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Obrec, Lutkenhoff face off for clerk

Republican candidates Linda Obrec and Thomas Lutkenhoff want to be the next Canton Township clerk to replace longtime Clerk Terry Bennett, who has announced her retirement. This is in the only contested race among Canton Township Board of Trustees hopefuls on the Aug. 2 primary ballot.

The primary winner faces lone Democrat Michael Siegrist, a Plymouth-Canton school board trustee, in the November election, when voters will pick Bennett's successor.

Lutkenhoff and Obrec have offered their responses to a Canton Observer Q&A. Their responses, including biographical information is presented in today's paper.

LINDA OBREC

Q: What experience do you have that makes you qualified to serve as Canton Township clerk?

A: As a former business owner with an impressive list of business and government clients, I know how to run the clerk's office with excellence. As a former Detroit Regional Chamber go-to director for development, I know how to cultivate resources. As a former Huntington Bank East Michigan vice president, I know the importance of state and federal regulation to safeguard our township. My experience leading large-scale campaigns is similar to the election process when hundreds of well-trained election



Obrec

workers are deployed. My commitment to my family and my job are proven. I put myself through college while working full time and expanding my family to three children. I am a part of a current public safety family. I feel that my personal integrity, work ethic, dedication, and professionalism are outstanding. After serving Canton as a volunteer leader for many years, electing me as Canton

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THOMAS LUTKENHOFF

Q: What experience do you have that makes you qualified to serve as Canton Township Clerk?

A: Qualifying experiences include working in a high risk career in the leadership capacity of professional Fire Captain, functioning most critically with little discretionary time, and later as an enforcement officer. The most significant experiences include crisis management implementation, enforcement of municipal ordinances, and services provided as a member of the Canton Professional Fire Fighters Executive Board. Three decades of municipal service has prepared me for the demands of the clerk's office. Dynamic



Lutkenhoff

hours that require persistent commitment, producing documentation with attention to detail, familiarity with policy, staff and organizational culture. The ability to direct and delegate with an ability to prepare clear and concise documents is the result of managing a staff exceeding that of the clerk's office. Further experiences include being familiar with municipal ordinances, software programs for municipalities, freedom of information,

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Chalk artist Rachel Bissonnette works on a large chalk work at the intersection of Main Street and Penniman Avenue.



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Early Friday afternoon brought crowds to Art in the Park, in spite of the hot and humid weather.

Give your thoughts about Canton DDA district

Maria Taylor
Correspondent

The Canton Downtown Development Authority is updating its master plan for the business district and residents of Canton and the surrounding area are invited to take an online survey and give their input about the downtown's future.

The DDA oversees Canton's central shopping and entertainment district, which covers a 3.5-mile stretch of Ford Road from the Canton-Westland boundary to just west of Canton Center. The DDA board is all-volunteer and members are appointed by the township supervisor and confirmed by the township board.

The DDA master plan is the board's "guide to make improvements over the years," DDA coordinator Amy Hamilton said. Canton's current DDA master plan dates from 2003 and Hamilton says that the DDA board has accomplished that plan's goals. Carlisle Wortman Associates, Inc., an Ann Arbor-based consulting firm, has been hired to make the updates.

The new master plan will be an assessment of where the downtown stands today and what the DDA needs to work on the future, based on input from the DDA board, the planning commission, the township board and the public.

The DDA's survey is aimed at Canton-area residents and people who come to Canton to shop. "We're asking the public what they want on Ford Road," Hamilton said, "what you want your downtown to be." Hamilton says the survey's purpose is to figure out why people shop here, what

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Art in the Park opens



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Scott Pakulski's photographs feature Lego people. He is from Ypsilanti Township. The name of his business is fatcat images.



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At the PARC kids mural, Clarize Halliburton, 4, of Canton, paints with guidance from volunteer Patrick Distelrath. Clarize attended with her mom, Danielle Halliburton.

Art in the Park, Plymouth's annual arts market and one of its biggest festivals, opened on a sunny Friday morning in Kellogg Park and on adjacent downtown streets and continues through 5 p.m. Sunday.

The fair, founded in 1980 and evolving ever since, brings more than 400 artists and craftspeople — and their works — to an open-air downtown market. There are painters, potters, sculptors, woodworkers, metalworkers, cloth-

ing designers, photographers and more.

Art in the Park also offers live entertainment and interactive features, such as the children's mural in Kellogg Park, to which young visitors can contribute by painting small sections, and "My Adventure Theater," also in the park, a family-friendly performance.

There's also "The Living Mural," on Ann Arbor Trail, a work-in-progress in which live

models are incorporated into a painting, the sidewalk chalk art at Main and Penniman and a Detroit Institute of Arts tent in the park where festival-goers will be shown how to make flower designs through paper-folding.

Free entertainment will include the One Love Reggae Band, jazz musician Ron Hark, vibraphonist Jon Mel-O and John Park's "Funny Waiter Show!" See the Art in the Park website for details, locations

and performance times.

One major change this year puts the off-site parking and shuttle at Burroughs on Plymouth Road and Madonna University on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Parking is free; round-trip shuttle rides, to city hall and back to the lot, are \$3, free for children ages 12 and under.

For more information, go to artinthepark.com or call 734-454-1314.



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Canton library offers Excel skill builders

High school juniors and seniors and current college students are able to prepare for college courses and careers during Canton Public Library's college prep series with Bryn Birchler.

Birchler graduated from Canton High School and is now a junior management major at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business. Her former and current experience allows her instruction to be peer-level. Birchler will cover Microsoft Excel in a two-part series:

» July 11, 7-8 p.m., College Prep Excel Skill Builder I: Go beyond

basics to learn data cleansing, Look up functions, pivot table basics, data tables and basic financial functions. Some familiarity with Excel is necessary. Registration required; ages 16-25.

» July 18, 7-8 p.m., College Prep Excel Skill Builder II: A continuation of Excel Skill Builder I. Some familiarity with Excel is necessary. Registration required; ages 16-25.

For more information on the program and how to register, go to www.cantonpl.org or call the library at 734-397-0999.

Tipping Point Theatre plans for 10th season

Since 2007, Tipping Point Theatre's intimate space, talented artists, and friendly staff have captivated more than 110,000 theater-goers. After nine seasons of award-winning performances, the theater has set the bar high for its 10th season.

Consider purchasing a SeasonPASS or making a donation to keep the theater's doors open. The year-round schedule means that Season-PASSES will again include six shows for as little as

\$150. Each SeasonPASS is good for one ticket to each show in our 2016-2017 season. The theater will also continue to offer a special Pick 5 option this year. SeasonPASSES went on sale July 5. Tickets can be ordered by calling 248-347-0003 or by stopping at the theater from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. On tap in the 10th season:

» "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti; Sept. 15 through Oct. 23

» "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" by Jerthro Compton and based on the short story by Dorothy M. Johnson; Nov. 17 through Dec. 18

» "Sexy Laundry" by Michele Riml; Jan. 19 through Feb. 26, 2017

» "True West" by Sam Shepard; March 23 through April 23, 2017

» "The Ladies First" by Norm Foster; May 18 through June 25, 2017

» Young Americans: The Fictional Life and Contentious Death of

Caesar Moon" by David Wells; July 20 through Aug 20, 2017

This activity is supported in part by an award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts. Tipping Point Theatre performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. One special Wednesday matinee for each production will be held. Tickets range from \$22 to \$35.

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stores they shop at and what restaurants they frequent. Other questions cover traffic concerns, walkability, bicy-

cle access, lighting, signage, landscaping and event programming along the Ford Road corridor.

The survey is multiple-choice, with space for additional comments, and takes about 15 minutes to complete.

Once the results of the public feedback survey are in, Hamilton says the DDA will "take the majority of concerns and opinions and roll it into the master plan and set some goals with the input we get." The new plan will be completed

by the end of 2016. The survey is available on the front page of the official Canton website at www.cantonmi.org. It will be live through Sunday, July 31, and responses must be submitted by that date in order to be included.

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Clerk is the natural next step.

Q: What would be your top three priorities if elected to the position?

A: Three years ago, there were 180 new housing starts in Canton compared to over a thousand new housing starts somewhere in the development stage this year alone. I will stay ahead of the increasing future demand for public services that is multiplying rapidly each year. This will likely have to be done while maintaining the current staffing level of the clerk's office.

More people need to be recruited to help run elections for over 64,000 registered voters. More training sessions will need to be conducted to ensure hundreds of election workers are success-

fully deployed. Continuing the process of identifying and negotiating more polling places that meet state of Michigan guidelines is another priority. With the possibility that local dollars may be required, making the best decisions about the new equipment options that the state of Michigan will approve next year will be my third priority as the new Canton clerk.

Q: What sets you apart from your opponent? What makes you the better candidate?

A: As an elected volunteer leader of multiple Canton organizations, I have established the trust so vital to be a public servant. That's why every current Canton Township elected Republican official has endorsed me. As a 2016 Leadership Canton graduate, I have an in-depth understanding of all current township departments. As a volunteer, I have already delivered such outstanding results for Canton that I was recognized by Canton Township with the Canton Community Supporter Award last year. I am the only candidate currently trained as an election worker who actually worked an election. My approach to leadership is not to problem-solve, but to ensure a problem doesn't arise in the first place. I have a master's degree in business administration, extensive experience in customer service, organization development, finance, management, negotiation techniques, economic development strategies, partnership building, employee team building, and more. I can offer a complete package of skills and abilities to benefit all Canton residents.

Q: The clerk's office has been under the same leadership for 21 years and appears to have run smoothly. How would you continue the current level of service or improve it?

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Q: What is your current employment (or most recent if you are retired or currently not working)?

A: President, Front Line Resources, Inc.

Q: Please list your current and past community involvement. Please note which ones are current.

A: Current: Member and Immediate Past President, Canton Newcomers & Neighbors; Graduate, 2016 Leadership Canton and Leadership Detroit XXIX; Founding Member, Canton Community Foundation Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle; Charter Society Member and former Board Member, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities; Community Events Organizer, Fellows Creek Neighborhood Association; Supporter, Canton and Dearborn Heights Goodfellows, P-CCS Educational Excellence Foundation, Michigan Philharmonic, Canton Chamber of Commerce, and Little Dresses for Africa

A: Former: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools: Volunteer fundraiser leader and donor, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park programs; Advisory Committee Member, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Business Administration and Management Course; Volunteer, Pioneer Middle School; Founder, Workman Elementary School Involvement Campaign; Volunteer, Gallimore Elementary School; Reader, P-CCS Accelerator Reader Program

A: Civic Organizations & Initiatives: Vice Chair, Canton Precinct 7, 2016 Presidential Primary; Charter Board Member and Past Chairman, Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage; Co-Leader, Citizens for Dearborn Heights (a proposal to successfully save Dearborn Heights from bankruptcy); Member and leader of initiatives, Canton Lions Club; Organizations in the Professional Community; Member, Economic Club of Detroit; Member, National Association of Women Business Owners; Member, Michigan Society of Association Executives, State Conference Speaker and President of the Detroit Chapter; Member, American Chamber of Commerce Executives; Member, National Society of Fund Raising Executives; Member, Council of Michigan Foundations; Member, Inforum Judge, Top 10 Business Women of Distinction, National Assoc. of Women Business Owners; Speaker, Michigan Recreation and Parks Association State Conference; Judge, Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Best Marketing Materials; Listed, Who's Who in Chamber Management; Board Member, Southeast Michigan Venture Group; Member, Special Allocations II Committee, United Way Community Services; Member and National Conference Speaker, National Association of Membership Directors; Member, Executive Women International; Student Representative, Wayne State University Marketing Chair Search Committee; Graduate, Community Foundation for SE Michigan & The Skillman Foundation Fund Raising Academy; United States Chamber Institute for Organization Management

A: I will continue to lead the Canton Clerk's Office with unquestionable personal integrity, high work ethic, and full dedication. Terry Bennett has been honored as one of the best clerks in the nation. I respect and appreciate her and everyone who works in the clerk's office since each person is an integral part of this award-winning recognition. As the responsibilities of the clerk's office evolve, and new technology becomes available, I will continue the incremental improvement process that been

refined over the last 21 years. As a Wayne State University Presidential Merit Scholar who graduated summa cum laude, I have already proven that I am committed to excellence. I am a team member recipient of the American Chamber of Commerce Award of Excellence for my contribution to the first SMART Millage Renewal Communication Campaign. I am also a team member recipient of the United States Chamber of Commerce Summit Award.



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More food, fun at third annual rally for market

On Tuesday, July 26, area residents are invited to attend the third annual Rally on Ridge at Preservation Park for a festive evening of food, fun, music and more to benefit the Canton Farmers Market.

Stop by 6:30-8:30 p.m. to partake in local eats with friends, family and neighbors and enjoy activities for all ages, including live acoustic music, gourmet food trucks, games for the kids and more. For event-goers who plan to stay for the music, bring a lawn

chair or picnic blanket. This year's event promises to be bigger and better as the number of food vendors and the overall footprint of the event will nearly double.

"Community interest in this event has grown, so we are offering more food and fun to meet this demand, which is why we are programming at both the Cherry Hill School property and adding the farmers market location at Preservation Park this year," farmers market coordinator Amanda Campana said. "It's the

perfect event for showcasing the home of the Canton Farmers Market while building community support for market programming."

Said Jennifer Provenzano, Canton recreation coordinator, "The Cherry Hill School House area will play host to our 'Tiny Diners Courtyard,' which will include food vendors and menu items that are kid-friendly — think pizza, mac and cheese, hot dogs and ice cream.

"This area will also feature face painters, bouncer, games and other

children's activities. More adventurous diners can visit Preservation Park to find vendors featuring deliciously gourmet menus and live music performed by beloved market artists. No need to choose just one stop, stroll between the two locales or hop on one of our shuttles to enjoy them both."

A portion of the proceeds collected from food vendor sales during this family friendly fundraiser will benefit the Canton Farmers Market, which is currently celebrating its

10th season. With the recent influx in "buy local" initiatives, the Canton Farmers Market is seeing an increase in both the number of participating growers and in customers. As such, the market continues to expand its offerings during market hours, 9 a.m. 1 p.m. each Sunday, rain or shine, through Oct. 16.

2016 Rally on Ridge Sponsors include The Regner Team of Edward Jones and Bright Side Dental. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available.

The public is encouraged to attend this special fundraising event and the open-air farmers markets, both held in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge. No admission is required for either event. Join our weekly newsletter at www.cantonfun.org or like the Canton Farmers Market on Facebook for market updates. To find more information about Canton's growing farmers market and to find an up-to-date list of 2016 Rally on Ridge food trucks vendors, go to www.cantonfun.org.

LUTKENHOFF

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licensing and permits, and research of information strategies.

Q: What would be your top three priorities?

A: The top three priorities as identified by a significant support base are as anticipated: Delivery of high level service that preserves the accomplishments in service to stakeholders. Voter integrity with efficient impartial elections, public access to information while preserving privacy, and managing continuously changing election laws is necessary. Compromising the integrity of the office by endorsing candidates as an administrator would be prohibited. An effort to lower millage and water rates would be my second priority. Although outside the control of local jurisdiction, the public demands, and legitimately deserves, safe, quality road rehabilitation and maintenance. Collaboration with county and state officials. My third priority will produce results that allow for the thoughtful management of traffic patterns that will reduce

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

My current Employment title is Ordinance Officer with the city of Westland under the direction of the Office of the Fire Marshal.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A list of current and past community involvement requires an examination of more than 34 years of activity that is summarized by the most recent 65 percent of the entirety of my life. To be thorough, the examination necessarily begins in 1982 with my election as a Student Association freshman Senator at Ball State University. Other significant community involvement before professional career involvement included volunteer work at the Clinton Valley Center in Pontiac, Michigan for recreational therapy, as a Community Outreach Program, fire suppression for the Troy Fire Department, leisure service activities for the City of Troy, and instructional level baseball coach.

Over three decades of fire service community involvement has produced an unquantifiable number of personal human interactions and crisis interventions with people of all socio-economic status from the least fortunate to dignitary and celebrity; participating in the lives of many in their most vulnerable and intimate private moments. I have participated

congestion and produce opportunities for fertile economic development. It is a lack of response by elected officials that promotes support for a change in board dynamics.

Q: What sets you apart from the opponent? What makes you the better candidate?

A: I shall assert strengths to demonstrate candidate dominance:

- » Functioned as a collegiate legislator
- » Three decades of solving problems and

making decisions in high risk, low frequency situations producing successful outcomes

» Directed staff and delegated authority to professionals operating in hazardous roles

» As a Canton employee, I understand history, perspective, organizational structure and culture, policies, staff dynamics, facilities and inventory

» Regional and national security training provides awareness for public safety

» Understands ordi-

nance and zoning

- » Familiarity with permits and licenses
- » Current use of software programs like BS&A, Kronos, GIS and others
- » Focused attention to detail with accurate reporting and documentation
- » Administrative assistant to the executive board of firefighters
- » Have taken an Oath of Office, and was qualified by background investigation
- » Maintained all records, countersigned treat-

ment orders, represented members in discipline and grievances, assisted in negotiations, and organized a filing system for efficient retrieval.

I will conduct the Office with Golden Rule

ideals, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and Do no harm."

Q: How would you continue the current level of service or improve it?

A: Initial goals would be to increase convenience by developing online capabilities and improving existing services, collaborating with county and state officials to combine voter registrations with drivers' licenses/state identifications to reduce human error and protect the right to vote with emphasis on continued professional development for staff, video tutorials and voter awareness programs with enhanced self-service solutions. Require that all studies, reports, documents, contracts and abstracts be submitted electronically and explore new revenue sources like becoming a Passport Acceptance Agency.

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Interest rates on new federal student loans dip

David Jesse
Michigan.com

Students about to hit college campuses are getting good news — the interest rate on new federal student loans just dropped, although that is tempered by the fact that every Michigan public university just increased tuition rates for this fall.

Here's the drop:

- » Loans for undergraduates: 3.76 percent (down from 4.29 percent)
- » Loans for graduate students: 5.31 percent (down from 5.84 percent)
- » PLUS Loans for parents: 6.31 percent (down from 6.84 percent)

That's for any new loan originated after July 1.

That's because in 2013, Congress changed how stu-

dent loan interest rates are set, moving from setting a number each year to basing it on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rate in the spring of each year, plus a set increment for each fee. The rate is then locked in for the life of the loan.

This is the second year in a row rates have dropped under the new plan.

That's good news for Teresa Walter, 18, of Novi, who is about to head off to Wayne State University. She's not quite sure how much she's going to need to borrow yet.

"So less interest is good, but tuition keeps going up," she said. "It all evens out in the end."

Wayne State raised tuition late last month 3.8 percent on lower-division students (freshmen and sophomores) and 4.5

percent on upper-division students (juniors and seniors). That's an average of 4.1 percent and keeps Wayne State under a statewide tuition cap of 4.2 percent.

Every other Michigan public university has also raised tuition for next year.

Eastern Michigan voted to raise tuition 4.1 percent.

Among Michigan schools that have approved tuition increases for the fall: University of Michigan, 3.9 percent; Oakland University, 3.95 percent; Michigan State University, 3.7 percent for in-state freshmen and sophomores and 3.9 percent for juniors and seniors.

Borrowing to go to school is becoming more common: 63 percent of those who go to college in Michigan borrow money to go to school.

And there are lots of Amer-

icans who haven't been able to make their payments after graduation.

Twenty percent of all federal loan borrowers have defaulted on their loans, according to new data released by the federal government last week. That translates into \$121 billion of loans in default. That same data show 40 percent of all borrowers are not making any payments and are in some sort of forbearance, delinquency or default.

Michigan's graduates had a default rate of 12.8 percent in 2015, the latest state-by-state breakdown shows.

A 2015 report from the nonprofit Project on Student Debt at the Institute for College Access & Success shows the average 2014 graduate of a Michigan college had \$29,450 to pay back on federal student

loans. That's up considerably from a decade ago, when graduates left owing \$18,754 on average.

According to the latest numbers issued in early May by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Americans added \$29 billion of student loan debt last quarter. In comparison, Americans added \$120 billion in mortgage debt and \$7 billion in auto debt. However, Americans decreased their credit card debt by \$21 billion in the last quarter.

Americans continue to owe more money on student loans than any other type of debt besides home mortgages. Student loan debt owed is now \$1.26 trillion. That's more than Americans owe on auto loans (\$1.07 trillion) or credit card debt (\$712 billion).

Canton student heads to international math competition

A Canton resident is among six students who have been selected to represent the United States at the 57th International Mathematical Olympiad, also known as the world championship mathematics competition for high school students.

The U.S. high school students will be riding on the back of last year's team victory, the first U.S. win in 20 years. This year, more than 100 of the world's best teams

will meet July 6-16 in Hong Kong to try their hand at some of the world's most challenging proof-style problems. The U.S. team will be accompanied again by head coach Po-Shen Loh (Carnegie Mellon University) and deputy coach Razvan Gelca (Texas Tech University).

The team members are: Canton resident Ankan Bhattacharya (International Academy East, Troy); Michael Kural (Greenwich High

School, Riverside, Conn.); Allen Liu (Penfield Senior High School, Penfield, N.Y.); Junyao Peng (Princeton International School of Mathematics and Science, Princeton, N.J.); Ashwin Sah (Jesuit High School, Portland, Ore.); Yuan Yao (Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.).

Two are veteran competitors: Liu and Kural were both on last year's winning team. Competing in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in what has been called the hardest-ever IMO, Liu earned a gold medal for his individual score and Kural took home a silver.

Each year, the U.S. team members are selected through a series of competitions organized by the MAA American Mathematics Competitions program. The teammates attended the MAA's Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program, which is hosted at Carnegie Mellon University. The



Team members include Ankan Bhattacharya, Michael Kural, Allen Liu, Junyao Peng, Ashwin Sah and Yuan Yao.

six team members are among 70 other rising mathematics students honing their problem-solving skills in the weeks leading up to the IMO.

Although another team victory would be exciting, Loh said the training has a broader goal. "We've been running the national Olympiad training

program with a focus on the long-term development of our country's mathematical talent," he said. "My objective is to deliver an enriching experience and develop a sense of mission to use (students') analytical talents to improve the future of the world."

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

University of Akron

Andrew Souders of Canton graduated this spring with a bachelor of arts in economics.

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Eric Dooley of Plymouth earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering, majoring in engineering management.

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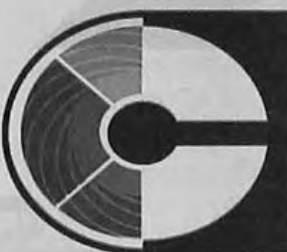
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Find the 2015 Rogue at Nissan of Canton

The 2015 Nissan Rogue is an appealing compact SUV with a robust exterior and a high-quality look. Its sporty appearance is complemented with updated interior features. You can check out the the available models at Nissan of Canton located at 42175 Michigan Ave., just west of I-275.

Styling

Nissan has definitely succeeded in crafting a compact SUV that many find appealing. The Nissan-family look is in full force, with more than a passing resemblance to the bigger Pathfinder. The look is more aggressive than its competitors, with bulging wheel arches and a bigger nose than the Honda CR-V or Toyota RAV4. Seventeen-inch steel wheels are standard on the base S trim, with 17-inch alloy wheels standard on the mid-level SV trim and 18-inch alloy wheels standard on the top-line SL trim. New LED running lights up front and angular tail-lights make the Rogue distinctive even in the dark.

How it drives

The Rogue's powertrain is a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine making 170 horsepower and mated to a continuously variable automatic transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard and all-wheel drive an option.

Handling is sharp. The thick steering wheel delivers excellent feedback to the driver. Brakes are very strong and firm, with excellent pedal feel and no noticeable fade.

The standard front-wheel-drive Rogue gets an EPA-rated 26/33/28 mpg city/highway/combined.

Interior

Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is

The 2015 Nissan Rogue's bold, sharp bodylines offer a sporty and confident appearance, balancing its sleek style with an aggressive stance provided by large wheelwells and available 18-inch wheels and tires.



Nissan paid a lot of attention to the interior, creating a cabin that is inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types.

inviting, attractive and comfortable for a variety of body types. Slide into the driver's seat and the combination of command seating and low dashboard creates excellent visibility to the front and sides.

Seating is flexible, spacious and comfortable. The second row of

seats is also quite spacious at 37.9 inches, with much more legroom than expected for a compact SUV, stadium-style layout and long, tall windows for rear seat passengers.

Ergonomics and electronics

Gauges are easily visible through the steering wheel and include a

5-inch color LCD, the largest in any Nissan product, to display a variety of customizable vehicle information.

A full complement of information and entertainment electronics are available, including navigation, satellite radio and Bluetooth streaming audio and phone connectivity. The Rogue fea-

tures not only a backup camera but Nissan's Around View Monitor, which uses cameras to display a 360-degree live feed of the Rogue's environment on the touchscreen.

Cargo and storage

Pop the rear hatch (a power liftgate is optional) to reveal a spacious cargo area with low bumper liftover. The second-row seats fold flat in a 40/20/40 split, and the levers are accessible with a stretch from the cargo area to unlatch the seat-backs. Fold the front passenger seat flat as well to get a cargo area able to accommodate an 8-foot ladder. For models without the third-row seat, under-floor storage is presented with two reconfigurable dividers that can also act as package shelves.

The Rogue cargo volume area is 39.3 cubic feet of space available behind the second row of seats.

Some notable features of the 2015 Rogue include

the following:

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Lawrence Tech graduates are in demand

Even as they graduated, members of Lawrence Technological University's Class of 2016 were already making their mark in science, engineering, architecture, design and business. A survey from the university's Office of Career Services showed that as of commencement May 7, nearly 88 percent of graduates had found employment or were headed for more advanced degrees, according to a press release.

The overall "success rate" — defined as graduates who had found employment or were starting their own businesses, going to graduate school or into government service such as the armed forces or the Peace Corps — was 87.7 percent for the 415 eligible graduates surveyed. That's up from an 82.3-percent success rate for the Class of 2015, LTU says.

The undergraduate success rate for 2016 was 84.4 percent, while the graduate student success rate was 91.2 percent.

LTU's survey also asked the salary those who had found employment would receive. The mean overall salary in



Lawrence Technological University's Spring 2016 commencement, which was held May 8 at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

the survey was \$56,560. For those receiving undergraduate degrees, the mean salary was \$48,986; for those receiving graduate degrees, it was \$63,548, LTU says. The Brookings Institution

recently ranked LTU fifth in the nation for providing the most value added in preparing graduates for well-paying jobs.

"Employers really value our graduates,"

said Margaret "Peg" Pierce, LTU's director of Career Services. "We hear it from employers all the time, that when they hire someone from Lawrence Tech, it's someone they can really

get behind. It's also a good economy right now, we know that, and our students have a lot of opportunity in engineering. But construction, design, architecture and business are all growing

and our students are very much in demand in those industries as well."

LTU President Virinder Moudgil said: "A college education is a major investment for families and these numbers show that prospective students and parents can be confident that when it comes to Lawrence Tech, that investment is a sound one."

Lawrence Technological University, www.ltu.edu, is a private university founded in 1932 that offers more than 100 programs through the doctoral level in its Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Management. PayScale lists Lawrence Tech among the nation's top 100 universities for the salaries of its graduates and U.S. News and World Report lists it in the top tier of best Midwestern universities. Students benefit from small class sizes and a real-world, hands-on, "theory and practice" education with an emphasis on leadership, LTU notes. Activities on Lawrence Tech's 107-acre Southfield campus include more than 60 student organizations and NAIA varsity sports.

P-CCS school board has four open seats

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education has four open seats that will be decided in the Nov. 8, general election.

One of the four seats that are available (currently held by John Barrett) is a four-year term, starting in January 2017.

Three of the four seats available (currently held by Sheila Paton, Patrick Kehoe and Mike Maloney) are six-year terms, starting in January 2017.

If you are interested in running for one of these seats, apply at the city of Plymouth clerk's

office (201 S. Main St., Plymouth) by the state-mandated deadline of 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 26.

For more information and details, contact Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser at 734-453-1234, ext. 234, or at llangmesser@ci.plymouth.mi.us.

Pagan opposes Snyder's appeal of teacher health care ruling

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, expressed her strong opposition to Gov. Rick Snyder's decision to appeal a Court of Appeals ruling that would return a 3-percent retirement health care contribution to teachers and other public school employees.

This court decision would return more than \$550 million withheld from school employees' paychecks to fund the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System. Pagan called on the governor to re-evaluate his decision and end his appeal immediately.

"Our teachers and school employees were simply following the law when 3 percent of their

paychecks were diverted to a retirement savings account," Pagan said.

"This final court decision proves that the money was illegally taken from our hard-working educators and public school employees and it is deplorable that Gov. Snyder would want to challenge this decision."

In 2010, a law went into effect that would require school employees to contribute 3 percent of their pay to retiree health benefits. Soon after, a lawsuit was filed

arguing that the law violated state constitutional protections.

The money that was withheld from the paychecks of teachers and school employees between the years of 2010-13 is being held in an escrow account. It currently exceeds \$550 million. Following losses in both the trial court and Court of Appeals, the state asked the Supreme Court to hear the case, but the Supreme Court sent the case back to the Court of Appeals. This resulted in a June 7 ruling stating the money was collected unconstitutionally and should be returned to teachers and other employees who paid into the system.



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Shakespeare Fest returns to Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is once again teaming with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to present a three-week run of performances from July 29 through Aug. 14 in Canton. This year's 22nd festival season will feature productions of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "Richard II," as well as Karen Tarjan's "The Killer Angels," based on the novel by Michael Shaara.

"After the success of last year's Michigan Shakespeare Festival run of performances in Canton, we are thrilled that they are continuing to expand their reach into the Canton community this summer," Canton arts coordinator Jennifer Tobin said. "The return of this limited-run engagement will give our residents the opportunity to see professional Equity actors performing classic theater in repertory and will help to demonstrate why the classics continue to endure."

The state of Michigan's official Shakespeare festival's 2016 season opens July 7 at the Potter Center in Jackson and will move its productions to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, starting July 29. This year's productions include:

» "The Killer Angels" — The festival will present the Pulitzer Prize-winning book based on the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. This is a stage adaptation of Michael Shaara's novel. Playwright Karen Tarjan has adapted the novel, which Janice Blixt, the festival's artistic director, will direct. This is the theatrical premier of this piece.

» "As You Like It" — This comedy features Rosalind and Celia fleeing to the forest, where they meet others, like themselves, who have created a society outside



Rob Kauzlaric takes on the role of Richard II.

the strictures of the city and eventually find their true loves and their true selves.

» "Richard II" — This drama tells the story of a boy who became England's king before he was 10. The prequel to last year's "Richard IV" is directed by Janice Blixt and stars Robert Kauzlaric as Richard.

Tickets are on sale now for the Canton performances of the 2016 season, including season flex passes, at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. A flex pass will include one ticket to each production and show dates and times can be chosen at the time of purchase or at a later date. Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$40, depending on patron's age.

Founded in 1995, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit professional theater company oper-

ating under a League of Regional Theatres Letter of Agreement with the Actors' Equity Association. The MSF is dedicated to entertaining and educating a broad-based audience through professional performances of Shakespeare's works and other classic plays.

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For additional information about the Michigan Shakespeare Festival's collaboration with The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734-394-5300.

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Local PAC focuses on politics, animal welfare

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Forget the squeaky toy and catnip mouse. Give your dog and cat a little political clout.

"We want every Michigan voter who cares about animals to join their voting bloc because that is where our power is," said Courtney Protz-Sanders, a trustee for Michigan Political Action Committee for Animals. "Our power is in the vote."

MI-PACA, a Southfield-based political action committee, advocates for animal protection laws, while also endorsing like-minded state, county and local candidates for public office. It also works to defeat legislation and elected officials who oppose its cause.

Voters can sign up to become part of its voting bloc through MI-PACA's website. In return, the PAC will inform them of pending legislation, political endorsements and animal welfare issues.

"If there is a big issue in their city, we'll shoot them an email and let them know what is going on," Protz-Sanders said. "For folks who want to take that a step further, they can become a MI-PACA volunteer and we'll work with you on what role is best for you."

MI-PACA's city coordinators keep tabs on local council meetings and county captains follow county-level activity in Oakland, Genesee and St. Clair counties.

"Wayne County does not have a county captain. We'd love to get more active in that area," Protz-Sanders said.

Outdoor cats

Suzanne Zimmerly of Farmington Hills took on the coordinator role in her community last year. She also volunteers for Protz-Sander's foster-



Courtney Protz-Sanders of MI-PACA emceeds a rally in Lansing to end dog breed discrimination.

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based animal rescue, Paws for Life, located in Troy.

"I spoke at city council about the need for a TNR program in Farmington Hills," said Zimmerly, who has fed and trapped feral cats for spay or neutering and release for several years. "So far nothing has happened, but I'm going to keep at it. I'd like the city to pass something, a proclamation or statement that says the city supports TNR. It doesn't need to be anything detailed, just something that says the those who choose to house and care for them are free of any penalties."

During an upcoming council meeting, Zimmerly also plans to share information about products and methods that can be used to keep deer out of backyard gardens.

"My main goal is I monitor city council meetings and check to see if anything is going

on with animals," she said. "In the middle of last summer, there was a discussion about deer problems. Several people complained about deer. That was when I really started paying attention."

Zimmerly is interested in animal shelter reform and ending laws that discriminate against certain dog breeds. She's new to political advocacy, but says she is learning to "stay aware" and speak out.

Public policy

Advocacy comes naturally to Andrew Sarpolis, MI-PACA's city coordinator in Novi. He works for the Sierra Club as a community organizer in Michigan cities affected by pollution from coal-burning plants. He advocates for the retirement of those plants and has seen some success from his efforts.

MI-PACA endorsed him for Novi City Council last year and, al-

though he lost, Sarpolis, who owns a rabbit and a dog, plans to continue representing the PAC at council meetings.

"If you are someone who cares about animal welfare and are looking for an effective way to influence positive change, there is no better way than public policy," he said. "I do encourage people to volunteer at a local shelter, but they can get active and get good legislation passed and save thousands of animals."

"Some of this is just common sense, not having animals on a tether 24 hours a day, (ending) breed specific legislation. I'll continue as an advocate to push these issues. I think these are non-partisan issues."

Ongoing issues

MI-PACA is supporting state legislation that would allow passersby to rescue a pet from a locked, hot car, without

fear of liability for damage to the vehicle. Another bill would prohibit unsupervised pets in a parked car in extreme temperatures.

"We're in a state where we see extreme weather conditions so it makes sense to us," Protz-Sanders said. "We're going to support it and we think it will pass in the fall."

She also hopes legislation prohibiting dog breed discrimination will be approved this year, making Michigan the 21st state to outlaw breed bans.

MI-PACA worked with Hazel Park to lift a ban on pit bulls in the city and re-write its outdoor tethering law. Dogs can no longer be tethered outdoors 24/7 and an adult must be present while the dog is tethered. Protz-Sanders said changes in tethering laws have a positive effect on public safety.

"Downriver there are

13 communities that have banned 24/7 tethering," she said. "We're working with Detroit right now on an ordinance."

MI-PACA also wants to reinstate the requirement that public shelters hold stray dogs and cats for four days before transferring them, killing them or making them available for adoption. It is lobbying against HB 4915 that would remove all hold time for cats.

"For people who have lost their family cat, that's like stealing it. You have to give them an opportunity to find and reclaim their animal," she said.

Shelter reform

MI-PACA grew out of an advocacy group, Oakland County Animal Advocates, that had called for program and policy changes at the county's animal shelter.

"We decided to work with the county commissioners and in 2013 we officially formed MI-PACA so we had a little credibility behind our name," Protz-Sanders said. "We were willing to organize other voters to get stuff done."

Protz-Sanders said the PAC likely will endorse Vicki Barnett of Farmington Hills in her bid against L. Brooks Patterson for county executive.

In the meantime, she is proud of MI-PACA's role in making positive changes at Detroit Animal Control.

"We had tremendous success in hiring a compassionate director who is doing everything in her power to turn that place around," she said. "That is a success I'll take to my grave."

For more information about MI-PACA's monthly meetings, go to mipaca.org or visit it on Facebook.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MUSIC MAN

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 14-17 and 2 p.m. July 16-17
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton
Details: The six-time, Tony Award-winning musical comedy "The Music Man, Jr." includes many of the toe-tapping iconic songs to grace the stage and a story that the whole family can enjoy Presented by Spotlight on Youth with more than 50 local youths from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and other areas, this production features wit, warmth and good, old-fashioned sentiment
Contact: 734-394-5300 or online at spotlightonyouthmi.org or cantonvillageattheater.org.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Time/Date: 11 a.m. each Sunday, July 10 through Aug. 21
Location: Cherry Hill Village Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hills roads, across from the Village Theater.
Details: St. John Michael Lutheran hosts worship services in a casual atmosphere. Professionally managed childcare will be provided.
Contact: Church office, 734-459-3333 or go to www.connectingwithGod.org.

CANTON CONCERTS

Time/Date/Location: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, Westland Farmers Market pavilion and noon Saturday, Aug. 27, Canton Lions Club corn roast, Cady-Boyer Barn
Details: The Canton Concert Band performs its series, The Spirit of America.

WOUNDED WARRIOR YOGA

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m., for check-in and registration; 9 a.m., yoga begins
Location: Canton's Heritage Park
Details: Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Livonia and Canton Leisure Services have joined forces to host "Yoga In the Park" with Dan Nevins to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project
Cost: Tickets are on sale at <https://activenet.active.com/canton>; search for Dan Nevins. Tickets are \$35 online and will be \$45 the day of the event. Ticket price includes a Wounded Warrior Project yoga mat and carrying bag, as well as a Wounded Warrior Project support bracelet, while supplies last. Participants will also receive a tax statement at the end of 2016 stating the portion of your donation that is tax-deductible.
Contact: 734-394-5360.

WAYNE STATE CAMP

Times/Dates: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each weekday, July 18-29



Spotlight on Youth presents "The Music Man, Jr.," July 16-17.

Details: Applications are being accepted for the Wayne State University China Corps Summer Camp at the WSU Oakland Center, 33737 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. Students in grades 7-12 with little or no exposure to the Chinese language, as well as those at an intermediate level, are welcome. Students should be committed to the goal of learning to speak, read and write Chinese.
Cost: Camp costs \$199; a 10-percent discount is available for siblings registered in one transaction. Schools and teachers can submit their students' applications as a group. Download an app at clas.wayne.edu/ci/china-corps-summer-camp-oakland-center.

FASHION SETTERS EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Museum hours, through Nov. 6
Location: Plymouth Historical Museum
Details: The First Ladies Fashion Setters exhibit features more than a dozen dresses of the first ladies throughout history. Other memorabilia highlighting elections, the presidents and the first

SUMMER ARTS COUNCIL CAMPS

Time/Date: July 11 through Aug. 19
Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, south of M-14 in Plymouth
Details: The PCAC will offer 40 camps in painting, filmmaking, photography, cartooning, graphic design, theater, music and more, with the emphasis on getting campers to "think outside the box" and not follow preconceived notions of art.
Costs: Camp prices range from \$55 to \$145, with discounts for PCAC members.
Contact: View a complete schedule and register online at www.plymoutharts.com, or register by calling the PCAC at 734-416-4278 or stopping in during business hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

MICHIGAN PHIL AT KENSINGTON

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16
Location: Maple Beach at

Kensington Metropark

Details: The Michigan Philharmonic performs "Star Wars & Sci-Phonic Favorites."
Cost: Free with park entry.
CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, July 30
Location: First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: The church will host a classic car show to raise money to help the youth group
Cost: Visitors are asked to make a \$5 donation; Classic car owners can simply show up and pay a \$10 entry fee to become part of the show
Contact: www.FBCCantonCarShow.com or call 734-776-8892

SEEKING COMPASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS

Time/Date: Until September
Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5820 N Lilley Road, Canton,
Details: Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big

hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more. Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged, as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions. Next new volunteer orientation is Sept. 13 in the hospice office.
Contact: Jeanne Edwards, volunteer coordinator, at 888-983-9050.

GRUB CRAWL

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 19
Details: Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts annual Grub Crawl with food samples, sweet treats and craft beer from 18 eateries and the Canton Brew

Works microbrewery.
Cost: \$35 per person for tickets (T-shirts) and include transportation. They are on sale now and can be purchased at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford, online at www.cantonchamber.com or by calling 734-453-4040.

DIVERSITY EXHIBIT

Time/Date: Exhibit runs through July 30. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday
Location: Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill.
Details: Wood carvings of Filipino dancers, Muslim prayer beads known as tasbih, a Buddhist monk's brass bowl and a Brazilian special-occasion dress are on display as a Canton Historical Museum exhibit pays tribute to this community's cultural diversity. Muslims, Filipinos, Sri Lankans, Brazilians and the American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine, are represented in the exhibit — "A Diverse Township: Looking at Canton's Cultural Community."
Cost: Free.

CANCER SUPPORT

Time/Date: 6-7:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month
Details: Connecting with others who know what it is to have lung cancer can help during this difficult time. To start, join the Lung Cancer Support Group at the Beaumont Cancer Center-Farmington Hills, 27900 Grand River Ave., Suite 230. Thoracic surgeon Dr. David Sternberg leads the group. The group is open to anyone living with lung cancer and their loved ones. Meetings are free the third Monday each month. For more information, call 248-473-4828.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Men's Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Contact Dick at 313-534-0399.
Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first and third Monday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a Ladies Only Breakfast and Fellowship at Connor's Restaurant on Haggerty/Five Mile Road, Northville. To save a seat, contact Carol at 313-562-3080.
Time/Date: 9 a.m. the first Thursday of each month.
Details: Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting Co-Ed Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant on Plymouth Road at Eckles Road. Contact Jerry at 734-455-2651.

Some strategies to adapt to life after disability

Over the past 30 years, I have evaluated approximately 1,000 cases per year for the Michigan Disability Determination Service. These cases are of individuals who have applied for Social Security Disability Benefits because a mental disorder prevents them from working. Often the presenting problems also entail alleged medical problems and physical limitations. The physical limitations may have come from a recent or remote trauma such as an industrial accident, an automobile crash, an assault on the streets, or a simple slip and fall in one's home. Also, some individuals are presenting with a lifelong affliction such as multiple sclerosis,



Len McCulloch
OUR MENTAL HEALTH

traumatic brain injury, domestic violence victim, epilepsy, etc. The most frequent "alleged disability" for the DDS claims that I have been involved in seems to be depression and chronic pain. Healthcentral.com ran an article on the overcoming of low moods due to physical disability. The article described tips on how to gradually adapt to limitations of physical disability and associated mental distress by finding modifications to what may have been activities of interest in the past. An excellent source of

resources for adaptive activities can easily be found by accessing a PBS-TV weekly program called, "A Wider World." (Visit awiderworld.com.) The program presents an unprecedented array of modified activity programs which one can explore. Examples are wheelchair tennis, sled hockey, adaptive golf, choir therapy, therapeutic horseback riding, volunteer opportunities and the spectrum of events within the world of the Special Olympics and Paralympics.

Why me?

In my evaluations of Social Security applicants, I have found patterns of traits among people which enhance their odds of success in adaption to disability.

Those who don't have these traits seem more likely to be entrenched in depression and stuck in a "Why me?" mentality. Typically, they feel useless and hopeless. Those who hold up relatively better seem to have managed to develop an overall positive self-esteem and a determination that they deserve opportunities to enjoy, be part of, compete in, and otherwise be placed back into the mainstream of living. Some have gone through prior tragedies and had healthy role models. For those without such characteristics it can be helpful to assist their engagement with a psychotherapist who can provide meaningful psychotherapy relative to their world of emotional distress and physical loss/impair-

ment. Such individuals have been known to benefit from efforts to overcome challenges and to walk away from the "Why me?" attitude and develop the "Now what am I going to do about it?" position. A therapeutic relationship can be the start of a personal movement into the future and a relinquishing of the shackles of their past which have been punctuated by trauma, disability and loss. It does take time and work by therapist and patient, but it can pay off by an internal change in attitude about one's self and the incorporation of one's disability into the fact of who he or she is. Mourning the loss of the prior healthy identity can be fostered by outward behavior of being in-

cluded, and finding a way of becoming helpful to others. A quote from Bob Dylan by a young man with the orphan disease of neurofibromatosis can go a long way to explain the attitude of those who succeed and find life after tragedy by embracing the concept of, "Keep on keeping on."
 Len J. McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is credentialed in mental health, addictions, social work, and brain injury. His monthly column, Our Mental Health, has been published for 15 years in the Observer & Eccentric. His clinical practice spans 40-plus years and he can be reached for a courtesy consult at 248-474-2763, ext. 222. Go to <http://www.farmlib.org> for archives of Our Mental Health.

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USA HOCKEY

Crunch time for top juniors

USA Hockey Arena to host evaluation camp for World Juniors

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Spending hours inside a hockey arena isn't what most people put at the top of their to-do list for late July or early August.

But they might want to make an exception, with Plymouth's USA Hockey Arena poised to host an evaluation camp that will feature 42 top under-20 American players battling for a spot on the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team. USA Hockey's National

Junior Evaluation Camp is set to take place from July 30 through Aug. 6 at the arena on Beck Road just south of Five Mile Road. There will be doubleheaders nearly every day of the camp, pitting games between the U.S., Canada, Finland and Sweden.

"These are absolutely our top under-20 players in the country," said Jim Johansson, USA Hockey assistant executive director for hockey operations. "These guys are one or

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RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

Firing the puck against Michigan's goalie last season is NTDP U18s forward Kieffer Bellows, who will be part of the USA Hockey junior camp.

Salem players on Brine National All-Star Team

Maddie Johnson and Leah Tardiff from Salem High School were named to the 2016 Brine National All-Star Team.

Johnson and Tardiff will represent Michigan at the Brine National Lacrosse Classic, July 19-22 in Richmond, Va.

Johnson, a goalkeeper, and Tardiff, who plays midfield, are three-year players for Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team.

Both are entering their senior year and have verbally committed to play Division I women's lacrosse at University of Detroit Mercy.

The Brine National Lacrosse Academy brings the top youth players in the nation to one venue. Regional teams coached by NCAA lacrosse coaches compete to be the national champion.

Intensity Track Club holding bowling fundraiser

Intensity Track Club, based out of Wayne Memorial, is holding its second annual bowling fundraiser this month to raise funds to travel to a USATF Elite Showcase July 22 in New Jersey.

The fundraiser will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, July 17, at Merri-Bowl Lanes on Five Mile Road in Livonia.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the bowling alley. Included for that fee are two hours of unlimited bowling, pizza and pop.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and other basket prizes. A GoFundMe account also is set up for Intensity.

Sports teams need coaches

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

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

Minimum requirements include the following: high school graduate or equivalent; experience in high school coaching or competing at the college level in swimming; have a time schedule compatible with that of high school; CPR and/or first-aid training preferred; ability to work with parents and children.

Livonia Clarenceville High School is searching for a boys varsity basketball coach.

The responsibilities include providing leadership and direction for the players (varsity, JV, freshmen and middle school) and assistant coaches, establishing cooperation and coordination at all levels, establishing a high level of self-discipline and self-confidence in all participants.

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

PREP BASEBALL

Big-league feeling for Manasa, Darden

East falls to West stars, but playing at Comerica rules

Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Karl Kauffmann has now played baseball five times at Comerica Park. Mitchell Tyranski and Alex Darden have both played there four times.

By contrast, Alex Manasa had never played in the downtown stadium the Detroit Tigers call home prior to Wednesday.

The four 2016 high school graduates — Kauffmann and Tyranski from Brother Rice, Darden from North Farmington and Manasa from Farmington — were members of the East Squad in the 35th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Classic held Wednesday evening at Comerica Park.

The West rallied to defeat the East, 8-3, in the nine-inning game played before an appreciative Comerica crowd that consisted mostly of family and friends. The score, though, was secondary to the experience.

All four players agreed it is a special feeling to share the same turf where Tigers stars Justin Verlander, Mi-

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MARTY BUDNER

Farmington outfielder Alex Manasa, playing in his first game at Comerica, was the only two-hit performer for the East.

VOLTAGE ELITE KICKS OFF



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Voltage Elite instructors Kevin Justice (left) and Deji Adebisi (right) help campers Ken Fetolli and Dwayne Keinon with their footwork and agility.

THEIR KIND OF CAMP

Brand new football camp helps players of all ages to sharpen skills

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

At one end of the football field behind the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, youngsters ages 7-10 worked on pushups and agility with former Plymouth Wildcats varsity player Kevin Justice.

"It's important to get stronger, to build up your stamina," said Justice, one of the instructors helping out during Thursday's session of the inaugural Voltage Elite football camp. "If you can't last all four quarters, if you get tired, you make mistakes. "It doesn't matter if you're Bo Jackson."

Nodding their heads before launching into another set of pushups were Callen Korytkowski, 10, Ken Fetolli, 10, and brothers Baron and Dwayne Keinon, ages 7 and 8, respectively. All live in Plymouth or Canton.

"It's really fun," Dwayne said during a pause in the activities. "We get to play



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Despite a small turnout for Voltage Elite's inaugural football skills camp, founder Deji Adebisi is optimistic about the program's future.

games, (work on) footwork and the drills. They're really fun."

Callen noted that he is enjoying the first couple of weeks of what will be a six-week experience, "getting better as the days go on, working on your footwork and agil-

ity. It's cool."

Baron Keinon smiled when asked if he actually liked calisthenics, running or putting them up and laying them down through a rope ladder — one of Thursday's drills.

"Yeah, I do," Baron said. "We're doing footwork, throwing, pretty much everything."

Playing football all summer is a dream come true for Ken, who constantly had a football in his hand as he went through the various stations.


"Me and my friends at school play it basically every day," Ken said. "One of the skills I need to improve is my throwing. I want to be a quarterback, so I want to get that spiral down."

Hitting the target

Working at the opposite end of the field was Voltage Elite founder and 2015 Plymouth High School graduate Deji Adebisi, who played football with classmate Justice.


Adebisi, a standout football quarterback for the Wildcats, was helping Plymouth's projected 2016 quarterback Jonah Peterson with drop-backs and throws to a group of high

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PRO BASEBALL

FAST DELIVERY

Stevenson alums sign with Pirates

McDonald, Piechota parlay success in new USPBL into chance with MLB organization

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Jimmy John's is proving to quickly deliver the goods in more ways than the sandwich business.

Livonia Stevenson alums Chris McDonald and Evan Piechota recently pitched for different teams at Utica's Jimmy John's Field in the first-year United Shore Professional Baseball League.

And recently, the former Spartan teammates signed contracts with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. Both reported to minor league affiliate teams.

"This truly is a 'Made in Michigan' success story that

hits close to home for the USPBL," said league founder and CEO Andy Appleby. "Our finishing school approach to make every player better has really paid off for these two."

"They represent the exact type of player we and our outstanding team of coaches are looking for to provide a true opportunity to make it to the big leagues."

After graduating from Stevenson, McDonald and Piechota continued to progress on the mound for Hillsdale College and Madonna University, respectively.

When Appleby's independent league took root this year, the pitchers quickly made the cut with the East Side Diamond Hoppers and Utica Unicorns, respectively.

With the Diamond Hoppers, McDonald baffled batters with a mix of changeups and fastballs. Piechota merely demonstrated outstanding fastball command, walking just one in more than 30 innings of work.

Both are hitting the 90-mile-per-hour mark on the radar gun, with McDonald reaching the mid-90s.

The duo cut their teeth pitching for the Spartans under Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame inductee Rick Berryman, who recognized both for exceptional baseball acumen and work ethic.

McDonald and Piechota parlayed that into successful college careers, with the Chargers and Crusaders, respectively.

They are the third and fourth USPBL players to be signed by Major League Baseball organizations since the league's Memorial Day debut.

St. Louis signed Ross Vance while the New York Yankees came to an agreement with Aaron Bossi; both played for the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers.

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Livonia Stevenson alums Chris McDonald (left) and Evan Piechota recently pitched at Jimmy John's Field in Utica for a first-year pro baseball league. Both recently signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization. Piechota also pitched for Madonna University.

JUNIORS

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two years removed from stepping on the ice in the NHL in a couple cases, it's exciting hockey.

"This is the camp that Dylan Larkin was playing at last year."

Johannson, also general manager of the 2017 U.S. National Junior Team, chuckled when he brought up Larkin's name.

Last summer, Larkin was a relative unknown in Hockeytown, having just finished his freshman season at Michigan.

The forward from Waterford went on to go to training camp with the NHL team, made the opening day roster and stayed with Detroit all season — thus making him unavailable to skate for the U.S. in the 2016 World Juniors.

This year's group of American players looking to open some eyes include 35 who have been drafted by NHL teams, including 22 recently selected at the NHL Draft in Buffalo.

Familiar faces

Among those players are forwards Kieffer Bellows (New York Islanders), Clayton Keller (Arizona) and Trent Frederic (Boston), who all skated for the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 squad in 2015-16.

All told, 11 members of the NTDP U18s will take part in the camp. Others include forward Joey Anderson; defenseman Adam Fox, J.D. Greenway, Chad Krysl, Ryan Lindgren, Luke Martin; goalies Jake Oettinger and Joseph Woll.

Players from colleges and



Among players vying for a spot on the U.S. World Juniors team this year is forward Clayton Keller (No. 19), shown playing for the NTDP U18s against Michigan in January.

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major junior circuits such as the Ontario Hockey League also will participate, including Farmington Hills native Alex DeBrincat from the OHL Erie Otters.

"It's players from everywhere," Johannson noted. "(Rochester's) Max Jones is from London, Christian Fisher played in Windsor, (former NTDP player) Matthew Tkachuk played in London last year. ... And then there's college guys."

Fans will get the chance to watch two games for the price of one (just \$5 from Sunday, July 31 through Friday, July 5; admission is \$15 for the Sat-

urday, July 6 twinbill, featuring U.S. vs. Canada at 7 p.m.) and they won't be disappointed.

"It's great hockey," Johannson said. "I think with Sweden, Finland, Canada, it's all perennial contenders for the championship. Almost all of the guys have been drafted pretty high in the NHL Draft on all of the rosters."

"It's very competitive hockey in August. ... Guys play extremely hard and have a lot on the line at the camp."

According to Johannson, U.S. head coach Bob Motzko and his assistants will use the evaluation camp to trim the number of hopefuls from 42 to

about 30.

"We'll have the camp there (in Plymouth) and then everyone goes back to their respective teams," Johannson explained. "And then we'll gather again around Dec. 16, 17 and have a much smaller number (of players)."

The top 23 players ultimately will be named to play in the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship, slated from Dec. 26 through next Jan. 5 in Montreal and Toronto.

For a number of years, the evaluation camp has taken place in Lake Placid, N.Y., on an Olympic-sized sheet of ice.

HOT SUMMER HOCKEY

What: USA Hockey is holding its National Junior Evaluation Camp from Saturday, July 30 through Saturday, Aug. 6.

Where: USA Hockey Arena, on Beck Road in Plymouth Township.

Who: Forty-two American hockey players under age 20 will convene for a week of scrimmages, after which coaches will pick the top 30 or so to continue skating toward the goal of playing for the U.S. World Junior team this winter. Former U.S. NTDP players such as Kieffer Bellows, Clayton Keller and Matthew Tkachuk will lace up the skates; all were drafted by NHL teams in late June.

Opponents: The U.S. will face teams from Canada, Sweden and Finland, with doubleheaders each day beginning Sunday, July 31. The highlight of the schedule will be 7 p.m. Aug. 6, when the U.S. faces Canada.

Prices: All sessions are two games for the price of one and will be for general admission seating, with the exception of Saturday, Aug. 6 (reserved seating, \$15). Parking is free each day until Aug. 6 (\$5).

Info: Call the USA Hockey Arena box office, (734) 453-8400, or visit usahockey.com.

But because this year's World Juniors is taking place at NHL arenas (Montreal's Bell Centre, Toronto's Air Canada Centre), it was deemed prudent to hold the camp on a NHL-sized rink, which USA Hockey Arena has.

"The tournament the next three years is on NHL ice," Johannson added. "It made a lot more sense for us to put the competition on NHL ice."

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CAMP

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school and college receivers.

"We don't discriminate on age groups at all (with the Voltage camp)," said Adebiyi, who will play football this season at Ohio Wesleyan University. "Jonah's a kid, he wanted to do extra work so he comes out and I work with him. It's good because I get to work with him individually, some one-on-one stuff."

Peterson took a couple of steps back and threw the ball over the middle to 22-year-old wide-out Cheyne Lacanaria, a Farmington Hills native who also plays at Ohio Wesleyan. Right on the money.

"Right now, Deji's helping me with my confidence," Peterson said. "Last year, I had trouble with confidence. Football's mental and physical, he's helping both parts, with my three steps and just knowing I can do whatever, I have the mindset to do it."

"We're doing my routes. I'm going the progression I need to go through, doing (what) my coach told me to do."

Next for Peterson was another aerial strike, this one to former Novi Detroit Catholic Central receiver Ike Marchie, a 19-year-old from Canton.

Then came one in the direction of another current Wildcats player, receiver Chase



Kevin Justice (right) gives some pointers about the benefits of being fit to campers (from left) Ken Fetolli, Baron Keinon, Callen Korytkowski and Dwayne Keinon.

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Timco. The high toss had to be reeled in.

"Coach him up, where's that tight spiral?" joked one of the other receivers, all clad in loose-fitting shorts and T-shirts on a scorching early afternoon.

Adebiyi said the turnout for the first Voltage endeavor wasn't what he had hoped, but he still enjoyed the chance to help encourage and instruct players regardless of their age or skill level.

"With the younger kids we have to go fundamentals. They're learning things like ladder work and teaching

them things like character, off-the-field things," Adebiyi said. "When they come out here, they're having a blast. We have their parents coming up to us every day saying they can't get their kid to stop talking about it. We're really excited about that."

Passing it down

Marchie, who attends Brown University in Rhode Island, is not a regular Voltage camper (anybody can come out for a daily session, \$20). But he and Adebiyi are friends going back a few years and thought it would be good to



Running a route during the Voltage Elite football skills camp is Cheyne Lacanaria, 22, of Farmington Hills. He is a college player at Ohio Wesleyan University.

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check out the camp.

"It's a great initiative that Deji (and Harman Sidhu and Josh Gendron) started," Marchie said. "I've had ideas like that. The biggest part of those ideas is putting them into action."

"And I commend Deji a lot

for that, for creating a camp where kids can learn a lot and learn from young adults such as ourselves — as we're still learning about the game. We take the things we learn and pass it down to them. It's a great experience for everybody."

Peterson said Adebiyi is the perfect person to run Voltage Elite (which also has an AAU summer basketball team).

"He really knows what he's doing; he's a good leader," Peterson said. "He can inspire kids. He's inspiring me to do better, he's inspiring them. I think it's great what he's doing."

Meanwhile, Adebiyi said there is time for anybody to join the camp. Sessions continue at the PARC, 650 Church Street, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The final day is July 28.

"My thing is, I play college, so some of these drills I have to take a step back and realize these kids are what, 7, and 10 or 8," Adebiyi added. "That's a blast."

For more about the Voltage Elite football and basketball programs, go to voltageelite.com. Adebiyi also can be reached at 313-204-3106 or akadebiyi@owu.edu.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Cunningham thrilled to win 'Special' honor

Chiefs' longtime gymnastics coach earns national award

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Good things come to those who wait, and that applies to longtime Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham.

Entering his 38th season with the Canton Chiefs, Cunningham is proud owner of a state championship, not to mention numerous regional and conference titles. And recently, he picked up another lofty prize when he was selected National High School Athletic Coaches Association's coach of the year in the "Special Sports" category.

Accompanied by his wife Sally, the veteran coach accepted the award June 29 in Louisville, Ky.

"I've been nominated before," said Cunningham during a phone interview this week. "I lost to a badminton coach from Phoenix. And I thought, you



On June 29 in Louisville, Ky., Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham was named National Coach of the Year in the "special sports" category.

know, 'this isn't fair.'"

Cunningham said that with a chuckle before turning serious again.

"But our category, special sports, is very difficult," Cunningham noted. "One of the girls that was at the banquet

was from Nordic skiing. I said, 'How in the world do they compare the success of a Nordic ski coach to a gymnastics coach?'"

"I've been doing it a long time and I was absolutely, fantastically pleased to win."

According to Cunningham, the NHSACA awards National Coach of the Year to the top candidate in 20 categories; there are eight nominees per category.

"And in special sports, what they do, there's a number of sports that aren't offered in every state, one of which is gymnastics," he explained. "And so they pile all these special sports together."

Among sports included in the special sports category include gymnastics, skiing, cheer, field hockey, bowling, lacrosse, badminton and water polo.

Cunningham's Canton teams have been on an incredible streak of success in recent years, having placed first or second in the Michigan High School Athletic Association state finals five out of the past six years. The Chiefs captured

the state title in 2014.

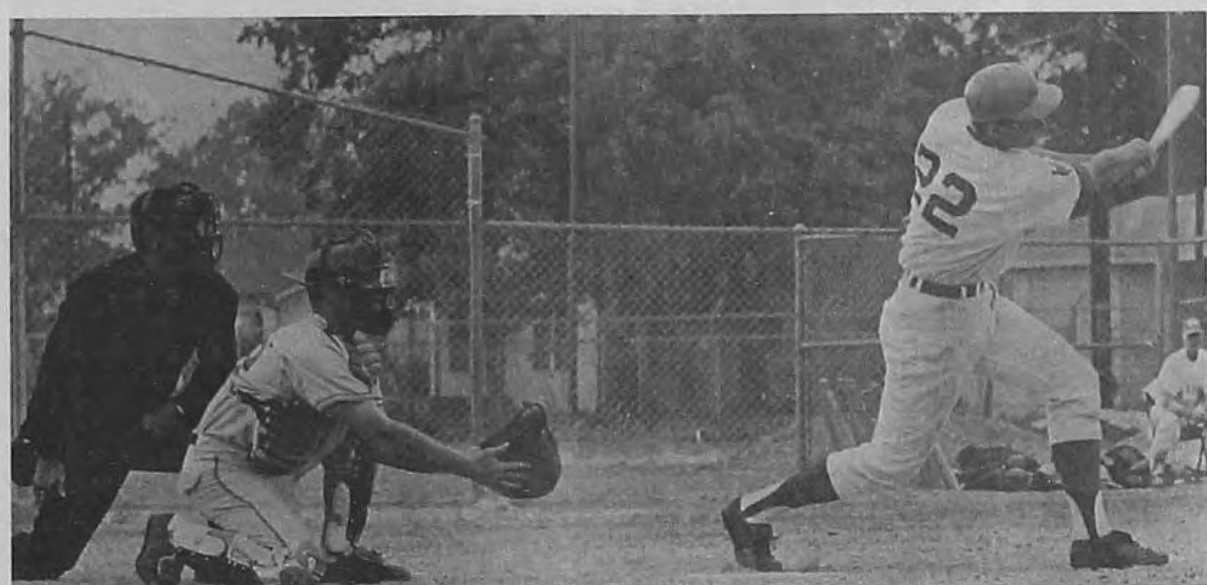
He also has coached 12 individual state champions.

"The tremendous success of 12 state champions and hard working, performing gymnasts make their coach look good," Cunningham said. "They collectively share this award. Many thanks to them."

At the top of the list of individual champions is Erica Lucas, who won three consecutive titles on Division 2 vault (2012-14).

Others listed by the MHSAA (which only provides info back to 1997), include Allison Kunz (D1 uneven parallel bars, 2015), Maddie Toal (D1 balance beam, 2014), Jocelyn Moraw (D1 beam, 2013), Alex Fidler (D1 beam, 2010), Alyssa Kelley (D1 vault, 2006), Hailey Hodgson (D2 beam, 2014) and Ayanna Lewis (D2 vault, 2011). Also winning individual championships for the Chiefs was Katie Gilles (vault, all-around, 1994).

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COURTESY COLLEGE BASEBALL MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME
Tom Paciorek takes a cut for the University of Houston, where he was a baseball All-America in 1967. Twenty-five years later, in 1992, Paciorek was inducted into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame.

BASEBALL 'HOME AND ABROAD'

Baseball's international flavor is topic of talk

Filmmaker Rolak will discuss summer teaching baseball in Poland during talk set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Plymouth District Library

Filmmaker Raymond Rolak will make an encore appearance at the Plymouth District Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 14.

His presentation is titled "The National Pastime at Home and Abroad." Rolak just returned from the 2016 College Baseball Hall of Fame induction in Lubbock, Texas. He will share humorous experiences that he encountered and will showcase his summer of teaching baseball in Poland.

Rolak says that the landscape of baseball is changing rapidly, especially in the international game.

The Plymouth District Library is at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

His discussion will also include the unique and often amusing experiences he had while teaching baseball in Poland.



COURTESY RAYMOND ROLAK
Filmmaker Raymond Rolak will give a discussion 7 p.m. Thursday at the Plymouth District Library about baseball's international flavor.

"Poland is a wonderful destination and the value is great but they are having too

much success," noted Rolak in a press release. "Krakow and Warsaw are now crowded in the summer. Remember they are attracting tourists from the global stage not just America and Canada. They now play baseball/softball at 36 locations in Poland."

Rolak will also platform how international baseball is growing and discuss the return of baseball & softball to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

"The Slavic countries such as Belorussia, the Ukraine, Czech Republic and Poland are fast tracking their programs to get ready for 2020," Rolak said.

Part of the presentation will include the history of the world tour that A.G. Spalding sponsored in the 1890s to spread the popularity and education of baseball on a global scale.

ALL STARS

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guel Cabrera and Victor Martinez display their skills.

For Kauffmann, Thursday's result marked the first time he's lost at Comerica. The Warriors won four straight Catholic League championships during his varsity career and each game was played during the afternoon. So the evening start time offered a different perspective.

"This is really cool. It's a different experience for me this time, because it's a night game," said Kauffmann, who will play college baseball at Michigan. "I mean, you get to see the downtown area all lit up and everything about it.

"We've always played day games and it's always really cool. But this atmosphere and getting to play against guys from across the state, it's not as serious, but it's still competition," he added. "You want to go out on a win. We didn't, but it's still fun."

Kauffmann started on the mound for the East and pitched a scoreless inning. He had a single in two plate appearances and scored the game's first run as the East took an early lead. Kauffmann played third base for a couple of innings later in the game.

"This was my fourth time pitching out here and it's really cool just to get out there and take it all in," he said. "My whole summer team is out here and most of them are on the West team, so it was a great time."

Playing nine innings

Manasa was one of the few players who played all nine innings. He played center field and had an outstanding night at the plate with a double and single and was the only East player with more than one hit. He also had four putouts in the outfield.

Manasa, who will play collegiately at Oakland University, couldn't have been more grateful to play in the all-star game.

"I was looking forward to this so much," Manasa said while signing a few autographs in the visitors' dugout following the game. "This has been on my calendar for two months now. It was everything I had hoped for and more.

"It was an unbelievable experience. It loved it ... every bit of it. I was definitely a little nervous, coming out seeing this great park and seeing all the great players here. "But once I got settled into the game, I found my mojo and played well," he added. "We didn't have too many

outfielders, so that allowed me to play the whole game. I would have liked to get a win, but the experience is what really counts."

Tyranski pitched the second inning without allowing a run.

"It is fun and it's a special experience every single time," Tyranski said. "It's great playing with such a great group of guys and it's a special event that I'll always remember. You can't ever take it for granted, because a lot of people don't get to do something like this."

Pitching and fielding

Darden's three previous games at Comerica were with the Raiders in non-league games against Midland Bull-ock Creek.

A pitcher/outfielder at North Farmington, Darden managed to play both positions against the West. Darden started in right field, where he played five innings. In the ninth inning, Darden, a lanky lefty who will play college baseball at Cincinnati, took the mound and did not allow a run.

"It's funny how amazed you get every time you play here," said Darden, who made a special effort to connect with players from his first Little League team — the Southfield Indians — who attended the game. "This is the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of. Just looking up and soaking it all up is amazing.

"My friends are here, my family is here and you can't ask for anything more than that," he added. "It was a great experience pitching here. I didn't want to give up anything, but I just wanted to have fun."

The East took a 3-0 lead in the top of the second after Kauffmann led off with a single and later scored on a single by Andrew Szalkowski (Utica Eisenhower), which also scored Devin Dudal (Sterling Heights Stevenson). Two batters later, Szalkowski scored an unearned run on an error.

Those would be the East's only runs.

The West did not have a hit until Gunner Rainey's (Adrian Madison) fifth-inning single scored Drew Devine (Marshall). The West then exploded for four fifth-inning runs to take a lead it would never relinquish. The eventual game-winning RBI came on a double off the left field wall by Tyler Trovinger (Muskegon Mona Shores).

The West took command by scoring three eighth-inning insurance runs.

Caleb Scores (Gull Lake) was the winning pitcher. Lake Orion's Cameron Miller suffered the loss.

JUNIOR GOLF

Kensington Tour event in Novi gets good reviews

M.B. Dillon
Correspondent

Ties in two divisions sent golfers into sudden-death play, adding excitement June 27 to the inaugural Kensington Junior Golf Tour Links of Novi Open.

Atop the leader board with 82 after 18 holes on a picture-perfect summer day was Ben Cohen of White Lake in the boys 15-18 division, while Evan Johnson of Grosse Ile and Alex Willis of Howell deadlocked at 85 for second place.

"I struggled at the start, but turned it around by staying calm," said Cohen, 16, a student at Lakeland High School. "I was making a lot of putts. I just love this course. It's just really nice and the bunkers are perfect."

With a gallery cheering them on, Willis and Johnson



JIM SHAFFER
The top two finishers in the boys 15-18 division were champion Ben Cohen (right) of White Lake and runner-up Alex Willis of Howell.

entered the playoff. Willis emerged with runner-up honors after the first hole.

Lauren Henry of Novi shot 90 to capture the girls 18-and-under division, followed by runner-up Despina Alexander, also of Novi, who shot 108.

Madeline Townsend of Brighton placed third with 113, followed by Anna Haupt and Sara Haupt of Northville.

Westland's Troy Watson, who is state-ranked, and New Hudson's Jason Zobl tied for first with 18-hole scores of 84 in the boys 12-14 division.

Their gallery witnessed a two-hole playoff, with Watson eking out the victory.

"I was, like, driving it today — my longest was 250 yards. I smashed it," said Watson, who attends Johnson Upper Elementary. "My focus was getting on the green with my irons. My putting was just a little bit off."

Detroit's Vincent Levesque captured the boys 11-and-under title, carding a nine-hole round of 50.

For more information and a tournament schedule, go to kensingtonjuniorgolf.com.



MARTY BUDNER
North Farmington's Alex Darden pitched one inning Tuesday at Comerica Park.

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Take steps to avoid burnout at work

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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When you work more than 40 hours a week and feel the pressure to be plugged in 24/7, it's inevitable that at some point, you'll run the risk of getting burned out.

Here are five simple but practical tips to mitigate that risk and recharge.

Start your day right.

What you do in the morning can affect the rest of your day, so start with a simple activity to get you in the right frame of mind.

"A bad start leaves you in a bad mood that leads to a bad day at work," says Eric Brantner, founder of Scribblers.com, a resource for bloggers. "Take a moment each morning to do something you enjoy — this could be as simple as writing in a journal, enjoying your coffee, 15 minutes of video games or even yoga."

Set boundaries. Learn to say no, especially when you have a lot on your plate already.

"Not every meeting has to be attended; not everything that is asked of you has to get done. I'm surprised at so many experienced people who still say yes to anything that's asked by a more senior



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or same-level colleague," says Matt Girvan, co-founder of My Gung Ho, which creates apps that help individuals thrive in their day-to-day lives. "I learned to say, 'No, I can't do that now, but come back to me in a week or a month, and let's see if we can do it then.' Often, as that time goes by, it either gets figured out or forgotten about. It helps to filter some noise coming your way."

Talk to your manager. It's understandable if you don't want to be viewed as the person who's unable to manage the workload, but at the same

time, you don't want to become so overwhelmed that you're unable to effectively perform the tasks assigned to you.

"Rather than fearing and avoiding your supervisor, see him or her as an important person in helping to bring about positive change," says Jonathan Alpert, a psychotherapist, executive coach and author of "Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days." "Most supervisors that I know realize that a happy and content employee is a productive one. Approach your supervisor with that mindset and enlist his or her help in making work

more desirable. There's a good chance he or she may not even know that you're unhappy, so speak up."

This will help you prioritize and/or delegate tasks as necessary to free up your workload.

Go to lunch. Taking a break away from one's desk is one of the simplest yet most often overlooked tips.

"Designate a time to get up and leave your work during the day. No one is capable of working a full eight or more hours a day at a desk, day after day, without burning down

and out," says Lynda McKay, vice president of human resource consulting at Bagnall, an employee benefits and HR consulting firm. "This does not mean eating through lunch, but actually removing yourself from the office in some fashion."

Sam Wheeler, a digital PR specialist at Inseev Interactive, echoes that sentiment. "Studies show that eating outside and being away from your desk is extremely beneficial from a health point of view. From a burnout perspective, it will break up your day more, and you will begin to see two sections of the day rather than one continuous workday."

Take time off. It's important to get some much-needed rest and relaxation when necessary.

"Rather than accrue vacation time and let it sit, use it," Alpert says. "Time away from work can help to provide a new and fresh perspective, allow you to recharge and expand your horizons beyond the confines of your work environment."

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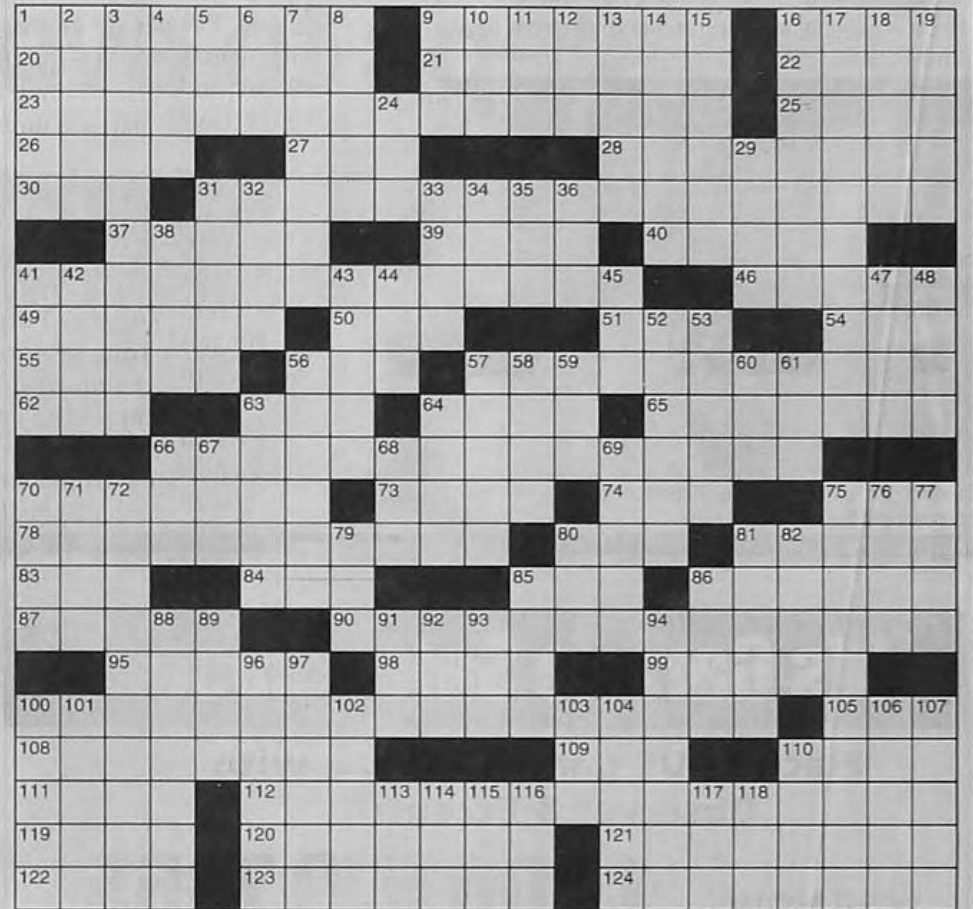
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SUNDAY PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS**
- 1 Auto-theft deterrent
 - 9 Nickname for Ireland, with "the"
 - 16 "— to say?"
 - 20 Formal written defense
 - 21 Informer
 - 22 Lend a hand
 - 23 1941 hit for Billie Holiday
 - 25 "Would — to you?"
 - 26 "Frozen" snow queen
 - 27 Athenian H
 - 28 Of volcanic activity
 - 30 Subpar grade
 - 31 Kind of shipping with smallish freight
 - 37 O'Hara's Butler
 - 39 Kind of sword
 - 40 Give rise to
 - 41 One watching unobtrusively
 - 46 See 87-
 - 49 Fly jets, say
 - 50 Lend a hand
 - 51 Telly initials
 - 54 Bear, in Tijuana
 - 55 Countries
 - 56 Home pest
 - 57 Xeroxing supply
 - 62 Common B.A. major
 - 63 Orly jet, once
 - 64 Soprano
 - 65 California's region
 - 66 Legendary king of Camelot
 - 70 Little-by-little
 - 73 Morales of movies
 - 74 High trains
 - 75 Stein quaff
 - 78 Pilot's direction detector
 - 80 Nada
 - 81 Made even
 - 83 Gp. of G.P.'s
 - 84 One-wd. definition, essentially
 - 85 2005 Best Director Lee
 - 86 Plod along
 - 87 With 46-
 - Across, pancake pour-on
 - 90 Like a technology in development
 - 95 Singer Clark or Gibbs
 - 98 Bowl game org.
 - 99 Believer in a "God of reason"
 - 100 Ayatollah
 - 101 Place: Abbr. Khomeini led it in 1979
 - 105 "Give — try!"
 - 108 Forbearance
 - 109 Yank enemy
 - 110 "— all a favor and ..."
 - 111 Luc's gal pal
 - 112 Simple substances split in eight long answers in this puzzle
 - 119 Pop singer
 - 120 One hanging in the air
 - 121 Sherpa, e.g.
 - 122 E-mail status
 - 123 Fifty percent
 - 124 "The way things look to me ..."
- DOWN**
- 1 Pent-up
 - 2 As straight as —
 - 3 "The Twilight Zone" host
 - 4 Jessica of "Sin City"
 - 5 Texting titter
 - 6 Census stat
 - 7 Meets the challenge of
 - 8 Jib holders
 - 9 Burnt residue
 - 10 Salt Lake City collegian
 - 11 Place: Abbr. perhaps
 - 12 Homer's cry
 - 13 More guileful
 - 14 Slick offering at a spa?
 - 15 Infer
 - 16 County in Kentucky or Indiana
 - 17 Reddish purple color
 - 18 Ex-Twin Tony
 - 19 Swiftiness
 - 24 Pic on a pec, perhaps
 - 29 UPS items: Abbr.
 - 31 Pre-Easter periods
 - 32 Kitchen extension?
 - 33 Pay mind to
 - 34 Tax mo.
 - 35 Ut. neighbor
 - 36 Golfing peg
 - 38 Skull's place
 - 41 Outlet event
 - 42 Writer Bunin
 - 43 Zulu's group
 - 44 Plop (down)
 - 45 Fenway stat
 - 47 Functions
 - 48 Cruise stop
 - 52 Happen to
 - 53 Rocky peaks
 - 56 Wynonna Judd's sister
 - 57 Unsoiled
 - 58 Luxury hotel chain
 - 59 Hip dwelling
 - 60 NHLer, e.g.
 - 61 Barley bristle
 - 63 Sharp pains
 - 64 Lhasa — (dog breed)
 - 66 Nabokov heroine
 - 67 Classic Karel Capek play
 - 68 — center (play area)
 - 69 Be in power
 - 70 Unit of fat
 - 71 "— Lama Ding Dong"
 - 72 Film version, e.g.
 - 75 Person reading for a role, say
 - 76 Big name in toy bricks
 - 77 Place of bliss
 - 79 Heart rocker
 - Wilson
 - 80 Wind dir.
 - 81 Choo-choo
 - 82 Furrows
 - 85 "— in Calico" (old song)
 - 86 Smartphone of the 2000s
 - 88 Merciful
 - 89 Iroquois tribe
 - 91 Suffix with ethyl
 - 92 95, to Nero
 - 93 Asian ideal
 - 94 Food
 - 96 Western cattle farm
 - 97 Korean city near Seoul
 - 100 Apple tablets
 - 101 Flaxlike fiber
 - 102 Superman portrayer
 - Christopher
 - 103 WWW bookmark
 - 104 Singer — Marie
 - 106 People of Rwanda
 - 107 Benefit
 - 110 Galley mark
 - 113 "Ho-hum"
 - 114 401(k) kin
 - 115 Bit of cartoon art
 - 116 Whelp's yelp
 - 117 Prefix with center
 - 118 Family VIPs



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SUDOKU

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

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

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

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- WORDS**
- ANDOUILLE
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 - SMOKED
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 - SPICY
 - SWEET
 - TONGUE
 - VIENNA
 - WEISSWURST
 - WIENER

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

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FORGET
TO DELETE
YOUR
BROWSER
HISTORY.**

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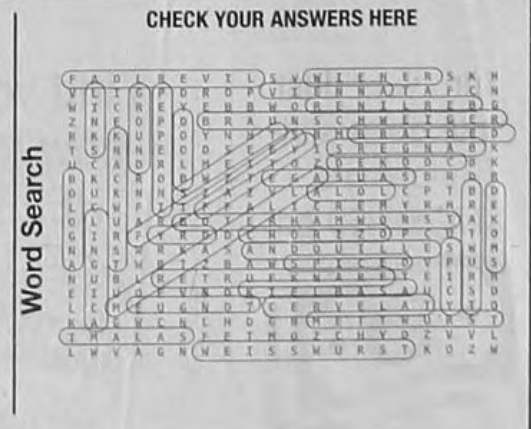
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CARALARM	AULDSOD	WHOS
APOLOGIA	STOOLIE	HELP
GODBLESS	THECHILD	ILIE
ELSA	ETA	ERUPTIVE
DEE	LESSTHAN	TRUCKLOAD
RHETT	EPEE	BEGEET
SILENT	OBSEVER	SYRUP
AVIATE	ATD	BBC
LAWDS	SANT	COPIER
ENG	ST	ALMA
ARTHUR	PENDRAGON	
GRADUAL	ESAT	ELS
RADAR	BEAGON	NIL
AMA	SYN	ANG
MAPLE	NEXT	GENERATION
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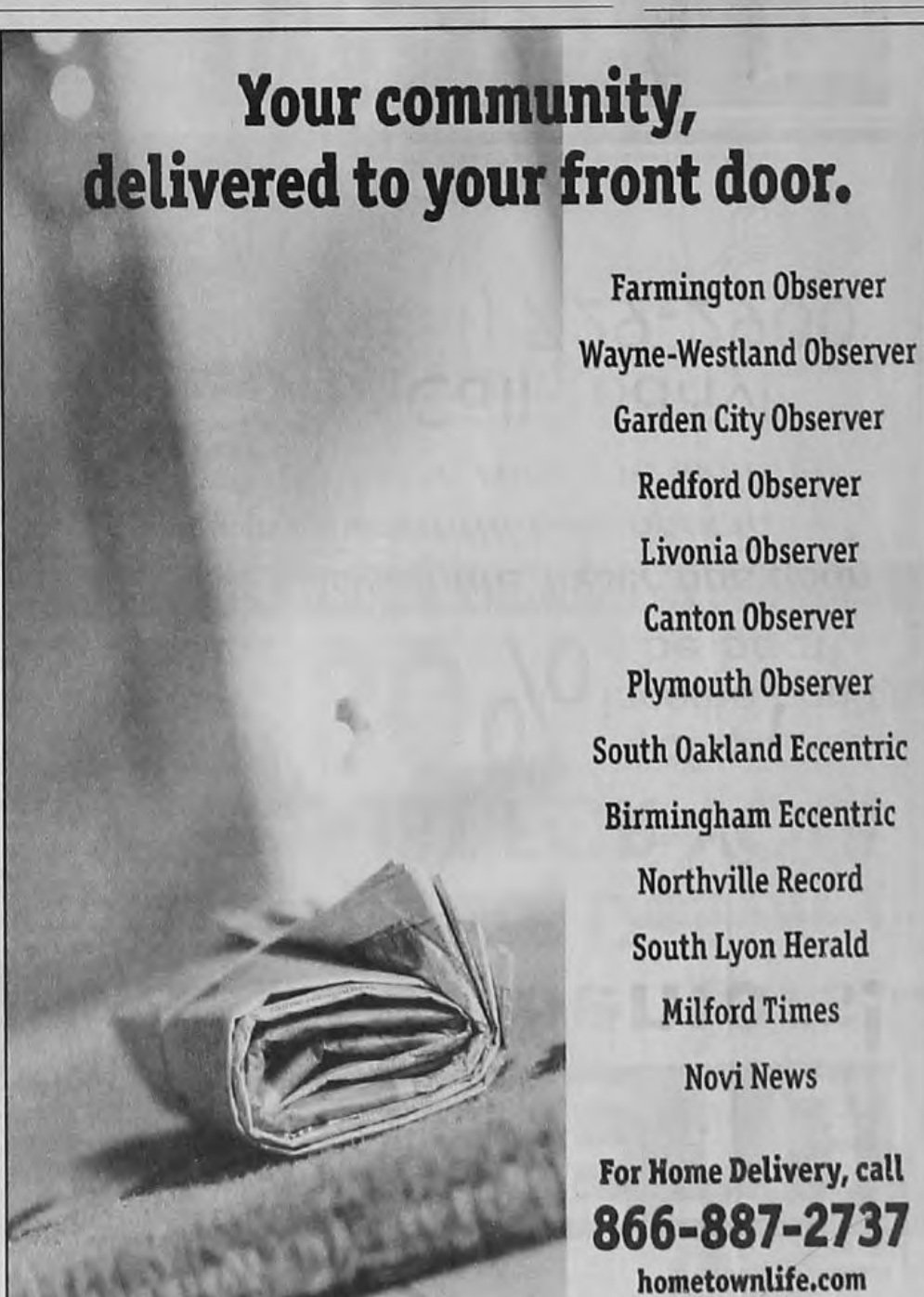
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