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Harmala leaving Wayne-Westland Schools

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Wayne-Westland Schools is in the market for a new superintendent as Michele Harmala is taking a position with Madonna University.

"I love preparing educators — I

do it in my current role. There were some changes at Madonna — I believe Madonna had a retirement and a resignation," Harmala said. "A job was posted. If I can be of service, great. If not, I love what I do."

A Brighton resident, Harmala is wrapping up her third year as

superintendent and will remain on the job until Aug. 31. At a recent meeting, the board of education approved using the Michigan Association of School Boards to conduct a superintendent search for the district.

"This is kind of an opportunity that presented itself," said Harmala,

who will work in the educational doctorate and special education graduate studies. "I've always had an interest in higher education."

Since 1999, Harmala has had experience teaching as an adjunct professor at Eastern Michigan



Harmala

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Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright (left) and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, listen as a tour of the Amazon fulfillment center is given Wednesday.

AMAZON SHOWCASES NEW WAREHOUSE IN LIVONIA

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Amazon is typically pretty quiet when it comes to new construction and additional buildings around the country. It lifted that veil Wednesday morning at its new fulfillment center in Livonia.

The Seattle-based company hosted a media walkthrough Wednesday morning of the new, 1 million-square-foot center being constructed at 39000 Amrhein in Livonia, the first time company officials have done so at one of its new buildings. The center will service Michigan, the Midwest and the rest of the country as a place where Amazon stores and ships the products it sells, from Kindles to kayaks.

"A lot of what goes into what we determine where we place our sites is the customer demand," said Shevaun Brown, a public relations manager for Amazon in Seattle. "We're seeing a lot of demand for Amazon shipments coming from this general region."

The center will flow in a circular motion, Brown said, with deliveries entering through one side of the building, being sorted onto shelves and eventually prepared for shipping through the other side of the building.

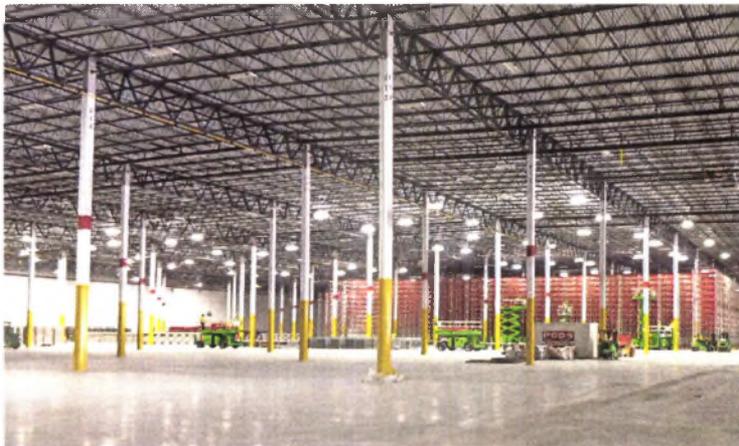
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Fred Holwey, a Rochester Hills resident and a senior operations manager at the Amazon fulfillment center in Livonia, gives a media tour of the warehouse.

The interior of the Amazon fulfillment center in Livonia. The 1 million-square-foot center is expected to open this fall.



Boy battling cancer gets shopping trip at toy store

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A youngster battling cancer was recently able to have a shopping trip to Toys R Us with the Power Rangers thanks to the efforts of a charitable group.

Grayson Dodd, 3, is battling AML Leukemia. Until recently, he lived in Westland with parents Kevin and April Dodd. The family recently moved to Howell.

The shopping trip to the Westland Toys R Us was organized by the recently formed charity Foundation for Strength, based in the metro Detroit area. Grayson was able to shop before the store opened for business with his favorites, the Power Rangers.

"Grayson had so much fun with the Power Rangers that he wasn't even concerned with shopping for toys," said Cory Allen, Foundation for Strength board member. "He was finally back to being a fun lovely kid again, playing tag, battle swords and hide and seek with the rangers. His dad mentioned that this was the first time he has seen Grayson with this joy in over a month."

By the end of the shopping trip, Grayson's shopping cart was overflowing with toys, Allen said, even a new bicycle. The Foundation for Strength mission is to raise social consciousness and donate funds to those who are battling cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Several fundraising events will be held annually to provide financial assistance to those in need. The group also aims to raise social consciousness by speaking out about those we have lost and those who are battling cancer.

Grayson's shopping spree took place just a day before he had to go back into the hospital for an extended stay of chemotherapy treatments.

For more information about the Foundation for Strength, a 501(c)(3) charity, visit www.foundationforstrength.org.

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Grayson Dodd visits with the Power Rangers during a trip to Toys R Us.



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WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Sound system taken

A resident in the 37000 block of Orchard Circle came to the Westland police station July 21 to report a sound system had been taken from their vehicle.

The man told police he parked his car in the parking lot of the complex but did not secure before going in for the night. He came out the next morning and found his subwoofers and amps missing from the trunk. He said there was no damage to the car and nothing else appeared missing.

Attempted break-in

A resident in the 35000 block of Booth came to the police station July 20

to report an attempted burglary of her garage. She heard her dog barking in the morning July 17 but did not think anything of it. On July 19, she was painting her fence and noticed the hinges on the door to the garage were damaged. She said there was no evidence left, as the door had been fixed.

Package stolen

A resident in the 1300 block of South Harvey came to the police station July 18 to report a package had been stolen from the front door of her home.

She said she was at work when she received a notification that the package, which contained a cellphone, had been deliv-

ered to her home.

Van damaged

An employee at Peoples Community Baptist Church, 29475 Annapolis, came to the police station July 20 to report damage to a church van.

The employee said someone had recently broken a window on a church van with an unknown object.

Rims taken from car

Police were dispatched to the 37000 block of Scotsdale Circle on July 19 on the report of stolen rims from a vehicle.

The victim told police he parked the vehicle in the carport in front of the apartment building. When he came out to the car that day, he found

someone had stolen his rims and left the car on landscaping blocks. Lug nuts were all left on the ground, which police gathered for evidence.

Vehicle broken into

A resident in the 300 block of Shotka came to the police station July 17 to report her vehicle had broken into.

She said someone had recently broken into her vehicle and stole loose change. She said she does not know who would have broken into the car and that it was locked. She said others in her neighborhood have experienced similar incidents.

—Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Residence broken into

Wayne police were called Monday afternoon to a residence in the 35800 block of Michigan Avenue to report a burglary. She said she left her

apartment earlier that afternoon, dead-bolting the door behind her. She came back a little over an hour later and found the door damaged with part of the door knob missing. She entered and saw things in disarray with some drawers over-

turned. She found cash in a birthday card taken, and a handgun she kept in the nightstand was also taken.

Car broken into

A resident in the 33100 block of Forest filed a police report July 15 over

a break-in of their vehicle.

The resident said they entered the car the day before and noticed it was in disarray, but did not think anything of it. The next day, they found their GPS system and other items missing.

HARMALA

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University, as well as Madonna.

"Number one, I have enjoyed every minute of it (her time as superintendent). It's a great district," Harmala said. "We created a lot of great collaborations."

Among accomplishments, Harmala noted the board adopted a 2016-2020 strategic plan and is moving to implement it. At a recent meeting, there was a presentation on an instructional plan for student learning and growth

in 21st century skills.

Another goal that was accomplished, Harmala said, was attracting and retaining in staff. Seven of eight employee collective bargaining agreements have been resolved.

"We were able to provide some level of competitive compensation for each group," Harmala said, adding the district is waiting to hear about a federal grant sought for teacher and principal retention.

The district received support from voters who approved an enhancement millage but also from the public in programs to get new equip-

ment for the planetarium at Westland John Glenn High School and establish the Scholars of Glenn, modeled after the Wayne Champions program.

"In partnership with the community, we updated the technology. We have used the planetarium for all ages of students," Harmala said. "We held three community events - Dinner Under the Stars. The students from (William Ford Career Technical School) the culinary arts program made dinner, then the planetarium. It went really well."

One area Harmala said she worked hardest

on has been promotion of career technical education.

"I worked with the governor and educators. We brought them to our campus. We saw a change in state aid to get more for capital expenditures to keep up with the market," she said.

The governor had visited the district and talked of high school opportunities for career pathways through career technical training.

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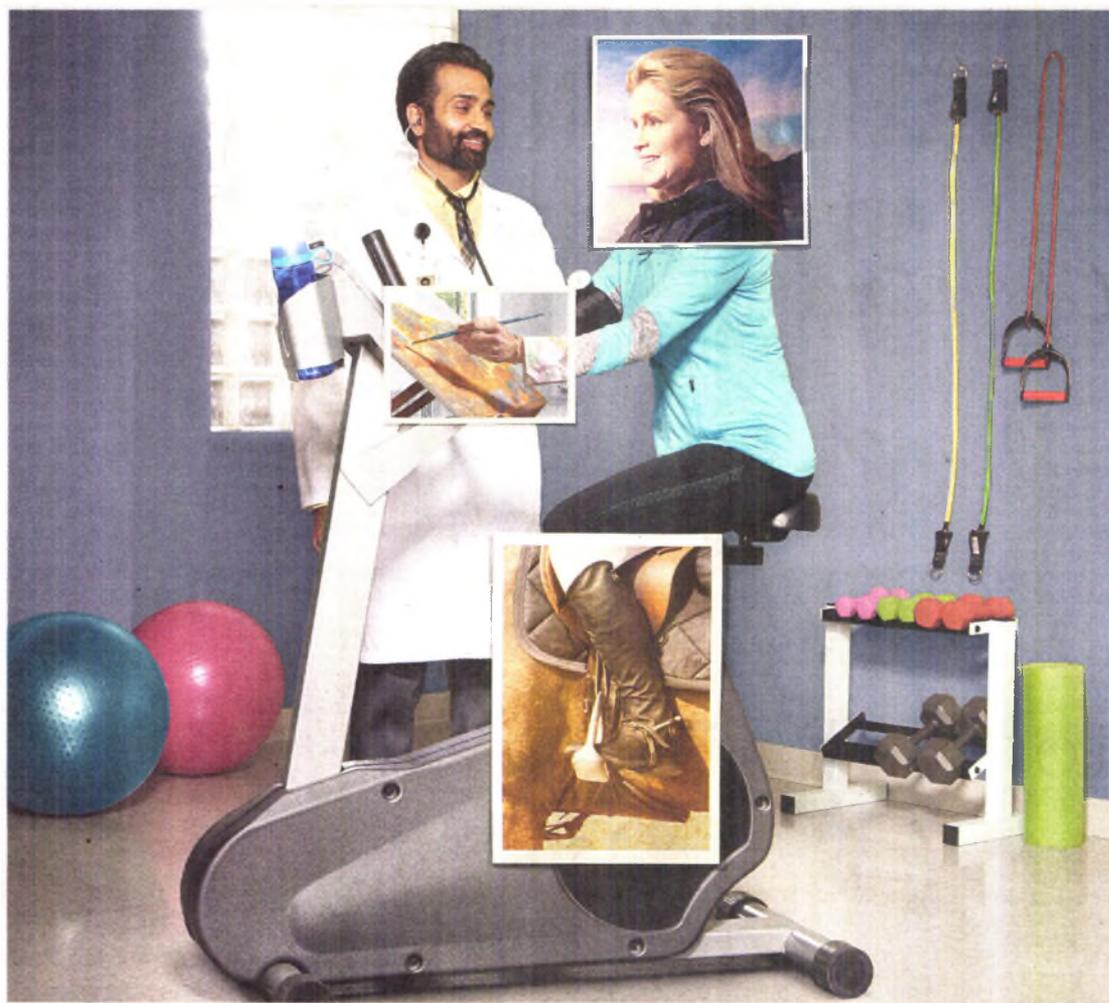
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The Amazon fulfillment center at 39000 Amrhein.

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The center is about the same size as other fulfillment centers across the country, said Fred Holwey, a Rochester Hills resident and a senior operations manager for the Livonia fulfillment center.

The center, which was unveiled in December, is the e-commerce giant's first fulfillment center in Michigan. It operates about 70 such centers across the United States. The only other presence Amazon has in Michigan is a sorting center in Brownstown Township, which opened in 2015.

Workforce a big factor

Brown said the other big reason the company wanted to locate in Livonia is the workforce. She said the company noticed Livonia and western Wayne County was a



Shelves in the distance at the Amazon fulfillment center in Livonia. Come this fall, those shelves will be stocked with merchandise.

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great spot to hire dedicated individuals.

"There's a lot of talent here locally and, when we create jobs, we want to make sure we're doing it in a place where we're seeing the enthusiastic, hard-working people that we want as Amazon associates," she said. "And we're seeing that here in Livonia and that's a key reason why we want to come here."

The center is expected to hire 1,000 permanent workers at the center and another 500 seasonal workers are expected at peak times throughout the year. In addition, the company has about 500 local construction workers building the center.

Those interested in applying to work at the center can do so through amazon.com/livoniajobs. Those jobs, which Brown

said will consist of most of the employees at the center, were posted July 23.

Barb Gamber, Livonia's economic development coordinator, said Amazon moving into the former GM Delco Chassis plant site is a boost for the west side of the city. The site had not been used since the late 1990s and was a vacant piece of property for many years.

Between Amazon and Republic National Distributing Co., which plans to open a new facility at the site in 2019, Gamber said it will do nothing but help the city's industrial belt.

"It's great to bring life back to this side of town," she said. "This space has been vacant for the last 20 years."

"I think it's really going to inspire attention and draw."

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Police seek man who stole tip money from restaurant

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Livonia police are looking for a man they say stole tip money.

Police say the man came into Jersey Mike's Subs, 12315 Middlebelt, Monday and ordered a drink. Police say he paid for the drink using a \$20 bill, but then mentioned to the employees they shorted him \$10 in change. The employee then gave him \$10 out of the register.



After interacting with the employee, he was reportedly then seen reaching his hand into the tip jar for employees at the register and grabbing the cash inside. After the man left, employees reportedly also realized the register was \$10 short.

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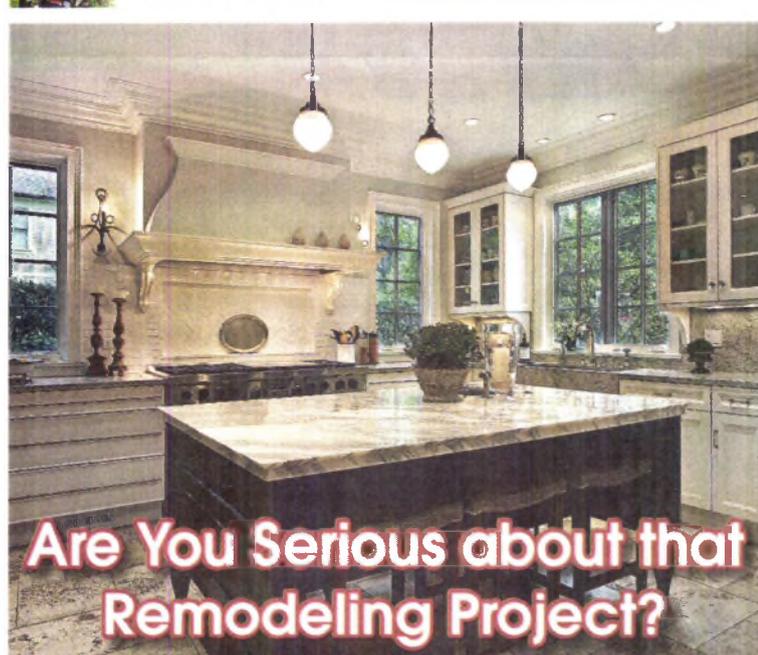
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New library board appointments planned

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A new five-member Westland Library Board is being appointed by Mayor William Wild, with council confirmation on the Aug. 7 city council meeting agenda.

The board, which oversees the William P. Faust Library, has been vacant since the last two members resigned in June. The resignations came after months of controversy involving the layoff of librarians as part of a reorganization. Sheila Collins also resigned as library director.

"We had 14 applicants for the board. The Library Network vetted them and gave me a recommendation for five appointments," Wild said. "We are letting them know we are recommending them for appointment."

Slated for mayoral appointment to the library board are: Julie Laliberte, who is soon retiring as Northville Library director; Gail Nicholson, who works in car cruises and other promotions; Kathryn Sample, who works in finance for the City of Wayne; James Higgins Jr., whose background is in Ford Motor Company management; and Gary Chappell, a retired long-time Westland resident and former manager at Farmer Jack.

"As a co-op, we try to help out when there is a need for an outside, independent party," said Jim Pletz, director of The

Library Network. "It's very unusual to lose a whole board. They had been down to two members — you need three members to do anything on a five-member board."

In reviewing the applications, Pletz said he looked at the letters/resumes from the candidates, at their commitment to the community, unique skill sets and personality.

"I looked at long- and short-term goals. It was a combination of many factors," he said. "You always want a mix of finance, marketing and community relations experience. You want diversity."

Pletz is expected to attend the Aug. 7 council meeting to explain the selection process used to come up with the five candidates. With a new board in place, he said they will be able to move forward in a positive fashion.

"It looks like a pretty good mix. I believe The Library Network will hold a board training session," Wild said. "I'd recommend the new board work with The Library Network. I've been pleased with them." It's not uncommon for new boards to get training, Pletz said, so that they can know their responsibilities and do their jobs better from the outset.

Wild is also looking to

The Library Network to provide assistance going forward as the library board begins searching for a new director.

"Because of all the negative publicity surrounding this, the library may have a hard time attracting candidates," Wild said. "Working with The Library Network will show we've turned the corner."

Depending on how intense the search is and the type of candidates responding, Pletz said it will take 1-5 months to hire a director.

"It's really prioritizing what they want the director to accomplish. Westland needs someone who will be out in the community," Pletz said.

The library board needs a new vision and sense of purpose, he said. Needing measurable goals, Pletz said he recommends using the State Library of Michigan Quality Services Audit Checklist.

The terminated librarians were offered their jobs back, having alleged they were being punished for attempting to unionize. The library board denied the allegations and the employees voted to organize a bargaining unit through the Service Employees International Union.

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Charges filed against man in county worker's death

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The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said Wednesday it would pursue charges against a man involved in a crash that killed a Wayne County worker from Garden City earlier this year.

The office said Thursday it had filed charges against a 47-year-old Lincoln Park man who was employed as a truck driver for Wayne County at the time of the March 23 accident, which killed

47-year-old Garden City resident David Wolf and injured 46-year-old Detroit resident Wilbur King.

The driver, whose name had not yet been released as of press time pending arraignment, was charged with reckless driving cause death, reckless driving causing serious impairment, work zone death and work zone injury. If convicted, the man faces up to 15 years in prison.

Wolf was killed and King was injured the

morning of March 23 near Van Born and Fell-rath in Taylor. Prosecutors allege the suspect was driving a Wayne County truck when he struck both Wolf and King while they were filling asphalt on damaged parts of the road. Wolf later died at a local hospital and King was treated for injuries to his abdomen and leg.

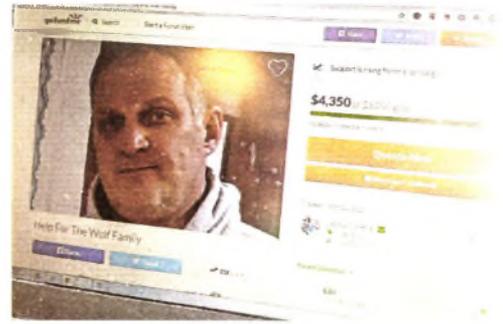
A GoFundMe to support his family was launched shortly after his death in March and has raised more than

\$7,000 since then.

One of Wolf's neighbors, Jacqueline Scherle, told the *Observer & Eccentric* in March that Wolf was always around to help out around their neighborhood.

"All of our neighbors would see him," the Garden City resident said. "He was a very big presence on our street."

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A photo of the GoFundMe page launched to help support the family of David Wolf.

Recreational vehicle fire in Livonia damages two homes

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A fire damaged two homes and a recreational vehicle early Thursday morning in the 20000 block of Angling.

Fire Marshal Keith Bo of the Livonia Fire Department said the blaze began at about 3:30 a.m. Thursday in an RV in the driveway of one of the homes, located at the intersection of Angling and Fargo. He said the blaze consumed the RV, destroying it completely, and spread to the two homes it was parked in between.

"I believe the fire originated in the RV and spread to the two houses," Bo said.

Both homes had fire damage in attic, as well as smoke and water damage



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An RV caught fire early Thursday morning in the driveway of this home in the 20000 block of Angling.

throughout the home.

No injuries were reported, Bo said.

The cause of the fire was undetermined and was battled quickly by firefighters.

"I couldn't find anything that pointed to be an accelerant," he said. "Our fire guys made a quick,

aggressive attack.

The fire remains under investigation.

Livonia police said Wednesday morning they were not treating the fire as suspicious.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Purse taken from vehicle at YMCA

Livonia police were called the afternoon of July 21 on the report of a vehicle that had been broken into at the YMCA, 14225 Stark.

Police spoke to the vehicle's owner, who said she parked her car in the lot earlier that morning. When she came out later that afternoon, she found one of her vehicle's windows smashed out and her purse missing. The purse was the only thing that appeared missing from the vehicle, which contained her wallet, driver's license, coupons and loose change. The car was locked during the day. Employees at the YMCA said they would review footage at a later date.



The Livonia police station.

FILE PHOTO

Retail fraud suspect stopped

Police were called Monday evening to Target, 29451 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

A loss prevention employee told police they saw the suspect and another individual walk into the store. They recognized the two from other retail frauds in the store and began watching them. They were seen selecting several items and placing them in a cart. The woman reportedly tried to leave the store without paying while the male began talking to guest services to direct attention away from her. Employees were able to stop the woman before she could leave with the unpaid-for items, though the man was able to get away from the store, according to the report. She reportedly told employees that she had shoplifted before with the man. She was arrested

and taken to the police station for processing.

Tools taken

Police were called Monday afternoon to a residence in the 37600 block of Newburgh Park Circle on the report of stolen tools from a vehicle.

The victim said he left the site for an hour to go to the hardware store. When he came back, he found tools inside his van missing. Those included tools such as an auger, hammer drill, tool bag and several hand tools. No suspect information was available.

Wheels, tires stolen

Police were called the morning of July 23 to the 38200 block of Summers on the report of the larceny of wheels and tires.

The victim said all four wheels and tires were taken off of the vehicle while it was

parked in the driveway overnight. The vehicle was left sitting on landscaping blocks.

Fraudulent scanning at Meijer

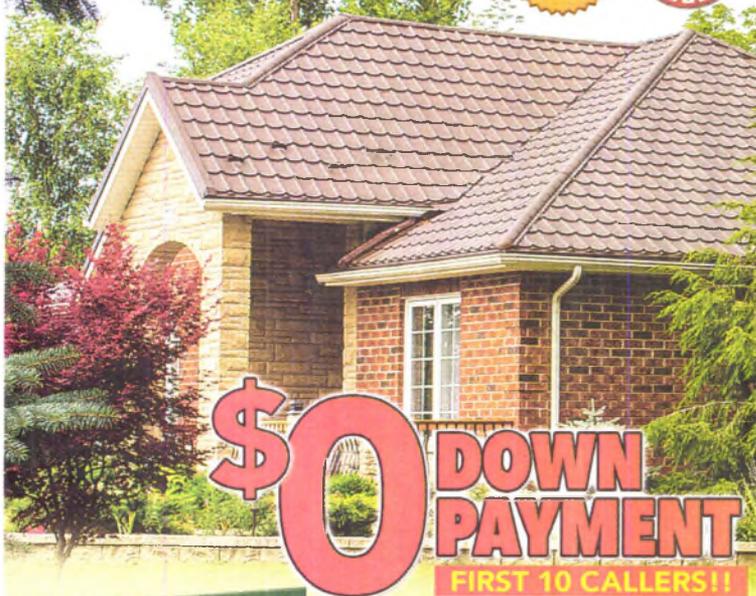
Police were called July 21 to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, after employees said they saw a suspect fraudulently scanning items at a lower price point.

The employee told police they saw the suspect at a self-checkout scanning items at a lower price point than their listed price. She also reportedly did not scan several other items, including dog treats and turkey wings. Police arrived and arrested her after discovering she also had a warrant out for her arrest from Livonia's 16th District Court.

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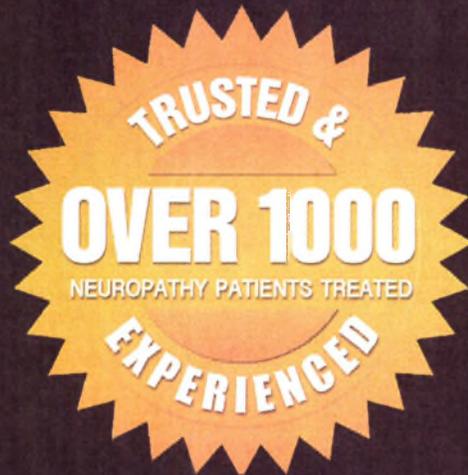
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A LATINA'S FIGHT FOR DIVERSE VOICES

College official encourages difficult conversations as a challenge to perceptions

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Too tall. Too dark. Too Latina. Growing up in New York City and then Rochester, there were many reasons why Stephanie Paredes, 35, didn't feel like she belonged.

Now, she highlights excluded voices as manager of multicultural programs at the Rochester Institute of Technology, and co-founder of the Rochester Latino Theater Company.

"When we build an inclusive environment for everyone to come together and talk to each other, we move from tolerance to acceptance," said Paredes, whose family roots are in the Dominican Republic.

At RIT, she fosters sometimes uncomfortable conversations between races, sexual orientations and backgrounds.

Those conversations can get messy, but it's important to have them, she said.

"I'm not afraid to talk about the harder conversations on our campus," she said, "because that's what a campus is for."

Conversations that challenge worldviews and perceptions help students understand their world and the people in it, she said, and as those conversations occur, people will be more comfortable taking action for social justice.

"One of the things we love to do in Rochester is talk a lot about the issues," she said. "What I think we need a little bit more work on is the action side of things."

Paredes took action when she saw a need in the Latino community for better theater opportunities. She grew up participating in theater productions, but found herself often cast in stereotypical Latina roles. So she started a company of her own.

"We wanted everyone to understand the Latino story, told by Latinos," she



Stephanie Paredes, co-founder of the Rochester Latino Theater Company and manager of multicultural programs at Rochester Institute of Technology, fosters diversity conversations.

said. Their first show sold out — "we realized there's a need for this," she said. She stages performances that everyone can relate to, not just Latinos or Spanish speakers. Part of the benefit of inclusion is finding similarities, she said. "Not losing the humanity amidst all of the messiness is so important," she said. "At the end of the day, we're people, and even if we don't agree on things, we're still people."

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Q&A WITH STEPHANIE PAREDES

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means that I recognize and respect the diverse people that have built this country and have made very important contributions to the social, cultural, political and historical arenas of American history. Being an American is freedom of expression without judgment.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

For the Rochester Latino Theater Company, I was inspired to create a space where artists of color, especially Latino artists, felt supported, their voices heard, their presence felt and their talents exposed.

My work at RIT is driven by doing my part in creating global leaders. Students inspire me so much. They're curious and honest. I've always loved celebrating culture, learning about people and their experiences.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

I am concerned that we have lost our humanity toward each other. It's so easy to hate and keep our distance from people and places that we aren't familiar with. It's easy to stay misinformed, boxed in and it may be comfortable to some to live in a bubble. However, we live in a world that at some point in your life you will not always be surrounded by people who look like you, talk like you, or even come from where you come from. My hope is that we will each have a turning point in all our lives where we continue to grow, restore and enhance our humanity towards each other. Difference shouldn't be a barrier.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

Love. Understanding. Acceptance. Change. Celebration. Community. Unity. Inclusion. I hope that through my work I can help others see the beauty of diversity and the importance of inclusion. It's not enough to invite diversity to your table if those voices aren't being valued, respected, and heard.

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Police: Two charged with intent to murder

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Two Garden City men face assault charges after Wayne police say they beat another man with a car radio at a local bar.

Police arrested Ryan Fletcher, 35, and Jacob Rose, 23, after being called at about 2:30 a.m. July 23 to the parking lot of a bar near West Michigan Avenue and New-

berry. Police were dispatched on the report of a fight that had broken out behind the establishment.

When officers arrived, they found the victim, a 70-year-old Wayne man, with several serious injuries from allegedly being punched, kicked and struck with the car radio. The victim was taken to a local hospital and remained there Wednesday.

Fletcher was charged with assault with intent to commit murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and habitual offender-fourth offense. Fletcher has several criminal convictions out of Wayne County, all assault charges. He was released from prison in 2015 after serving several years behind bars, according to Michigan Department of Corrections online records.



Rose Fletcher

Rose was charged with assault with intent to commit murder and assault with a dangerous weapon.

If both are convicted

on the assault with intent to murder charge, they face a maximum of life in prison.

Police say a third suspect was arrested that night at the bar, but was released when a warrant request was denied by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

The two men were arraigned Tuesday in Wayne's 29th District Court and each had a

bond set at \$100,000 cash or surety. They remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail as of Wednesday afternoon.

A probable cause conference in their case is set for Aug. 8 and a preliminary examination will take place Aug. 15.

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Bumpers, Bikes & Bands

Bumpers, Bikes & Bands is set for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 30, in Plymouth's historic old village.

The event will include cars from all eras, vendors and live music. Register in advance or roll in the day of show.

For more information, visit www.oldvillageplymouth.com or email bbb@oldvillageplymouth.com or call Mark at 734-502-3794 or Trish at 517-712-0440.

'Seriously Women'

Madonna University presents "Seriously Women - Celebrating the Unsung Heroine" featuring film scenes with songs by female composers and lyricists at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5.

Performers are from Catholic Central, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Novi, Northville, Mercy, Walled Lake Central and Plymouth Christian high schools.

Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, call 734-432-5715.

School supply drive

Plymouth self-storage business 1-800-Self-Storage.com of Plymouth will serve as a drop-off point for Plymouth Community United Way's Back to School Supply Drive.

School supplies that are most useful include #2 pencils, colored pencils, 24-count crayons, markers, yellow highlighters, pens, glue sticks, Elmer's glue, scissors with rounded edges, pink eraser, rulers, 1-subject wide ruled notebooks, composition book wide ruled, 1-inch 3-ring binders, wide ruled loose-leaf paper, pocket folders, supply boxes and bags, and back packs. United Way will also accept new socks and underwear in any size to donate to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank.

Donations can be brought to 1-800-Self-Storage.com, which is located at 42360 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

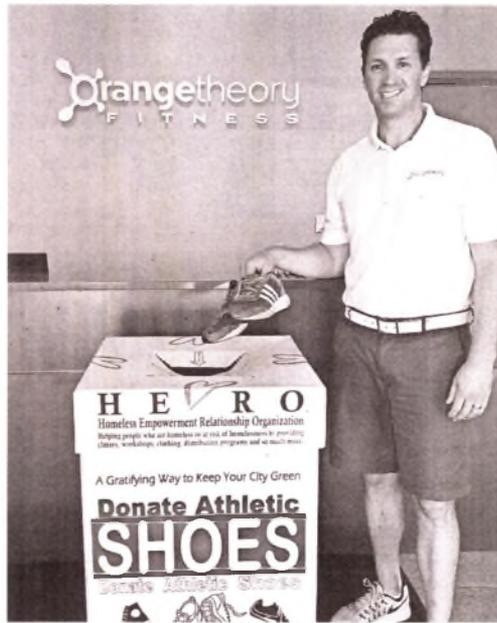
Plymouth Community United Way is at 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste 2, Plymouth. Hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday.

For more information, visit www.1800selfstorage.com.

Jazz concert series relocated

The 2017 Canton Color Block Jazz Concert Series continues this summer with its remaining concerts scheduled to take place at a new location in Canton's Heritage Park. The outdoor concerts will now be held Friday evenings through Aug. 25, from 7-9 p.m. at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

To allow larger audiences the chance to experience these free jazz



Chad Smith, owner of Orangetheory Fitness in Canton, will conduct a shoe drive for the homeless Aug. 1-31.

concerts, this popular series has been relocated from the Super Bowl to Canton's Heritage Park. The concert lineup and schedule remain the same:

- » Aug. 4: Ron Otis
- » Aug. 11: Rayse Biggs
- » Aug. 18: RYZ Mr. Gerard Gibbs
- » Aug. 25: Greg Nagy

Audience members are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket and then sit back and enjoy. In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will be canceled.

For more information, visit www.shopcanton.org.

St. Rafka Maronite Festival

St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church will hold its fourth annual church festival from 4-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, and 1-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. The church is at 32765 Lyndon St. in Livonia. Admission and parking are free.

Families can celebrate the best aspects of Middle Eastern and American culture together in one place. This two-day event features homemade Middle Eastern food, premium bar, live music, dancing, children's activities, hookah lounge and henna tattoos. Live music will be performed by The Pulse, Zein Wazani, Exit 69 and Usama Baalbaki. Children's activities include a bounce house, giant slide, obstacle course, face painting, video game trailer and petting farm (petting farm Sunday only).

For more information, visit www.saintrafkafestival.com.

Shoe drive for homeless

Orangetheory Fitness-Canton, in partnership with HERO and Midwest Recycling, will conduct a shoe drive for the homeless from Aug. 1-31. HERO is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping homeless people or those at risk of homelessness.

Orangetheory Fitness, 41818 Ford Road, will be an official shoe collection site. If you would like to donate a pair of shoes, come by during hours of operation. All shoes are welcomed.

VegMichigan Summerfest

VegMichigan SummerFest is set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, at Madonna University. An array of plant-based fare, including grilled burgers, wraps, salads, nachos, coney, mac 'n cheese, fresh fruit, raw juices, smoothies, ice cream, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, shakes and more, will be offered by local vegan-friendly restaurants and food trucks including Chive Kitchen, Shimmy Shack and Nosh Pit food trucks, ChiliMustardOnions, El Cardenal Vegan Tamales, Tumerican Indian Restaurant, Urge Raw Juice, Ben & Jerry's new dairy-free ice creams and many others.

Live music, carnival games, henna tattoos, face painting and shopping a variety of merchandise from vegan, cruelty-free vendors round out a day of fun for the whole family.

VegMichigan SummerFest takes place at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road

in Livonia. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, call 248-867-2155 or visit www.vegmichigan.org.

Scavenger Hunt

Garden City Business Alliance and the DDA are hosting a citywide Scavenger Hunt from Aug. 7-18. Get a clue packet starting Aug. 7 at garden-city-business-alliance.org/clues and gcdda.com/clues.

Solve all clues correctly and visit all businesses to fill out your entry form at each business to be entered into a drawing for cash prizes. First-place prize is \$250.

Winners will be drawn Aug. 24 at Music in the Park at Garden City Park.

For more information, call 734-261-2830 or email theresa@downtowngarden-city.com.

Free showing of 'Dream On'

Citizens for Peace present the film "Dream On" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile.

"Dream On" investigates the perilous state of the American Dream after decades of rising income inequality and declining economic mobility. In an epic road trip, political comedian John Fugelsang retraces the journey of Alexis de Toqueville, whose study of our young country in 1831 came to define America as a place where anyone, of any background, could climb the ladder of economic opportunity.

Following in the Frenchman's footsteps, Fugelsang asks whether the optimistic spirit of the American Dream that Tocqueville popularized is alive and well in the 21st century. The film's finale is in Detroit. All are welcome to this free showing and discussion.

For more information, visit www.citizens4peace.com or call 734-425-0079.

RCL meet and greet

The Republican Club of Livonia will host a gubernatorial candidate meet and greet event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Livonia Victory Center, 33462 W. Seven Mile Road. For more information, call 734-679-7757.

'Drowsy Chaperone'

Garden City Community Theatre will present "The Drowsy Chaperone" — a musical within a comedy — at 7 p.m. Aug. 10-12 and 2 p.m. Aug. 13 at O'Leary Performing Arts Center, 6500 Middlebelt Road, Garden City.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission seating. The box office opens 90 minutes before each show.

Runestad seeks public input

State Rep. Jim Runestad has scheduled two public meetings to gather input on proposed child custody reforms. Runestad, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, is working on legislation establishing shared custody with equal parenting time as the starting point for all child custody deliberations in Michigan.

"I want to get as much input as possible from people involved with the family court system throughout our state, including parents, attorneys and other experts," said Runestad, R-White Lake. "This information will allow me to move forward and make meaningful re-

forms that improve child custody laws in Michigan."

Public meetings will be at 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at Studio D2D, 401 Hall St. SW, Grand Rapids; and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Antonio's Cucina Italiana, 2220 N. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Anyone unable to attend one of the meetings is encouraged to contact Runestad's office at 517-373-2616 or email JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Wayne Memorial 50th Reunion

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1967 will hold its 50th reunion at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lotz Road, Canton.

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Carlson



Ronald Age 70, died July 18, 2017 in Arizona. Survived by wife Elizabeth Carlson, sisters Donna (Tony) Eugeni, Kathy (Randy) Cavanaugh, brothers John (Carol) Carlson, Jim (Claudia) Carlson. Nieces and nephews Lisa Eugeni, Mark (Tina) Eugeni, Laura Packard, Sarah Packard, Florida (Kevin) Jones, Arnold, Catherine, John-John, Joshua and John Rey Carlson, Bernadine (Trey) Razon, Steve Carlson. Great-nieces and nephews Natalia Funkenhauser, Julia and Gabrielle Carlson, Connor, Toby and Kasie Jones, Aunt Pauline Kapper and many dear cousins. Ron was cremated and a memorial service is planned for September in Canton, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Ron Carlson Scholarship Fund at Community Financial Credit Union in Plymouth Michigan.

Oesterle



Carole L. age 76, of New Hudson, formerly of Livonia and Northville, passed away on July 21, 2017. She was born February 25, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Vincent and Margaret (nee Cook) Stuckey. She graduated from Northville High School in 1959. She continued her education at Cleary College and received a certificate for secretarial skills. Carole was united in marriage to Kenneth C. Oesterle on November 24, 1962; they spent 54 loving years as husband and wife until his death on June 25, 2017. Carole worked as a Library Clerk for Noble Public Library and Civic Center Libraries in Livonia and retired after many years of service. She kept attractive gardens at her home and enjoyed flower arranging. These arrangements often ended up at the homes and workplaces of friends and family. Carole's favorite flower was the pansy. She also enjoyed clothes shopping and going out to dinner. Carole is survived by her loving daughter, Laura L. Oesterle; her sisters, Susan (Richard) Beaubien and Joyce (Phil) Presnell; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband (June 25, 2017) and her parents. A funeral service was held Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at Casterline Funeral Home. Mrs. Oesterle was laid to rest next to her husband at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154 or Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, 1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Please share condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



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Springfield

Ralph, 82, of Grand Haven, Michigan, passed away on July 21, 2017. A graveside service will be held for family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Michigan, or Harbor Humane Society of West Olive. Arrangements by Klaasen Family Funeral Home. Please visit www.klaasenfureralhome.com to sign Ralph's guest book.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to establish a secondhand store at the property located at 32659 Ford Road. Secondhand stores are a special land use in the C-3 General Business District.

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

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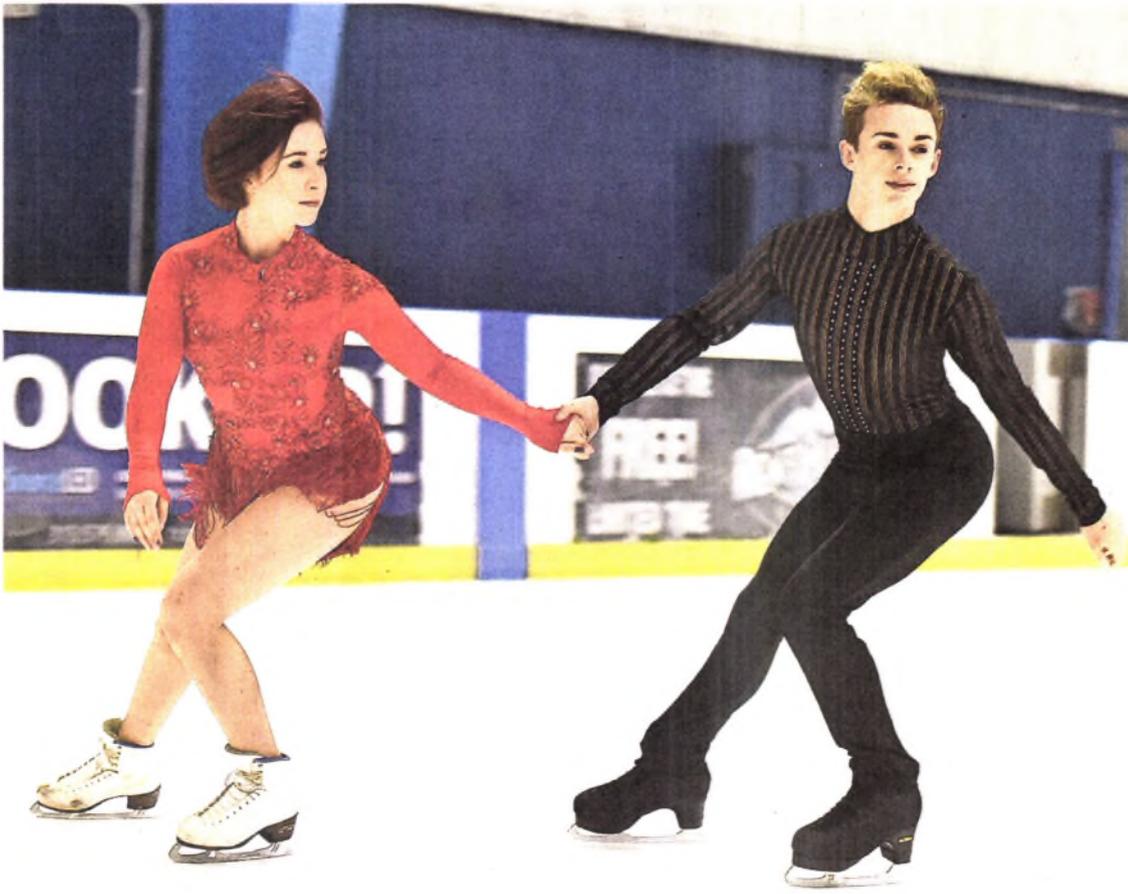
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DUO EYES OLYMPIC STAGE



Practicing with poise and flair at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena are ice dancers Tish Marsh and Elliot Verburg. Both are taking aim at skating for Team Great Britain in the 2022 Winter Olympics.

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CARVING THEIR LEGACY

Ice dancers Marsh, Verburg tirelessly hone craft at Canton's Arctic Edge

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When Tish Marsh and Elliot Verburg whirl in tandem around the smooth, shiny ice at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, it looks to spectators as though they've been skating together for years.

They move in unison. They fly around the rink at up to 30 mph, performing in seamless fashion through a variety of jumps, loops, twirls and dips — never losing



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Tish Marsh and Elliot Verburg began skating as a duo in June. They are being coached by world-renowned Marina Zoueva.

sight of each other. It's as though they are so in sync that they could finish each other's sentences off the ice.

But the teenaged Marsh and Verburg only recently teamed up under the tutelage of world-renowned International Skating Academy coach Marina Zoueva with the long-term goal of winning gold in ice dance for Team Great Britain at the 2022 Winter Olympics.

"Marina's lovely," said the 16-year-old Marsh, who relocated from England in 2015 with her mom Denise. "She's like a mother to all of us here. We have a little skating family here."

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders welcome Grenier into fold

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With 1,120 victories to his credit, legendary Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham knows a thing or two about how to make a team tick.

One of those things is having the very best staff possible.

So when longtime assistant coach Tim DeBeliso decided to retire after two decades, Abraham already had a name in mind — Livonia Churchill head coach Mark Grenier.

"(DeBeliso) was a great coach, an awesome coach," Abraham said. "He's a hard act to follow and was instrumental to our success in our program. We will certainly miss him.

"But we had an opportunity to pick up someone like Mark. He's a quality person, a quality coach."

Grenier will begin the collegiate phase of his coaching career Aug. 7, when the first practice of the 2017-18 season takes place.

Among the players will be 2017 Churchill grad Alyssa Facione, a promising libero.

"Of course, locally, he's got good insight into recruiting a lot of local talent," said Abraham, an NAIA Hall of Fame coach entering his 31st season at Madonna. "Churchill always played at a high level, always ranked in the state. I'm looking for him to help in a lot of different facets and he's very energetic and enthusiastic.

"I think it's just a big plus and we feel very confident he's going to be a real positive addition to our program."

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MADONNA ATHLETICS
Mark Grenier is leaving Churchill for MU.

TENNIS

Long-running BAC men's tournament attracts stellar playing field

Marty Budner
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The Birmingham Athletic Club men's doubles tennis tournament started in 1960. It is still going strong 57 years later.

The annual tourney was held July 11-15 and featured intense action from the 64 participants, which breaks down to 32 BAC members and their guests. The week-long tourney included some of the area's top 18-over players.

"The tournament was a tremendous success this year," said Jack Parks, one of the tournament organizers and a BAC member. "We had 32 strong teams

between the two brackets and we had five great days of weather. Sizable crowds gathered for Friday and Saturday night as the tournament continues to grow stronger each year."

Play was conducted in two flights — the King Draw and the Oehrlein Draw.

The King Draw winners were BAC member Matt McCormick and his guest Robert Riley. McCormick and Riley defeated the duo of Dave Cosgrove (BAC) and Nick Tolomei (guest) in the championship match, 6-0, 7-6.

The tandem of Mitch Black (BAC member) and Peter Spina (guest) pre-

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The BAC's men's doubles tournament winners were (from left) Robert Riley and Matt McCormick (King Draw champs) and Mitch Black and Peter Spina (Oehrlein Draw champs).

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WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF

Plymouth graduate Chipman edged by Johnson

Greg Johnson
Correspondent

Muskegon's Aya Johnson is back and back is the key word for the winner of the 101st Michigan Women's Amateur Championship presented by Carl's Golf and at Saginaw Country Club.

The 21-year-old senior-to-be at the University of Wisconsin is able to swing pain-free for the first time since 2015 back surgery and July 14 she turned back Grand Valley State University golfer Katelyn Chipman of Canton in the championship match, 3 and 2.

"This means a lot," she said. "I've worked hard not only on golf, but healing and strengthening different parts of my body. I was scared. I had to sit around a lot and nobody knew if I would be OK or if I could play. I'm so happy to be out here and to win is so far beyond that."

Johnson, who earlier this month won a Michigan sectional qualifier for the U.S. Women's Amateur in San Diego in August, lost three consecutive holes with bogeys early in the round and Chipman had a 2-up lead as they walked to the No. 6 tee.

"I was talking to my caddie (Jacqueline Setas) and I told her we are not losing today, not today, not here," Johnson said. "I had to fight. I hit some bad shots early, but I started swinging within myself and started hitting more fairways and greens."

Johnson made a two-putt



Aya Johnson hits a tee shot during the championship match of the 101st Michigan Women's Amateur Championship at Saginaw Country Club.



Katie Chipman, a Plymouth alum from Canton, is shown during the first round of the 101st Michigan Women's Amateur Championship at Saginaw Country Club. She finished second overall.

par on No. 9 when Chipman's approach shot hit a tree branch and the match went to the back nine all square. Johnson took a 1-up lead at No. 11 with a par save, while Chipman, who had also missed the green, failed to save par.

Finally it was Chipman's driver that brought the match to a conclusion. She hit a tee shot through trees into an adjacent fairway and lost No. 15

to another par by Johnson, then at No. 16 hit her first tee shot out-of-bounds and eventually conceded the hole.

"Yes, the driver got a little away from me and I left the last two holes wide open," Chipman said. "It was tough loss, but she played really well and I struggled near the end. She is a very good player, so congrats to Aya."

Johnson, sticking to a game

plan of making pars on the tight tree-lined course, turned back Anika Dy of Traverse City in a morning semifinal match, while Chipman had to go 19 holes in a tense match with Texas State golfer Sarah White of Kentwood.

The former high school Miss Golf in Michigan (2012), Johnson said the win was a thrill especially on the heels of qualifying for the U.S. Ama-

teur.

"For the last four or five years, my goal has been to qualify for the U.S. Amateur and win the Michigan Amateur and this summer I did both," she said. "I had a lot of confidence coming off the (U.S. Amateur qualifier) and I stayed calm and composed and I didn't force anything. I didn't get too worked up and it all worked out just perfectly."

Chipman, who will be a sophomore at Grand Valley in the fall, said her 19-hole morning match with White was tough, but she didn't think fatigue was a factor in the afternoon.

"I was ready to go," she said. "I'm very proud of myself for the whole week. I played well and hit shots where I would give myself a pat on the back. I have never made the sweet 16 and then to go to the quarters, then semis and make the finals was a little surprising, but I'm honored to have made it all the way to the end."

Johnson said she noticed the great players in the field and the names on the trophy.

"It's hard not to notice, but I can't put myself in the back seat to anyone," she said. "I had to realize I'm as good as anyone who is here if I was going to win. The last few years, I've really struggled with the back injuries and so I'm so happy to be playing, to be out here playing with great players and against great players. My back feels fine. I feel great."

DANCERS

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Learning from 'the best'

Denise Marsh emphasized that she and Tish moved to Michigan "for her to be able to skate here and train with the world's best ice dance coach, Marina Zoueva. She has trained more Olympic champions in ice dance than anybody else on Earth."

Remember Meryl Davis and Charlie White of the United States? They were Zoueva pupils out of Arctic Edge who won Olympic gold in 2014.

"It's mainly the quality that they produce out of Canton," Tish Marsh said. "Because Marina's been in this business for a long time. She knows how to get every single ounce of scoring and points out of every move, so that it looks good for the subjective points and it also looks good technically."

According to Marsh, it was a big deal leaving her dad, sisters and friends back in England in order to go full-tilt in her international ice dance quest.

"But we made it work," she said with a grin. "I'm glad I did it, otherwise I wouldn't be where I am today."

The Marsh-Verburg duo is just getting started on its mission, however. Last week, the pair performed at the Lake Placid Ice Dance International; in early September, plans are to compete at the International Skating Union Junior Grand Prix in Latvia.

"In the grand scheme of things, it (the 2022 Winter Olympics) is quite a long ways to go," Marsh said. "But when you focus on trying to get there, four years doesn't seem that far. It's kind of daunting a little bit."

Teaming up

Their burgeoning partnership began in June, after Marsh and dual U.S.-UK citizen Verburg both lost their previous teammate.

With both athletes slightly built and relatively close in height (she is 5-3, he is 5-7), it proved to be a natural fit.

"Coaches won't pair them if they're not a good physical match for each other," Denise Marsh said. "So there's a height ratio, a weight ratio. ... It means eye-contact (during a routine) can still be maintained."

Even more important was having good chemistry.

"We had to get along," Tish Marsh said when asked about what she was looking for in a partner to succeed Anton Spiridonov, who returned to Russia last year. "Because you hear so



Tish Marsh, 16, and her partner Elliot Verburg, 17, train July 17 at Canton's Arctic Edge. The pair last week took part in an ice dancing competition at Lake Placid.

many horror stories — or even see them sometimes in people training here.

"You see partners not getting along, fighting every second of their practice and just not communicating at all."

According to Verburg, 17, such a stressful relationship is counterproductive: "It's too much time every day to hate someone."

Moving parts

Yet there are moments of frustration for the tandem, almost on a daily basis, as they formulate their definitive performance style.

"If something really is going wrong," Verburg said, "you do it a few times and it's just really not happening, you just have to step back and say, 'OK, what's making this go wrong?'"

Marsh added that "sometimes it gets to the point where it doesn't matter how much you work on (a routine). It's just not going to work that day. You just have a bad day."

Verburg then pointed to the thin, sharp and curved blade as another reason why it is essential for ice dancers to be on the same page.

"Especially with some of the rotating movements, we have to do it on that," Verburg said. "If you're half a centimeter off, whether it's going to go drastically wrong or you're going to just tip a little, it may not be obvious to the outside eye, but to a judge and to yourself, you feel like, 'Awww.' Those are points (lost)."

Denise Marsh interjected that mastering technicalities along with the performance art piece isn't done in a snap. It takes weeks, months and years of grueling, eight-hour days on the ice.

"They have to be on the right edge, both of them have to be on the correct edge of their blade at a particular point on the ice in a particular point in that dance, simultaneously without fail," she said. "Otherwise, they don't get the points for it."

Keeping it real

Getting that all-important muscle memory doesn't happen without endless practice, however.

To that end, Tish Marsh and Verburg credit online education for being on the Arctic

ICE CHIPS

Duo: Team Great Britain ice dance hopefuls Tish Marsh, 16, and Elliot Verburg, 17, are training at the world-renowned International Training Academy housed out of Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

Background: Marsh — who was born in Singapore, but moved to Michigan from England in 2015 — and Verburg (who has dual citizenship for the United States and Great Britain) began skating as a tandem in June at the academy, coached by Marina Zoueva. Both live in Canton, along with Tish's mom Denise.

Fast track: Marsh and Verburg will compete in September at the International Skating Union Junior Grand Prix and are focused on reaching the Junior World Championship in March 2018, to take place in Bulgaria. He competed for TGB last year in the Junior Worlds with his former partner.

Learning curve: Because of the long, demanding hours of training required of ice dancers with the goal of someday reaching the Winter Olympics, Marsh enrolled in an online school (Michigan Connections Academy) in 2015 so that she could take classes around her skating schedule. She recently graduated. Verburg will take classes this coming year at MICA in what will be his senior year.

MICA: For information about the academy, go to connectionsacademy.com or call 517-507-5390.

Social media: Follow the tandem on Twitter @TishM_ElliotV and @NISA_iceskating.

Edge ice every day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. — when Zoueva and other International Skating Academy instructors guide skaters from North America, Europe and Japan.

Tish Marsh recently graduated high school from Michigan Connections Academy, a public, tuition-free online school for students in grades K-12; Verburg soon will complete his senior year, thanks to MICA.

"The other schools I looked at that were online said I had to be in front of a computer from 8 (a.m.) until 4 (p.m.)," she said. "Connexus (the user-friendly online engine used by MICA) allowed me to rearrange those times to fit my skating schedule."

Virtual learning the past couple of years undoubtedly made it possible for Tish Marsh to learn from the best.

But make no mistake, the talent and pizzazz that she and Verburg are soon to unleash on the world of international ice dancing is very real indeed.

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YOUTH GOLF

Forest Lake welcomes junior tourney

Some of the best young golfers in the country and beyond will return to Bloomfield Township for the fifth annual American Junior Golf Association Junior tournament, set for Aug. 7-10.

Forest Lake Country Club will host the 54-hole national junior golf tournament. Some 72 boys and 24 girls, ages 12-19, will compete.

The 2017 AJGA Junior at Forest Hills will begin Monday, Aug. 7, with a Junior-Am Fundraising Tournament.

First-round play will begin Tuesday, Aug. 8, with first-through final-round tee times running from 7 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. off the No. 1 tee at Forest Lake Country Club. The awards ceremony will take place at approximately 5 p.m. Aug. 10.

Forest Lake Country Club is at 1401 Club Drive in Bloomfield Township. For more information about the tournament, contact Preston Smith at 770-868-4200 or email psmith@ajga.org.

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vailed to capture the Oehrlein Draw crown.

The inaugural tournament in 1960 was won by founder Fred Matthaei and James Tobin.

"What makes this tournament unique is that it is very high level and a lot of members come out and watch it," said Jeff Stassen, CEO of Baseline Tennis, which manages the BAC tennis program. "I know tennis around the Midwest and I can't think of anything that resembles it."

"There is just no club that has active members with as many good players as there are at the BAC," he said. "The BAC is like a magnet for all the good players and this tournament is just through the roof."

Bill Smith, the BAC's director of tennis, added: "We had a great group of players this year and the members and guests who came out to watch great tennis and have really good food and beverage made the event really special."

MHSAA SURVEY

Prep sports participation numbers remain firm

Enrollment in Michigan High School Athletic Association member high schools continued a trend of slight declines in 2016-17, but participation in sports held firm as records were set in three of the 28 sports for which postseason tournaments are sponsored by the MHSAA.

A total of 283,397 participants competed in MHSAA-sponsored sports this past school year, down 0.29 percent from 2015-16. However, this year's decrease falls in line with a decrease in enrollment at member schools of 0.40 percent.

The overall MHSAA participation totals count students once for each sport in which they participate, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

Despite a drop in girls enrollment of 0.60 percent in 2016-17, girls participation

increased for the second straight school year to 119,709 participants, an increase of 0.36 percent. Boys overall participation fell 0.76 percent to 163,688 participants.

On the rise

However, eight girls sports and eight boys sports saw increases in participation in 2016-17.

Boys and girls lacrosse continued their record-setting climb, boys lacrosse with 5,114 participants to increase 3.3 percent from 2015-16 and break its record set in 2013-14.

Girls lacrosse saw 2,814 participants, a 1.4 percent increase from the previous year, continuing its 12-year streak of setting a participation record every season since becoming a sponsored tournament sport.

Boys cross country also set a record for the second straight season, this time with

an increase of 1.7 percent to 9,415 participants total.

Good news also came from girls basketball, which ended a string of 10 straight declines in participation with an increase of 2.2 percent in 2016-17 — those 15,896 participants were the most in the sport since 2013-14.

The largest percentage increases by far in 2016-17 were seen in boys and girls skiing, which were up 16.4 and 14.4 percent, respectively, with 837 boys participants and 746 girls after both experienced decreases in participation the school year before.

A number of other sports also saw increases on both the boys and girls' sides: swimming and diving saw a 5.2-percent increase for boys and 4.1-increase for girls, track and field saw a 2.4-percent increase for girls and 1.9-percent increase for boys, girls cross country joined its boys counterpart with a 1.0-percent

increase in participation and tennis saw a 2.8-percent increase for girls and 0.48-percent increase for boys.

Other sports to see increases in 2016-17 were girls golf, increasing for the second straight season, this time 2.9 percent to 3,561 participants; boys ice hockey, up 1.8 percent to 3,411 participants; and boys soccer up 0.38 percent to 14,630 participants.

Survey says

Also of note in this year's survey:

» The increase in participation for 16 sports during 2016-17 was compared to an increase in 15 sports for 2015-16 and only eight sports in 2014-15.

» After a significant slowing in participation decline in football over the previous three years, 2016-17 saw a decline of 4.6 percent, or 1,805 participants, from 2015-16. The

number of school-sponsored football programs remained consistent over the last two years — there were 642 in 2015-16 and 640 in 2016-17 (up from 630 in 2014-15). But there was a shift of programs from 11-player to 8-player; there were 15 fewer 11-player programs in 2016-17 than the year before, but 13 more 8-player programs.

» Of the 12 MHSAA sports that saw participation declines in 2016-17, three were by mere hundredths of a percent. Boys wrestling saw a decline of three participants total, girls gymnastics had two fewer participants and boys golf participation decreased by one person.

The participation figures are gathered annually to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations for compiling of its national participation survey.

WATER POLO



Jack Wischmeier (left) and Joe Perham helped the Birmingham Water Polo Club in its competitive tournament debut July 14 at the University of Michigan.

MARTY BUDNER

Fledgling squad makes big splash at tournament debut

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Detroit Water Polo Club coaches Josh Stephens and Bob Sala weren't necessarily concerned about results. It was more about watching the team get its feet wet against some top-level competition.

Formed just this past year with the dual intent of building talent and promoting the sport, the DWPC made its tournament debut July 14 in the USA Water Polo club tournament hosted by the University of Michigan at Canham Natatorium.

The 15-member squad was a mixture of young and inexperienced players blending with older and more seasoned swimmers. Although it dropped all four matches — none by more than six goals — the DWPC strung together some excellent moments in its four-game outing.

According to club officials, Stephens and Sala were "very happy with the performances" of the young men who are pioneering the fledgling club.

The DWPC began with a 5-4 loss to Pittsburgh in what proved its closest tournament match. After trailing 4-1 at halftime, the Birmingham-based squad had a 3-1 second-half margin, which proved to be a big confidence-boosting rally.

In the second game, DWPC pushed the well-established Rockford club for a while before falling by an 11-6 margin. The inspired effort came from players Cameron Mabley, Joe Perham, Jack Wischmeier, Nolan Grout, James McLeod, Nate Rekker, Youssef Abdullah, Patrick Seidel and Connor and Hunter Reilly, along with goalie Andrew Lakocy.

Mid-Michigan was the



Birmingham Water Polo Club coaches Josh Stephens (left) and Bob Sala were "happy" with their team's recent tournament debut at Canham Natatorium in Ann Arbor.

MARTY BUDNER

The 15-member squad was a mixture of young and inexperienced players blending with older and more seasoned swimmers.

third-game foe and the Raptors pounded out a 9-3 victory. Lakocy was outstanding in goal as he kept the DWPC in the game with some dazzling saves. McLeod and Wischmeier led the team on offense.

In its last game of the three-day tournament and with a reduced lineup, the DWPC lost to Third Coast Team, 8-5. The teams played an even first half, but DWPC fell behind in the second half and finished with the defeat

despite another gallant effort.

Starters Perham, Rekker, McLeod, Abdullah, Wischmeier, Fletcher and Lakocy helped make it an exciting game to watch. Perham made some big saves in net, with Lakocy serving a late-game penalty.

The Detroit Water Polo Club is always seeking new members. For more information, go to www.DetroitWaterPoloClub.org.

GRENIER

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Job enticed him

According to Grenier — an accomplished coach in his own right, having guided the Chargers to the 2007 Class A state championship — he couldn't resist the chance to join Abraham's staff (which also includes Brian McClain, entering his 28th season with the Crusaders).

His addition to the Madonna staff was made official last week when he signed his coaching contract, Abraham said.

Succeeding Grenier at the Churchill helm is Kristin Clutter, an assistant coach both at Dearborn and Dearborn Edsel Ford in recent years.

"This is a great opportunity to be with both those guys (Abraham and McClain) and what they've done over the last 30 years has been very impressive," Grenier said. "I'm glad I'm able to be a part of what they've been doing."

Of course, leaving the Churchill volleyball program after 22 seasons there (spanning 22 years as he took a two-year hiatus in 2013-14 to coach football) was tough to do.

"I've been there for 20 years and we've certainly had our fair share of success," Grenier said. "I poured my heart and soul into that and it's been a great place to have some success."

"But I couldn't walk past a great opportunity of being part of the Madonna program, the Madonna family."

Utmost respect

Meanwhile, Abraham said he agonized over the fact another good friend — Churchill athletic director Marc Hage — would be losing an outstanding coach.

"I was a little leery at first, because I have so much respect for Marc Hage and the Churchill volleyball program," Abraham said. "I've had a lot of their players that have played for me. I hated to see (Grenier) leave Churchill, because he was such an asset to them and their program."

"But after meeting with Mark (Grenier), he had a hard time with possibly leaving Churchill also. I left it up

to him and he felt extremely comfortable with it. And once he decided to do it, I think it's going to be a real great thing for both parties."

Hage announced in late May that Grenier would be leaving the Chargers; he gave full marks to the coach both for his tenure and legacy.

"While we are sad to see Mark depart, we realize and understand this is a unique and exciting opportunity for both he and his family," Hage said in a statement. "The name Mark Grenier is synonymous with high school volleyball in the state of Michigan and his accomplishments, advancements and impacting behaviors upon student-athletes and our school will never be forgotten."

"He created a tradition and legacy here which will probably never be duplicated."

A 'complete' pro

Hage added that "nobody ran a better 'complete program' than Mark Grenier. We are elated that he will still be in our 'backyard' and we wish him nothing but the best in this new endeavor."

Grenier, inducted into the Livonia Churchill Athletics Hall of Fame in March 2015, remains a social studies teacher at the high school.

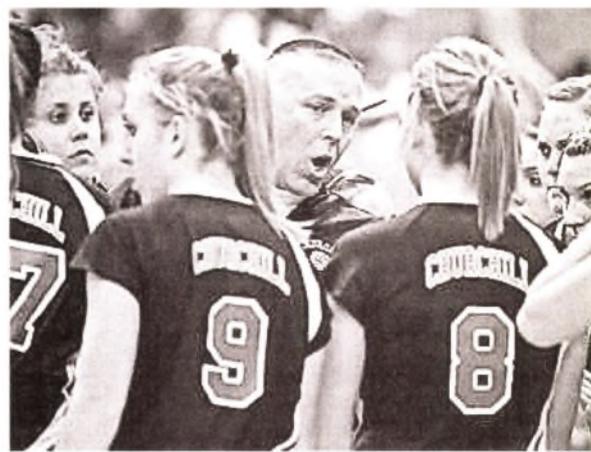
He fondly recalled his Churchill career, primarily the team accomplishments and his connection with players and their families along the way.

"I have been fortunate to coach some outstanding student-athletes and have had the support of many families over the years that have made my job much easier," Grenier said. "As I think back on the state championship, the many final fours, the region, district, conference and division championships, what I will miss the most is the relationships with the players at CHS."

"But having the opportunity to bridge that transition to such a great university like Madonna and the incredible coaching opportunity that awaits is having the chance to coach such great Madonna players like Karlie Kelly, Amanda Hawkins, Nicole Oestrike, Taylor Suurmeyer."

"And, of course, having an opportunity to coach Ally Facione for four more years is just the icing on the cake."

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Mark Grenier, shown coaching Livonia Churchill's volleyball team, is moving over to Madonna University. He will be an assistant coach for legendary Crusaders coach Jerry Abraham.

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Tips for deciphering office dress codes

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Hoodies or suits or somewhere in between? Many employees would rather focus on the job at hand than figure out how to navigate the unspoken rules of workplace attire — but the latter can impact you professionally.

"No matter how casual the workplace has gotten, there's still a certain dress code unique to each company culture," says Addie Swartz, CEO and founder of reachHIRE, which helps professional women re-enter the workforce. "For one company, Summer Fridays may mean summer dresses and sandals, and for another company it may mean collared shirts and chinos. [That's why you] must understand how to navigate the unspoken rules of how to dress in the workplace."

Use these tips to help you stay professionally clad:

Get a feel for the culture. "There's a corporate culture and the attire is part of it," says Diane Pollack, a wardrobe consultant and personal stylist. "The good news is, whatever that culture is, there's always a range of appropriate, [and] what you wear needs to fit squarely within that range."

One way to assess the official or unofficial dress code is to look around, or even to ask around.

Once you begin working, pay attention to what other workers in your field or department are wearing, says Carol Gee, a former department supervisor and university administrator. And don't hesitate to ask a supervisor or col-



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league for suggestions or recommendations on appropriate attire.

Be yourself, but know your audience. "It's OK not to fit exactly the mold and personalize; just be aware of the visual boundaries you see in the dress codes around you," says Julia Esteve Boyd, owner and founder of The Etiquette & Protocol Consultancy, based in Switzerland, which consults internationally. "When meeting clients [for example], find out as much information about them beforehand — age or generation, job titles, even location of meeting — this will give an idea of how to be dressed."

Also, keep in mind that different teams within the same company can have different dress codes. "If you are going to their environment, dress ac-

ording to their codes unless you are very superior in rank and want to stand out for that reason," Esteve Boyd says. "My husband wears fairly smart attire most days and loves when he goes to the marketing department for a meeting because he can wear his jeans."

Steer clear of controversy. "There are some things that are obvious no-nos at work, like flip-flops or 'daisy-dukes,' but there are usually also nuances to what's acceptable depending on the company, team and position," says Brandi Britton, district president of staffing service OfficeTeam. "In general, your attire should never be distracting, revealing or offensive. If you have to ask yourself whether something's appropriate to wear to work, chances are it isn't."

Dress for the job you want. "How you dress should reflect the role you are in, the role you aspire to and the prevailing dress norm for your company and industry," says Roy Cohen, career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "If there's a disconnect, you [may] alter other people's impressions [of you]. If you are too casual or too formal, you convey that you may not 'get it' and that you really don't know how to fit in — and your colleagues and management may extrapolate, unfairly, that you may not be qualified to assume other responsibilities, too."

If you're not sure, err on the side of being over-dressed. Dressing up can convey the impression that you're more credible and competent, says Amanda Ponzar, chief marketing officer at Community Health Charities.

"[It's better to be] somewhat over-dressed — and thus taken more seriously — versus underdressed and being perceived as the slob in the office," she says. "When I wear a dress or suit and heels, I feel more powerful and confident, especially as a younger executive. Whether a business partner is visiting or I'm meeting the president of a charity for lunch or doing a presentation for our board, dressing up presents the right image — and in many organizations, image matters."

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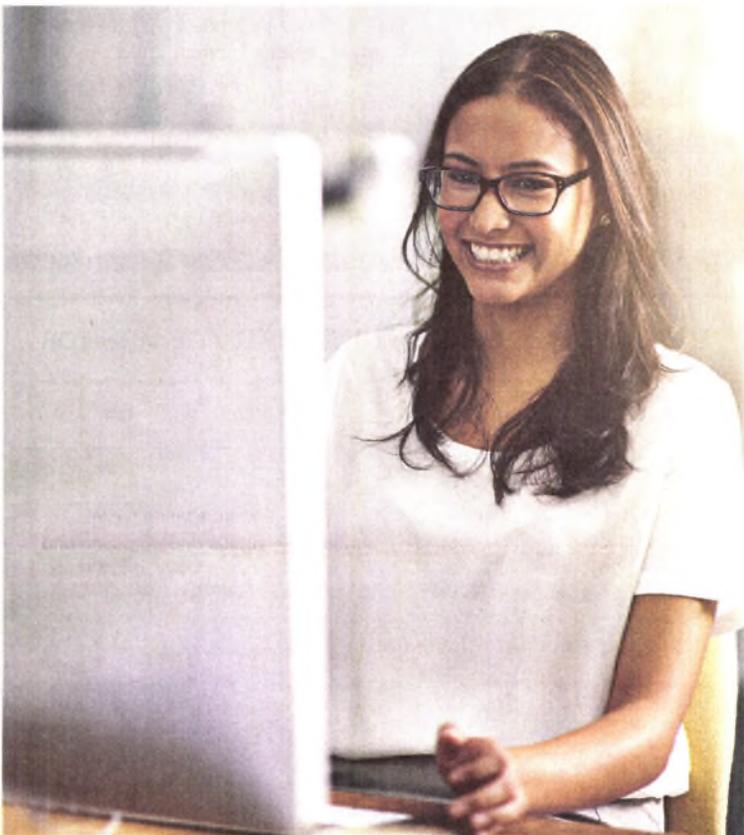


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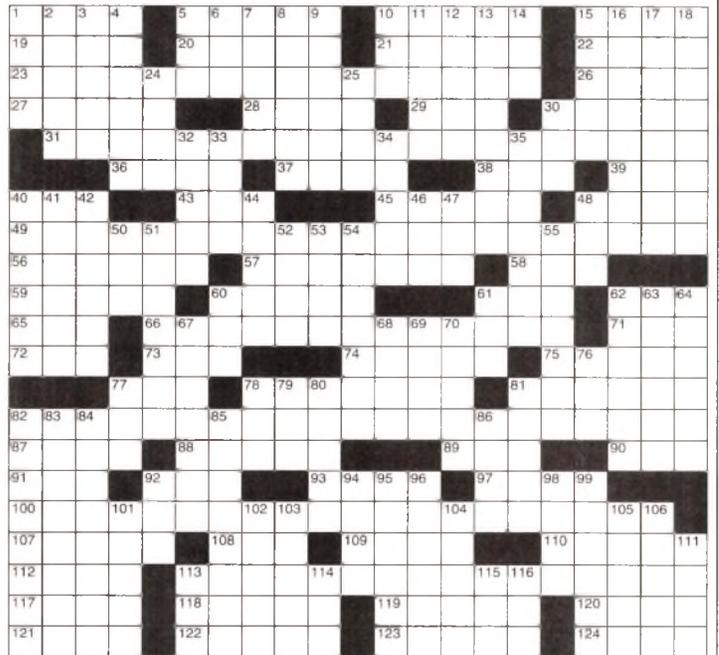
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WITH STELLAR NX COMPACT CROSSOVER, LEXUS GOT AHEAD OF SEGMENT SHIFT – AND HAS STAYED THERE



By Dale Buss

Lexus came along with its NX compact crossover vehicle at just the right time. And now the Toyota-owned luxury brand is reaping the rewards of having fielded a very capable entry in what has turned out to be the hottest segment in luxury autos.

NX debuted in 2014, and since then the U.S. auto market has accelerated its radical shift toward favoring crossovers and sport-utility vehicles over sedans, a sea change that has occurred in the premium segment to the surprise of some analysts.

Luxury owners have joined other Americans in voting with their pocketbooks for the capabilities, versatility and convenience of utility vehicles over sedans, and

especially those models that can deliver the performance and handling characteristics that premium buyers expect in whatever they purchase. This is an area, of course, where Lexus has excelled since it launched one of the first luxury SUVs, the RX, which has become one of the brand's staple successes.

NX follows in that tradition, with a smaller footprint. Sales of NX were up 13 percent in June, for the nameplate's best-ever performance in that month, and up 11.7 percent for the year to date over 2016.

"It's no surprise that our luxury utility vehicles are driving Lexus sales, and our NX is on fire," Jeff Bracken, Lexus group vice president and general manager said recently about the importance of NX to the Lexus lineup.

There's little surprise that consumers have latched on to NX. For one thing, it offers one of the lower starting prices in its class, around \$35,000. There's also the NX 200t F Sport, the performance edition of the vehicle bearing the



Lexus NX styling is distinctive in the segment trim designation that it uses on the special performance versions of other vehicles as well, and that starts at about \$37,000. (Lexus also produces a hybrid version of NX.)

In fact, NX is the 2017 Best Luxury Compact SUV for the Money as designated by U.S. News & World Report magazine because it has the best combination of value and quality in the class, the publication said.

Just as important, the discerning buyer knows he or she is getting a Lexus albeit a small one. It has a well-built, nicely outfitted interior. It gets high safety and reliability ratings. NX features all of the automated-driving technology that luxury buyers demand these days and that they can find in higher-range Lexus models.

And NX demonstrates the trademarked effortless Lexus handling and smooth ride that have been so crucial to the brand's success over the decades. I look for that first in any Lexus I drive, and the brand has never disappointed me; ditto for NX.

should please most shoppers in the segment.

The driver and front passenger enjoy NX because the front seats are very comfortable and are bolstered all around to supply support. There's also ample head and leg room. The same capaciousness greets passengers in the second row, which can fit three children or two adults comfortably.

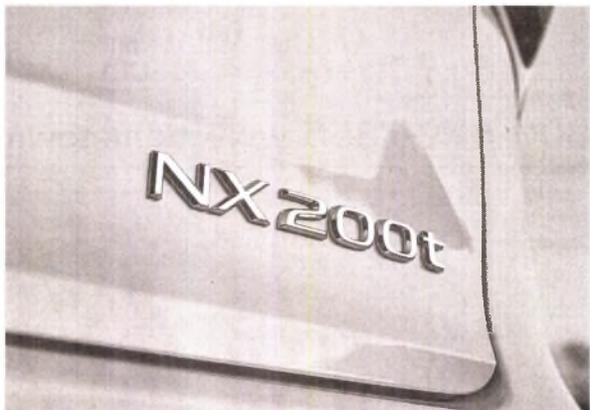
Unfortunately, where NX provides ample room for people, it's not generous with cargo room behind the rear seats. There are less than 13 cubic feet, which is far from best in class. NX buyers knowingly sacrifice cargo space because, after all, they're buying a compact SUV, but they may scratch their heads that they can't stuff much in the back.

However, when you put the second-row seat down, NX takes advantage of all that passenger room by converting it into cargo space, and the resulting 55 cubic feet brings it into about average for its class.

Propulsion is by a turbocharged, 2.0-liter, four-cylinder engine that provides 235 horsepower, above average for the class. Yet NX's fuel economy is ahead of most of the class: an estimated 22 mpg in the city and 28 mpg on the highway. The mileage-for-performance balance in this vehicle



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Zeal Credit Union	408356	(734) 466-6113	4	0.25	3.25	0

Below information available as of 7/27/17 and subject to change at anytime. Rates are based on a \$200,000 loan with 20% down & credit score of 740 or above. Jumbo rates, specific payment calculation & most current rates available Thursday after 2:00 P.M. at www.rmcreport.com.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Publish: Sunday, July 30, 2017

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to establish a secondhand store at the property located at 30459 Ford Road. Secondhand stores are a special land use in the C-2 Community Business District.

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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
Footings Drain Disconnections

Sealed bids for the **Footings Drain Disconnections** will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154 until **2:00 P.M., Local Time, on Tuesday, August 15th, 2017** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The City of Livonia seeks bids for the following:

Footings Drain Disconnections of up to 50 homes, including sump pump installation, discharge piping, electrical wiring of pumps, installation of storm drainage features to outlet sump discharge, and restoration of basements and yards to preconstruction conditions at several locations within of the City of Livonia.

The approximate quantities for some of the major items of work for this project are as follows:

Sump Pump Installation	50 ea
Footings Drain Service Lead, 3" Schedule 40	2,700 lft
Sump Pump Discharge Piping, 2"	1,000 lft
Open Cut Installation, 6" Sch 40 Pipe	1,550 lft

Instructions to bidders and specifications will be available starting July 25, 2017 and may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www.mitn.info

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Livonia, as security for the acceptance of the contract. A bid bond on the Michigan Standard Form, issued by an approved Surety Company, may be furnished in lieu of a certified check. No electronic bids will be allowed.

All bids shall be opened publicly at the date and time specified. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the bidder. Bids shall be in accordance with the requirements of this notice in order to be deemed "responsive."

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked "**BID - Footings Drain Disconnections**" and received by the City Clerk on or before the time and date given above.

The Prime Contractor shall demonstrate that they have successfully completed footings drain disconnections on projects in the last three (3) years of similar scope in the State of Michigan. These projects shall be included in the Statement of Qualifications.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the date set for opening thereof. The right to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities in bidding is reserved by the City of Livonia. Portions of this Contract may be deleted due to unforeseen circumstances without compensation. Due to the nature of the individual project sites, this contract may be awarded to multiple contractors with specific project addresses assigned to each contract. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding agreement until a written contract is signed by both parties.

Jacob Rushlow, P.E. Superintendent of Public Services
Dennis K. Wright Mayor

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO
REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On August 14, 2017 the Charter Township of Redford will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Fiscal Year 2017 funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended. The 2017-2018 Action Plan allocated a total of \$1,090,000 toward eligible community development activities.

The Township has made available to the general public the approved CDBG One-Year Action Plan 2017-2018. A copy was made available for examination and comments during a 30-day public comment period. Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

- Redford Township Community Development Dept., 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Website, www.redfordtwp.com

In addition, an Environmental Review Record which documents the relative environmental information for these projects and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required has been conducted by the Charter Township of Redford. This Environmental Review Record (ERR) is on file at the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, Michigan 48239, and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and available on the Township website at www.redfordtwp.com.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with the determination, or wishing to comment are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Township to the above-stated address. Such written comments should be received on or before July 13, 2017. All such comments so received will be considered and the Township will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative actions on the projects within the document prior to July 13, 2017.

The Charter Township of Redford will undertake the projects described above with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Charter Township of Redford and Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, in her official capacity as Supervisor of Redford Township, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and actions; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The legal effect on this certification is that upon its approval, the Charter Township of Redford may use Block Grant funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Charter Township of Redford's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Charter Township of Redford; (b) the Charter Township of Redford has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, Patrick V. McNamara Building, 477 W. Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

TRACEY SCHULTZ KOBYLARZ, Supervisor
MICHAEL D. DENNIS, Community Development Director
Charter Township of Redford
15145 Beech Daly
Redford, MI 48239

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on proposed amendments to Section 154.030 (Lighting Requirements) of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance. Major changes include a new sub-section (F) that includes amendments for string lights, tube lights, and similar lighting around windows and architectural building features in non-residential zoning districts. Proposed amendments include provisions for district locations, static lighting, specific standards for window lighting and architectural outline lighting, and temporary lighting.

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

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

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

August 15, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259

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

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-07-39: Frederick Thurston, east side of Fairlane (14760) between Five Mile and Lyndon, seeking to remove the existing garage (750 sq. ft.) and replace it with a larger garage, while maintaining the attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-08-43: Zeal Credit Union, 17250 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to erect two (2) wall signs and a ground sign upon property located on the east side of Middlebelt (15950) between Broadmoor and Sunnysdale, resulting in excess number of wall signs and wall sign area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-08-44: Carissa Eden, south side of Sunset (13956) between Perth and Hubbell, seeking to erect a six (6) foot tall privacy fence upon a corner lot, resulting in the fence being placed in the side yard, which is not allowed. Privacy fences must not extend beyond the rear line of the home to the front of the lot. Also, the fence is excess in height in the corner side yard.

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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

Revenue	
Property taxes captured:	\$ 133,150.00
Interest:	\$ 283.00
Marquee of Redford Township Revenue:	\$ 3,796.00
Total:	\$ 137,229.00
Bond Reserve	\$ 0
Expenditures	
Landscaping, maintenance, banners, consulting/engineering, capital improvements and facade improvements:	\$ 147,503.00
Outstanding note indebtedness	\$ 0.00
Initial Assessed Value	\$ 3,284,440.00
Captured Value	\$ 4,271,415.00
Tax Increment Revenue Received	
From Wayne County:	\$ 52,439.00
From Township and Library:	\$ 80,710.00
Total:	\$ 133,149.00
Number of Jobs Created	Unknown
Additional Information	Several businesses opened due to public and private capital improvements/investments.

If you have any questions pertaining to this report, please contact the Downtown Development Authority at 313-387-2771.

Michael Dennis, Director
Downtown Development Authority
Charter Township of Redford

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**CITY OF LIVONIA - 06/19/2017
1,827TH REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

Present: Jolly, White, Bahr, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, and McIntyre.
Absent: None.
Items were received and filed.

- #211-17 Approving minutes of the 1,826th Regular Meeting of the Council - June 5, 2017. President McIntyre announced three (3) upcoming Public Hearings.
- #212-17 Waive Noise Ordinance for Saint Rafka Church cultural festival Aug. 5-6th.
- #213-17 Waive Noise Ordinance to show family friendly movies Aug. 5th at Rudolf Kleinert Park.
- #214-17 Approve request to barricade Victor Pkwy. for a 5K Charity Run - Sept. 16th.
- #215-17 Approve request to barricade Parkdale St. for a graduation party - July 15th.
- #216-17 Approve request to close Gillman St. for a block party - Aug. 5th rain date Aug. 12th.
- #217-17 Approve request to close Woodside St. for a block party - July 8th.
- #218-17 Approve request to close Brentwood St. for a block party Aug. 26th rain date Aug. 27th.
- #219-17 Approve appointment of Martha Foley to Local Officers Compensation Commission.
- #220-17 Approve appointment of Dale Campbell to Zoning Board of Appeals.
- #221-17 Accept quote of Dell Computer Corp. for 18 desktop and 4 laptop computers for DPW.
- #222-17 Accepting bid for Lynx Notifications System to enhance security of city buildings.
- #223-17 Authorize purchase of one (1) 2017 Caterpillar Excavator, Model 308E2, upfitting, an Impactor Hammer, and a transportation trailer and attachments.
- #224-17 Authorize an additional expenditure for the Five Mile Road Water Main Project; accepting bid of D & D Water & Sewer, Inc., for work required in connection with the Five Mile Road Water Main Replacement Project, authorize Mayor and City Clerk, to execute a contract amendment between the City of Livonia and Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., to provide construction engineering services and inspection of the Five Mile Road Water Main Replacement Project.
Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0) 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.
- #225-17 Approve Special Assessment connected with the 2016 Sidewalk Program.
- #226-17 Authorize purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Transit 250 Cargo Van and outfitting.
- #227-17 Authorize purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford F150 Crew Cab Pickup Truck, with plow, safety lighting, bed liner and outfitting.
- #228-17 Authorize purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford F150 Pickup Truck, with plow, safety lighting, bed liner and the outfitting.
- #229-17 Authorize purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford F150 Pickup Truck (8' box), with plow, safety lighting, bed liner and outfitting.
- #230-17 Schedule a closed Committee of the Whole meeting for litigation matters.
- #231-17 Suspend rules for procedure.
- #232-17 Waiving Noise Ordinance for Grand Opening of Smoky's Cigar Bar.

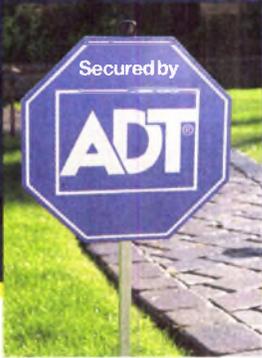
Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.
Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk
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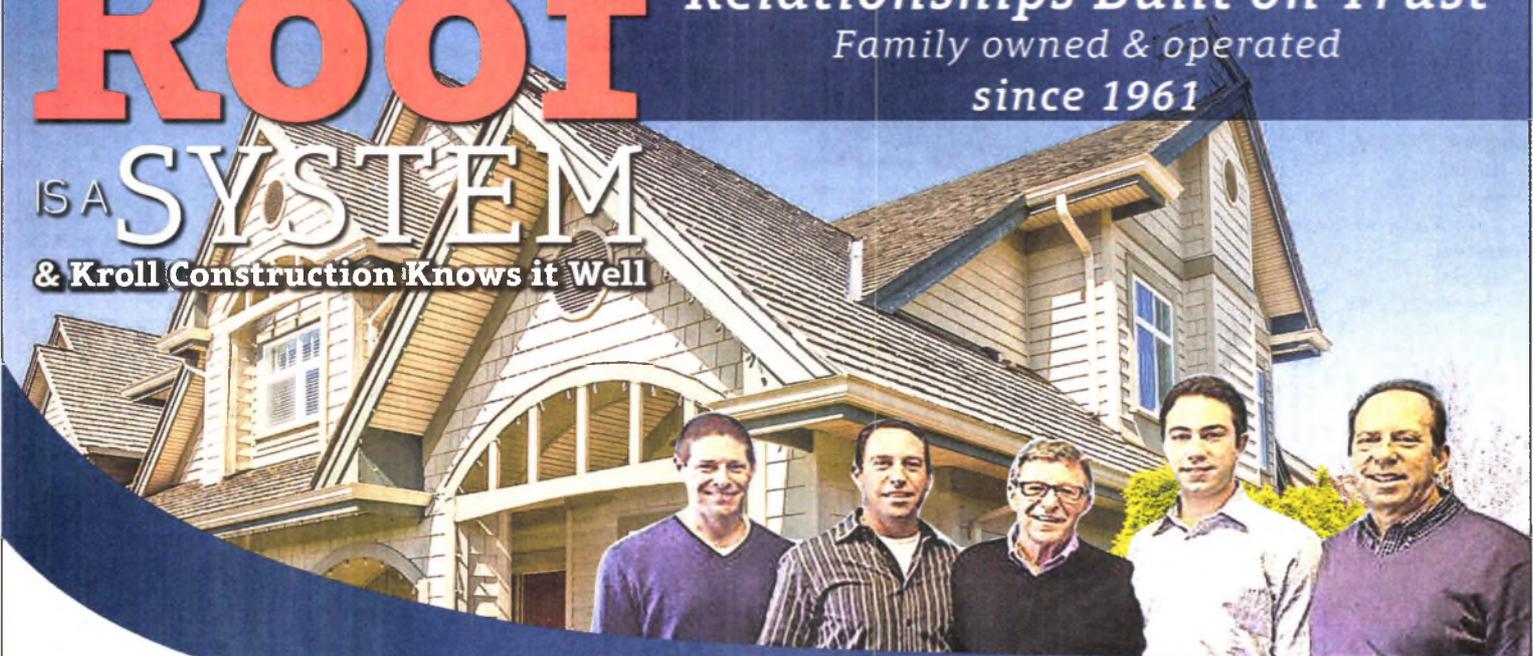
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