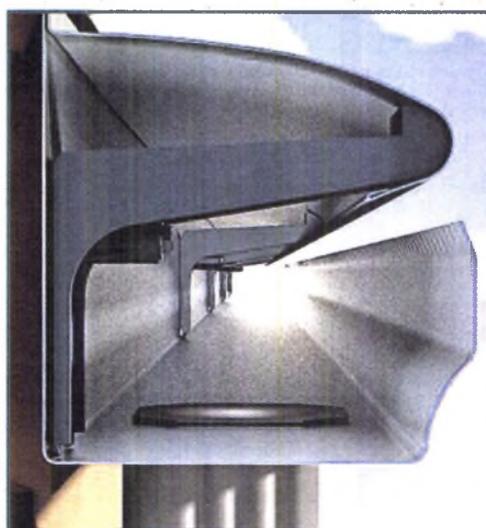
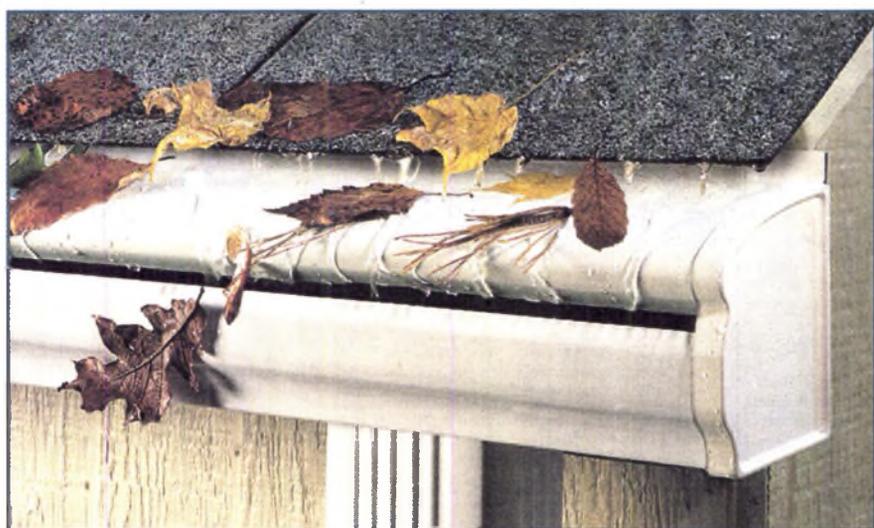
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