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Barrett, Maloney, Paton will not seek re-election to school board

Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Big changes are on the way for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education as three incumbents will not seek re-election in the Nov. 8 general election.

By deciding not to run as their terms expire this year, incumbents John Barrett, Mike Maloney and board Vice Presi-



Barrett



Maloney



Paton

dent Sheila Paton have made way for three newcomers. Board Treasurer Patrick

Kehoe, appointed in August 2015 to complete the term of Mark Horvath, who resigned in July last year, will seek election to the board's only four-year seat. Kehoe will run unopposed for the seat, but will be joined by nine political new-

comers vying for three, six-year seats.

Newcomers include Douglas Brooks, Bharat Malhotra, Patti McCain, Patricia Mullen, Pete Puzzuoli, Leonardo Savage, Michael Scopone, Girish Tiwari and Gurunath Vemulakonda.

Remaining on the school board is board President Kim Crouch whose term is up in 2018, board Secretary Kate

Borninski and Trustee Michael Siegrist, with terms that expire in 2020. Siegrist, however, is seeking election on the Democratic slate for Canton Township clerk. He faces Republican Linda Obrec in the Nov. 8 election.

As the only candidate for the four-year seat, Kehoe, nonetheless, said he wants to

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Eva Davis and Laurie Golden greet Brian Dow and his pet pooch as they explain their visit.

Smooth ride: Newly paved Lotz Road opens

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

George Daubresse IV, saying five generations of his family have lived on Lotz Road in Canton, stood outside his home and looked upon a newly paved, former dirt road once plagued by potholes.

"I think they've done a very nice job with the road," he said. "It's probably the smoothest road in Canton now."

Lotz opened to traffic Monday after work crews finished paving the one-mile stretch between Ford and Cherry Hill roads — a \$5-million project that spanned two years and made three paved lanes out of one of Canton's last rural roads on the east side.

Daubresse conceded he will miss the rural feel that appears certain to fade as an increasing number of motorists learn they have a new route to avoid traffic-clogged Ford and Haggerty roads.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said local officials have long awaited the Lotz Road paving to help ease traffic congestion near the I-275 interchange. The project also included new sidewalks and water mains.

"For a long time this has been on our wish list," he said. "I think it's going to do a lot to take some of the traffic off Ford Road — and Haggerty, too."

Ryan Bridges, senior communications manager for Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, said the Lotz Road speed limit will be 55 mph except for areas near curves where signs indicate a 40 mph limit.

The 55 mph speed limit falls within state guidelines, but Daubresse said he believes a lower speed limit, even 35 mph, would be safer.

Bridges said an engineering study may be conducted after several months to determine if a speed limit change is warranted.

Daubresse said he already has noticed motorists speeding along Lotz, sometimes even before the road was paved.

"They fly through here," he said.

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KNOCK, KNOCK: PRIZE PATROL REWARDS LIBRARY PATRONS

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Staff Writer

It's not a \$1 million Publishers Clearing House check, but Mateo Verhille, 7, was glad to get it.

Mateo has been reading all summer long in hopes the Canton Public Library prize patrol would show up at his door with gifts.

His family had, after all, placed a sign on their front lawn proclaiming that Library Lovers Live Here.

Mateo's wait ended on a hot August afternoon when a three-member prize patrol showed up at his doorstep with a blue bag filled with freebies, including passes to Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Zap Zone laser tag and Michigan Sea

Life Aquarium; meals at restaurants such as Twisted Rooster; library hats and water bottles; and, for Mateo's mom, Yesica, a \$25 gift certificate for jewelry at Showroom of Elegance — among other gifts.

It's all part of the Canton library's Connect Your Summer program, intended to reward local families that read. Hundreds of Library

Lovers signs have been posted around town and some, but not all, will get the prize patrol visit.

Did Mateo believe the patrol would come to his house?

"Not really," he said, standing on the doorstep with his mother and his

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Man sentenced to probation, sex offender status

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Dearborn man has avoided prison after he was sentenced Monday to three years of probation for a sexual assault that reportedly occurred after he hired a woman to clean a vacant house in Canton.

However, the incident will follow Ali Mohamad-Sahrif Al-Aboosi, 45, after a Wayne

County judge placed him on Michigan's public sex offender registry for the rest of his life.

Al-Aboosi's sentencing by Wayne County Circuit Judge Michael Callahan came after he pleaded no contest to a single charge of assault with in-



Al-Aboosi

tent to commit sexual penetration for an incident that happened in April in a house near Lilley and Warren roads.

The woman reportedly managed to break free, get to a neighbor's house and notify police, who later arrested Al-Aboosi.

First Step — an agency that supports victims of sexual assaults and domestic violence — doesn't condone probation

for sex crimes, but one outcome of cases like Al-Aboosi's is that victims are spared being traumatized again by having to relive what happened to them during a trial, advocates say.

Jill Popovich, First Step community response program coordinator and survivor advocate, said in general

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Northville school bus driver charged in shooting

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Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher on Monday issued a statement to reassure parents, district staff and the community that a Durham School Services bus driver — arrested on felony charges in Wixom — has been removed from active employment. “Although this alleged incident took place during the summer months away from the Northville community, and did not involve students, we

recognize that a matter of this sort raises concern on the part of our students and our families,” Gallagher wrote. In a statement from Durham School Services — the company that provides contracted bus services for Northville schools — officials said, “the driver involved in the shooting has been placed on administrative leave; background checks were performed and were clear.” School district and Durham officials confirmed that job applicants receive fingerprint

background checks. “We meet state and federal mandates for school bus driver/monitor screening and training and there are many steps taken before employment: these include drug and alcohol testing; an MVR check and a criminal background check,” indicated Durham spokeswoman Molly Hart. “Monitors and drivers are also fingerprinted, which is sent to the state police who forward the information to the district who then approve (or not) the driver or

monitor for assignment,” Hart continued. Gallagher added that when contracted employees are charged with a felony, the district takes immediate action to remove the employee during the investigation and beyond, when warranted. “The safety of our students is our top priority and we would like to reassure parents and members in the community that we have a stringent hiring process for bus drivers and monitors,” Hart said. In May, a bus monitor who worked for Durham

in the Plymouth-Canton school, was arrested by Northville Township police on sexual assault charges against a minor. The case is still making its way through the court system. “He is no longer employed by Durham School Services,” according to the Durham statement. “The background checks showed there was no arrest history, therefore, our background/fingerprint checks did not show any activity.” Meanwhile, Northville Public Schools is preparing for the opening of

the academic year in September. “As always, we are committed to working together with our police, school and community partners to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and our staff members,” Gallagher said. As we finalize preparations for school, we act with vigilance and dedication to provide a safe and welcoming school setting for your children.”

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Some of the first vehicles travel along newly paved Lotz Road in Canton.

George Daubresse IV stands on the steps of his Lotz Road home and talks about the paving project.

LOTZ

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Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said it will take time

for motorists to adjust to the new road. “It will be an interesting transition. It has been so rural for so long,” he said. Daubresse said he is glad the project has been

finished because it was disruptive to residents who live on or near Lotz. He said work crews started early in the morning and worked long days. “It’s over now, but it has been hard on the people who live here,” he said.

Bridges said construction crews still have to finish restoration along the road, perform some work on traffic lights and complete a “punch list” of other items. Construction barrels still can be seen along the road. The project was done by Toebe Construction Co. of Wixom. As a dirt road, Lotz had been a reminder of

Canton’s rural past, long before the community’s population grew beyond 90,000 people. Local officials have said the paving project is likely, at some point, to spur new development along Lotz.

The project marks Canton’s biggest road project this construction season. Funding to improve Lotz came from the Michigan Department of Transportation, which already made nearby Ford Road improvements by adding a continuous third lane from Lotz west to Lilley, lengthening turn lanes and improving I-275 ramps.



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participate in debates during the school board campaign. The director of product management for a software company, Kehoe said he hopes the campaign will generate conversation about issues in public education and issues facing the district. “I’m really excited about the progress we have made with the new

superintendent (Monica Merritt),” he said.

Kehoe calls work on the school board challenging but believes the district — under Merritt — is headed in a new and more positive direction. Though professionally busy in the year following his appointment, Kehoe said he has a new job position and when that change came about, “that’s when I made a commitment” to continue on the board. “My kids are in the district and I think I can bring a good voice to the board,” Kehoe added. Maloney was first elected to the school board in 1995 and has served — on and off — for a total of 20-some years.

“It’s time for me to go. It’s been a good run. I’m disappointed we haven’t made more progress in the last few years.”

In many cases, Maloney — particularly after Horvath resigned — has served as a lone dissenting vote on the board, especially in financial matters. “They don’t typically listen to what I have to say.”

Maloney said he believes the school board should set standards and lead the way in academic improvement and sound budget planning. “I think our board has taken on the role of cheerleader.”

Instead, Maloney continued, the board should step up to the challenge of fixing problems, such as the cleanliness of the buildings. “As a board, we lack the will to fix it.” Maloney, however, does not intend to disappear. “I am ready to work from the other side.”

John Barrett, who served as board president last year, said he would have run if there had been a two-year term available. Retired from the Farmington Public Schools, he said he did not want to serve another six years. “It is very time-consuming. We have kids who live out-of-state and want to have time to visit.”

Barrett said he feels comfortable leaving now with Merritt in charge. “I am thrilled she is taking over. I think the district is on the right track now. There are so many great

things going on.”

Proud that the Plymouth-Canton district is considered a top-performing district, Barrett said finances will remain an issue until changes come from the state Legislature. “I will try to help by being active and getting the Legislature to be honest in how they fund public schools.”

Like Barrett, Paton remains concerned about state funding for public education and has fought the battle since her election in 2011. “I came in with (Gov. Rick) Snyder. It has just been a nonstop attack on public education. I worked hard for five years to work within those parameters.

“We need fresh people in there who are willing to take up that fight,” she said. “But we have done amazing things with funding what we have.”

Also like Barrett, Paton is proud of what has been accomplished, pointing to the creation of academies — STEM, arts — and the 2013 passage of the \$114.4 million bond issue for district facilities, technology equipment, infrastructure and bus replacement.

Paton said that she hopes by not being on the board she can better advocate for public education financing and to eliminate the state’s Proposal A, which limits tax revenue growth.

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sister Camila, 4, as he looked through the gift bag.

Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department head, said the initiative was a way for library employees to get out in the community and meet residents.

"This is a way for us to go visiting in the community and meet the library patrons where they live," she said. "They always come to us, so this is a way for us to go to them."

Golden, library Director Eva Davis and Communications Specialist Erica Rakowicz recently made the latest prize-patrol rounds in several neighborhoods, looking for Library Lovers signs in yards. One stop was Brian Dow's house.

Davis greeted Dow, a father of two, after he corralled his barking dogs and opened the door.

"It's not a giant Publisher's Clearinghouse check," Davis said, handing him the gift bag, "but it's still good stuff."

Dow's children are young — one is 2, the other just 6 weeks old — but he also takes his niece and nephew to the library.

"This is cool," he said, accepting the gifts.

Kristin Duncan, mother of Alex, 9, and Jeremy, 7, said her children would be disappointed they weren't at home when the prize patrol arrived. She said they didn't believe they would be randomly chosen for the gifts.

"The kids will be very excited," she said, adding that her sister's house also got a visit from the prize patrol.

Golden said patrons received hundreds of signs in June and the prize patrol has been making outings to deliver gift bags. One of the patrons, Joe Lary, also



Library Director Eva Davis thanks Joe Lary for displaying the Library Lovers Live Here sign. Lary, who is retired, works as a part-time library page.



Mateo Verhille, 7, sister Camila, 4, and mom Yesica get a gift bag from Eva Davis, library director, and Laurie Golden, the library's community relations department head.



Eva Davis and Laurie Golden greet Kristen Duncan with a bag of prizes.



Kristin Duncan shows her bag of library prizes.

happens to work in retirement as a part-time library page.

"I've always been a reader," he said, when the prize patrol showed up at his door. "As a kid I

used to go to the library all the time."

Now, another generation has followed suit, including youngsters like Mateo Verhille, whose dedication to reading

brought the prize patrol.

"I told him, 'If you read in the summer, they might come,'" his mother said. "He said, 'Mom, I've been reading and they haven't come.'"

Until now.

It all wraps up Saturday, Aug. 20, with a Connect Your Summer party at the library. For more on Canton Public Library programs, go to

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prosecutors work with sexual assault victims before a plea agreement is reached. She said getting offenders on the sex registry for life is a major victory because they have to routinely report their whereabouts — even the vehicle they drive — or they could be imprisoned.

"They are in the public eye for the rest of their life," Popovich said, adding later, "It's one way to help protect not just the victim, but the community at large."

When appropriate, Popovich said, authorities try to spare sexual assault victims of grueling testimony at trial.

"They have been traumatized enough," she said, and having their attacker placed on the sex offender registry "is very important to them."

According to Wayne County Circuit Court public records, the sentencing guidelines for Al-Aboosi ranged from no jail time to 11 months based on a pre-sentencing report, though Callahan also gave him the lifetime sex offender status.

"It looks like this was within the sentencing guidelines for this case," Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

Al Aboosi's defense attorney, Ali Khalil Ham-moud, couldn't be reached for comment.

Barring a plea agreement, Al-Aboosi could have faced a 10-year prison term if he had been convicted of assault with intent to commit sexual penetration. A second charge of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, which carried a two-year term, was dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

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Canton man loses \$5,000 in IRS scam

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Staff Writer

A 50-year-old Canton man has lost \$5,000 after a scam artist posing as an Internal Revenue Service agent phoned him and claimed he could be jailed for unpaid taxes.

The victim owed nothing. Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said the caller convinced the man to go to a store, buy an iTunes gift card, return home and reveal by phone the numbers off the back of the card. The IRS scam has occurred across the nation, previously in Canton and in other metro Detroit communities such as

Livonia, Westland, Wayne, Milford and Bloomfield Township.

Authorities have repeatedly issued warnings about the scam, yet victims continue to lose thousands of dollars amid fears they will otherwise be arrested.

"Do not make any financial transactions over the phone with anyone indicating they are an IRS agent," Traylor said.

Agencies such as the IRS never demand immediate payment over the phone, he said.

The scam artists can be savvy. One caller in Canton managed to have the caller

identification show up as the Canton Police Department, Deputy Police Chief Scott Hilden has said. The caller even claimed to be Hilden.

Authorities say victims of all ages have fallen for the scam. An 18-year-old Milford woman reported paying \$3,000 to a caller in early August, and elderly people also have lost money.

IRS officials say tens of thousands of people have collectively lost millions of dollars, prompting IRS Commissioner John Koskinen to previously issue a warning.

"There are clear warning signs about these scams, which

continue at high levels throughout the nation," he said in a statement on the IRS website. "Taxpayers should remember their first contact with the IRS will not be a call from out of the blue, but through official correspondence sent through the mail. A big red flag for these scams are angry, threatening calls from people who say they are from the IRS and urging immediate payment. This is not how we operate."

The IRS statement said the agency:

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telephone.

» Never insists that taxpayers use a specific payment method to pay tax obligations.

» Never requests immediate payment over the telephone and will not take enforcement action immediately following a phone conversation.

Traylor said reports of IRS scams in Canton should be reported to the Canton Police Department by calling 734-394-5400.

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Cake-kicking customer from Kroger pleads no contest

The infamous cake-kicking lady from Bloomfield Township appeared in court Aug. 4 to face accusations that she basically caused a mess.

Tricia Kortés, 46, stood before 48th District Judge Kim Small and entered a no-contest plea to a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. She now faces a sentence of up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

Kortés found herself in the national spotlight after she "drop-kicked" her 7-year-old son's custom-ordered "Batman v Superman" birthday cake inside a Kroger store because she was unhappy with the decorating job. The incident occurred June 11 and Kortés later told police the

cake slipped out of her hands.

Witnesses, on the other hand, told police they saw Kortés drop-kick the birthday cake in the bakery department and then stomp on it in frustration. She also knocked over a wet floor sign on her way out the store.

This is not the first time Kortés appeared in court over anger-management issues: In 2015, she pleaded no contest to a disorderly conduct charge for getting into a physical altercation with a co-worker in Troy. In 2003, she was convicted of fourth-degree assault in King County, Wash.

Her next court appearance is scheduled Aug. 16 for a pre-sentence interview before Small. Her attorney, Gerald Gleeson, was not available for comment.

— Jay Grossman



Tricia Kortés

Police: Grandfather threatened at knifepoint

Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A 29-year-old Canton man has been accused of threatening two men, including his grandfather, at knifepoint during separate incidents at a home on Twyckingham Lane.

Police went to the home about 11 p.m. Aug. 8 amid reports the suspect — reportedly drunk — apparently became upset that he couldn't find his vodka bottles. He was accused of assaulting his grandfather and threatening him with a knife.

No serious injuries were reported.

Police further learned that, three days earlier, the same suspect was accused of threatening another man who had been visiting the house, holding a knife near his eyes until the man subdued him and took the knife, a police report said.

Police took the suspect into custody as the investigation was continuing.

Reckless driving

With a child strapped into a car seat, a speeding motorist's Pontiac G8 leaned perilously sideways and nearly crashed into another vehicle during a

tense situation in Canton, according to a police report.

The incident began about 6:25 p.m. Sunday as the driver, a 28-year-old Novi man, raced through a Walmart parking lot busy with pedestrians and other motorists near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

Police began trailing the driver, who first drove east on Michigan Avenue before circling to the westbound lanes, losing control of his Pontiac G8, causing it to lean sideways and narrowly averting another vehicle in what police described as heavy traffic.

Police initiated a traffic stop and noticed a small child asleep in a car seat in the back seat. Police say the driver tried to blame his speeding on the Pontiac's torque converter.

Police ticketed the man for reckless driving and having no proof of insurance.

Missing teen found

An investigation of a drunken man at the Days Inn in Canton inadvertently led police to a missing 15-year-old Detroit girl who was turned over to her mother, a police report said.

The girl, who is the drunken man's younger sister, was tak-

en to the Canton police station where her mother was to pick her up.

Police had gone to Days Inn, on Michigan Avenue near Lotz, amid reports about 1:15 a.m. Sunday that a 20-year-old man was unconscious on a balcony. Police spoke with the sister and a 19-year-old woman who said she was the man's girlfriend.

Police found the man unresponsive and drooling, prompting them to summon Canton paramedics to take him to a hospital. His girlfriend told police he had been drinking vodka but initially denied he had mixed it with drugs.

Under further questioning, the girlfriend conceded he had used cocaine and smoked marijuana. Police also learned the man had a court order from an unrelated case that forbids him to consume alcohol or drugs.

At one point, Days Inn management told police it wanted the tenants in question to leave, prompting the drunken suspect — who had regained consciousness — to kick a door and demand his belongings. Police helped him gathering his things.

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Life of a zookeeper and other tales at the Detroit Zoo

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

It was her day off, but Ashley Richmond rushed to work filled with excitement and anxiety when she got the Saturday evening call.

It was a day unlike most others, but every day is a wild day for some local residents who recently shared their experiences working at the Detroit Zoo.

For Richmond, the call that came on Aug. 6 was to tell her the zoo's 7-year-old giraffe, Kivuli, was in labor. Just three and a half hours later, the Farmington Hills resident who cares for Kivuli, as well as her mate Jabari, 8, and their nearly 2-year-old son, Mpenzi, watched the birth of the newest giraffe family member, a 5-foot tall, 166-pound girl named Zawadi.

"Just the people she knows were there, we don't want it to be stressful," said Richmond, who was also present for the birth of Mpenzi. "You wait 15 months and hope for everything to go well, for mom and baby to be healthy. It was sort of an out-of-body experience, I was in a daze watching ...

You want to videotape everything, but at the same time be present in the moment. It was a bonus that it ended up being a girl — that is what we were hoping for. I got teary-eyed, there was relief on my part, I was just glad everything went well and the baby was breathing and stood up after 20 minutes. I had a feeling she would be a spit fire, she was very active inside of her mom."

This year marks a decade as a zookeeper for Richmond, who in the sixth grade foretold her destiny in a letter to her mom in which she wrote that she wanted to go to Michigan State University, get a degree in zoology, and work at the Detroit Zoo.

She walked that path, although she acknowledges it hasn't always been easy.

"I am 33, but some days I feel 63," laughs Richmond, who has cared for the giraffes and kangaroos the majority of her career at the zoo, but also worked in various other areas.

When she interviewed, Richmond didn't have a preference for which animals she would work with as all of them were captivating. That is the essence of being a zookeeper — building a relationship with animals.

"Every animal I have worked with, there is a level of respect, and with that comes love," she said. "You learn their behaviors and personalities and their comfort level for certain things. You get attached."

Her relationship with these animals is not like that of a pet, however. She is a caregiver, which involves a lot of manual and physical labor — keeping their environments clean, providing mental stimulation, and feeding them.

Mob mentality

She starts her day at the Australian Outback exhibit at the zoo, where she cares for a mob of 19 red kangaroos, and one Bennett's wallaby, all of whom have their own names and personalities. Some are laid back while others are curious and sniff Richmond. Others still are stand-offish and head in the other direction as she walks around cleaning their exhibit and feeding them.

They eat what she calls a "kangaroo and wallaby chow," placed in the shelter area. She also makes interesting changes to their environment, which can include



Melissa Pletcher (left), assistant manager of volunteer services, stands to Jabari, an 8-year-old reticulated giraffe, and Ashley Richmond, giraffe zookeeper at the Detroit Zoo.

hanging melons as treats, adding spices or perfumes for new odors, and throwing large piles of dirt into their yard for the kangaroos who have a natural urge to dig.

She checks to make sure they aren't scratching themselves, which could indicate a skin irritation, or doing any odd behaviors. Kangaroos, she adds, are good at masking illness. Even an ear down or angled awkwardly could mean something is amiss with the animal.

"They might come and smell me, but I don't pet them," she said. "None of them are hand-reared; they are all parent-reared. It's a respect thing, and I don't cross that line... I make sure they are doing what they would be normally at that time and 99 percent of the time, everyone is fine. When you know them so well, you can tell when something is off."

There are 12 female kangaroos and seven vasectomized males. While the kangaroo exhibit is large, the indoor shelter is at maximum capacity. Kangaroos have a life expectancy to the late teens, as do wallabies.

Zoo staff want to get another wallaby to join the 7-year-old male they obtained six years ago after he and thousands of other animals were rescued from inhumane conditions by an international exotic animal dealer in Texas.

"The situation was very dire and it was a big undertaking," said Richmond, who adds that the wallaby will not be bred as his genetic background is unknown.

Intense giraffes

There are also no plans to add to the giraffe family. Species Survival Plan coordinators make decisions regarding breeding of animals, with knowledge of genetics and conservation efforts. Kivuli will be on birth control, and no decision has been made yet on whether Zawadi, whose name means "gift" in Swahili, will stay in Detroit.

The reticulated giraffes, which weigh roughly 2,600 pounds when fully grown and can reach up to 18 feet as the tallest land mammal, are easier to transport when they are younger. Their large size also means Richmond spends the majority of her days with the beautiful creatures who spend roughly



Brian Manfre, a Westland resident and Detroit Zoo mammal supervisor, stands near the zebra exhibit.

17 hours of their day eating and only sleep three hours a day. She has observed them in the wild on a trip to Africa and uses that knowledge for her care of them at the zoo.

"My outback routine is much less intensive than with giraffes," said Richmond. "I spend about six hours of my day with the giraffes. A 2,600 pound giraffe, they make a big mess every day, I spend a lot of time cleaning up after them. Plus I feed them twice a day. They also get enriched frequently."

The primary enrichment for giraffes centers around food, with Richmond placing mulberry branches, grape vines, willow branches and more of what she calls "browse" around their exhibit. She cuts very large branches and ties them to different areas of their yard so she doesn't have to hand feed them all day long and so they use their tongues as much as possible in a natural way.

The giraffes, like the kangaroos, each have their own distinctive personalities as well. Jabari is more interactive and likes being around all people as long as there is a treat involved. Kivuli is the opposite, more timid and apprehensive of strangers, but like Jabari, very smart. Mpenzi tends to be shy, like his mother, and of course, the personality of the new arrival is not yet known, but Richmond looks forward to getting to know her as well. Regardless, Zawadi, like all giraffes, will require patience, as Richmond notes you can't really make a giraffe do anything they don't want to do.



An otter naps at the Detroit Zoo on a recent Sunday.



A red panda at the Detroit Zoo on a recent Sunday.

That's OK with the zookeeper though, who still enjoys the job despite the hard labor and a deeper understanding now of what the career entails than when she was a little girl dreaming of working with the animals and when visits to the zoo meant seeing performing chimpanzees and seals.

"That is not something that happens now, and I am thrilled about that," said Richmond. "I try to look at things more from the animal's eyes and maybe more than I expected, things have evolved for the better. I

love where I work and I love all of our hopes and dreams for the future. It's really motivating."

She tries not to think too much about what tomorrow will bring as the job is taxing on her body. She is living for the moment, but notes that as she ages, a change to a less physically demanding position may be in the cards.

Brian Manfre, a Westland resident, made that change.

Mammals on the mind

Always fascinated by animals, Manfre earned

his bachelor's degree in biology from Eastern Michigan University in 2005 and interned at the Toledo Zoo. He started working at the Detroit Zoo more than nine years ago, the first six of them as a zookeeper, caring for warthogs and zebras.

Three years ago, he became mammal supervisor, overseeing carnivores including lions, tigers, otters and wolverines, as well as some of the small mammals like red pandas and bush dogs. He also oversees hoofstock including the zebras and warthogs, camels and bison.

The job entails working with administration and keepers to make sure they are in the position to take the best possible care of these animals. This includes overseeing construction projects on exhibits, renovations, and relocation of animals to accommodate their needs while projects are underway.

"There is not any such thing as a routine day," said Manfre. "If one of my keepers has a concern with a veterinary issue, I am the first point of contact to get them out there and assess things."

Recently, Manfre had plans to tie up loose ends at the newly-expanded camel exhibit and then to work on the zookeepers' schedules, followed by supervisor meetings with his fellow mammal managers.

He has what he considers a good 50/50 mix of administrative work with working alongside the zookeepers — helping with projects or assisting with routine animal check-ups which require anesthesia with the larger animals — and coordinating individuals to make sure everything goes smoothly.

"The best part of my job is just having the opportunity to work with a lot of unique animals," said Manfre. "The most common thing I hear is that people think zookeeping doesn't require education or is just picking up poop, when in actuality zookeepers are highly trained. It requires education, expertise and is a very difficult job to get. You definitely need a lot of attention to detail and have to pick up on subtle cues from animals and make quick, good judgment decisions, while being attentive to safety."

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American Sewing Expo returns to Showplace

The 23rd annual American Sewing Expo returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Friday, Sept. 23, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 25, with quilting, costume making, fashion sewing, fiber arts, crafts and "sew" much more.

"From a live sewing challenge to the chance to win a sewing machine each day — there's never a dull moment at our show," said Janet Pray, show producer of the largest independent consumer sewing show in the country. "There's something for the beginner to the advanced and everyone in between, from hands-on workshops and free demonstrations to cosplay and quilting exhibits."

Featured celebrities and show instructors include couturier fashion designer, Threads contributing editor and author Kenneth King; sewing, embroidery and embellishment expert Hope Yoder; cosplay designer and author Kristie Good; Simplicity Patterns costume pattern designer Andrea Schewe; fashion sewing expert from PBS "It's Sew Easy" Angela Wolf; and pattern design and fitting expert from University of Rhode Island Jennifer Stern.

Reality sewing television competitions are the inspiration for the "Passion for Fashion Sewing Challenge," sponsored by Baby Lock and American & Efird, that has 12 finalists designing and sewing garments on Friday and Saturday, judged

during a fashion show on Saturday and displayed on Sunday (similar to Lifetime's Project Runway).

Attendees can learn tips and techniques at make-n-take projects in vendor displays and as they sew their own project to take home at the Sew Party Café sponsored by Country Stitches and the Serger Studio sponsored by Janome.

The "Innovation Generation Fashion Show Competition," sponsored by Baby Lock and Coats & Clark, will be held on Saturday for ages 8-18 who know the sewing process and have made their own garments. Entries are prejudged and then worn by the contestants on the Expo Fashion Stage.

Special displays and events will include the world of cosplay in "Bringing the Fantastic to Life;" art quilting in "Stripping with Friends;" free motion thread painting fiber art in "Eric Drexler Quilt Design Exhibit;" use of recycled materials in "Recycle Runway;" ask the designer, scavenger hunt and costume making tips in the Social Media Lounge; and gifts for the first 100 show attendees each day.

Attendees can win a sewing machine each day sponsored by Baby Lock and Janome or a Dream Sewing Room on Sunday, sponsored by Janome and Gall Sewing and Vacuum Centers of Michigan. Showgoers wearing anime, steampunk, historical,

TV, movie, video game, or comic book characters in the Costume Contest Fashion Show on Sunday are awarded prizes.

Show exhibits include sewing machines, sergers, machine embroidery, fabrics and supplies, embellishments, drafting, fitting, accessories, notions, threads, patterns, technology, kits, gadgets, embroidery designs, tools and other products for fashion sewing, quilting, costuming, needle arts, home decorating and wearable and fiber arts. Showgoers can attend over 170 seminars, classes, workshops and fashion shows.

"The expo is a perfect weekend getaway for mothers, daughters, sisters or friends to learn to quilt or sew, test-drive sewing machines and be inspired by 'sew' many possibilities," said Pray.

Suburban Collection Showplace is at 46100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Preshow workshops are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 and Thursday, Sept. 24. Expo admission is \$14 and children 15 and younger are admitted free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14, all-day workshops are \$130 and special combination packages are available. On-site parking is available for \$5.

For more information, visit www.americansewingexpo.com or call 248-889-3111.



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Smokie's Cigar Bar and Lounge is looking to move from its former Northville Township location to Livonia.

Smoky's Cigar Bar looks to relocate from Northville to Livonia

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia could see a new spot for cigar smokers to spend some time with an adult beverage.

The City Council will decide at its next meeting whether to approve a waiver petition to use a Class C liquor license to allow for Smoky's Cigar Bar and Lounge to operate in the space formerly occupied by InkStop at 37298 Six Mile in Northbrook Plaza, just east of Newburgh.

The bar, which had operated in Northville Township for many years, seeks to move to Livonia to improve the business.

Teresa Essa, the bar's owner, said the former location in Northville Township made it difficult for customers to find and locate her establishment. The new facility, she said, would have greater visibility.

"The location I was at, we were really far off the road. Really far," she said. "At the end of the road, there's a fence. By the fence, there's really, really tall bushes that, if you're sitting on Seven Mile and you look over, you know there's a plaza but you can't tell what's in there."

The proposed bar would be about 1,400 square feet with about 22 seats inside. The bar would not be in compliance with regulations that require 1,000 feet separation between Class C liquor license holders,

as two other restaurants in that area also currently operate in that radius.

"That separation can be waived by you, City Council, but that is the only thing it does not comply with," said Scott Miller, a zoning manager with the city.

Issues with smoke

While Michigan banned smoking in indoor places back in 2010, the law allows smoking inside of existing cigar bars that serve food and drink provided 10 percent of their gross income comes from the on-site sale of cigars and the rental of on-site humidors. Essa said her bar was grandfathered in under that law. Only cigars would be allowed to be smoked in the cigar bar; no other tobacco products would be allowed.

Councilwoman Cathy White said she knows a business owner in Northville who owns a shop near another cigar bar, and said she had some concerns regarding odors coming from the business if it were to open up in that location.

She said her acquaintance told her odors have been an issue for him, and wanted to raise the issue with Essa over what she plans to do with odors.

"He's indicated to me that the cigar bar next to his business does ventilate to the outdoors, and there are many times that he and his customers can smell cigar odors,"

she said. "Sometimes, he indicates you can smell them a block away."

Peter Tzilos, an architect who is working on the planned Smoke Eaters for the bar are designed to handle cigar smoke odors from the inside without sending the smell outside.

"Those devices are indoor devices that are used to clean the air. They're not necessarily exhausting air to the outside," he said. "They don't go next door or through the space or out the front door."

The City Council will take up the petition at its next regular meeting, currently scheduled for Aug. 22.

Several council members voiced support for the project, saying it was in the city's best interest to house this kind of business so those customers don't need to leave the city for them.

Councilman Brian Meakin said he would support the petition, saying it was a good option for Livonia to have.

"I think this is an item that's been needed in this city," he said. "When you want a cigar, you don't have to go to Birmingham or West Bloomfield, so, having one in the neighborhood is going to be helpful."

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Don't make mistake of not planning for the worst

A couple weeks ago, I met with a new client. She's a woman in her mid- to late 70s who recently lost her husband. Our conversation mostly focused on her portfolio and the changes needed to help her accomplish her goals and objectives. We also talked about estate planning and, in particular, what will happen if she is no longer able to handle her financial affairs.

When it comes to talking about estate planning, most people only focus upon what happens at the time of their death. In today's complex world, that is no longer sufficient. We all must have a plan in place to deal with our finances if we are either physically or mentally unable to do so. If we are unable to handle our own affairs, there needs to be someone who can take over and seamlessly manage our finances — someone we have trust and confidence in and we know will operate in our best interest.

What made the conversation with my new client unique was that the people you would think would typically be in a position to take over, her kids, were not the people she wanted. She ex-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

plained that she did not have a very good relationship with her kids and that she felt that, from a financial standpoint, they have taken advantage of her in the past and she did not have confidence in them. Unfortunately, stories like this are not unusual. In fact, when you look at the statistics, you will see the great majority of senior financial abuse cases come from family members.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to have someone in place to take over if you are unable to do so. It doesn't have to be a family member. In many situations, close friends are better alternatives. Also, there's nothing to prevent you from having two people take over so that there is a natural check and balance in place. The bottom line is that if you don't appoint someone and you are not able to handle your finances, you could be in real trouble.

For many people, particularly for those who do not want to name

a family member, they tend to put their head in the sand hoping the situation never occurs. Unfortunately, if the situation does occur and you don't have something in place, judges, courts and lawyers are going to be involved and I can assure you that is not something you would want.

My recommendation, particularly for people who are up in age, is to make sure that something is in place. Family members are the obvious choice, but if that does not work, you need to come up with a Plan B. The idea of doing nothing and hoping that nothing bad happens is much too risky.

One last note, one of the best ways to accomplish this is through a general durable power of attorney. The general durable power of attorney allows someone to operate on your behalf without having judges, courts and lawyers get involved in your personal affairs.

Good luck!

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Adding up to school success

Donated calculators via Salvation Army 'great opportunity,' 'a big help,' teachers say

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Brittany Lipsik, 16, a Plymouth Salem High School junior, is a big Plymouth Salvation Army admirer.

"It's run very well and effectively," the Plymouth Township teen said of the Salvation Army here and worldwide. "They do a great job here. They reach a lot of people. They've created such a big name for themselves."

She's applying for the National Honor Society this fall, and was among volunteers Monday, Aug. 15, at the corps on Main Street helping distribute cases of donated calculators. "I just wanted to help out," explained Lipsik as she unloaded boxes in the parking lot that afternoon.

Grateful teachers were glad to get their hands on the calculators. Joyce Napier teaches fourth grade at Canton's Eriksson Elementary, and came with fifth-grade teacher colleague Jim Gutkowski of Eriksson.

"We're excited," Napier said. "They're going to help us teach math and science. They (students) have to have the skills to compete." She's seeing demographics shift and greater financial need in Plymouth-Canton.

"They just don't have the supplies," said Napier, who finds the Salvation Army calculators "a big help, a big help."

Krista Piwko teaches second grade at Wildwood Elementary in the Wayne-Westland district, which serves K-4 grades. "Amazing," Piwko said. "For all the kids who don't have the supplies for school, amazing. They're going to be able to use a tool they didn't have in the past. This is a great opportunity for our school."

Added Piwko of her entire school, "Every kid in our school will have a new calculator to start the year." She had been sharing calculators among students in her class in the past.

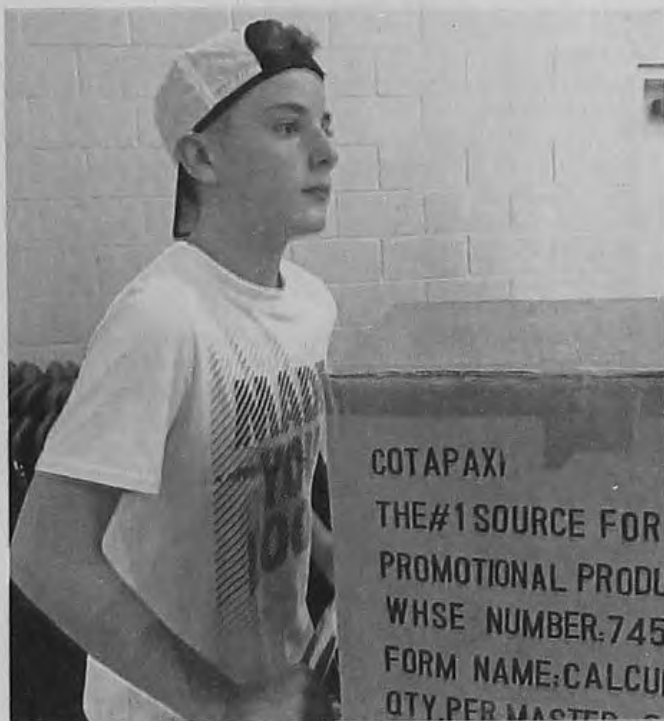
'Helping anybody'

Laurie Aren, the corps' director of family and community ministries, said, "Today, we serve the



Hard-working volunteers at the Plymouth Salvation Army use an assembly line to process the donated calculators Monday, Aug. 15, in the gym.

JULIE BROWN



Liam Murray, 13, of Canton pushes donated calculators into the gym of the Plymouth Salvation Army Monday, Aug. 15. He's a seventh-grader at Liberty Middle School who volunteered his time.

JULIE BROWN



Everett Caldwell, 15, of Canton volunteered Monday, Aug. 15, with distribution of donated calculators at the Plymouth Salvation Army. He's a 10th-grader at Plymouth High School.

JULIE BROWN

'We are so blessed'

Aren added, "These volunteers are pretty doggone awesome. We put out the Bat-signal Friday. This is awesome. When we put out the call for help, this happens all the time. We are so blessed."

Everett Caldwell, 16, a Plymouth High School 10th-grader from Canton, said of his volunteering, "Just helping people in need." His parents encouraged him "a little bit."

"I think it's good," said Caldwell, who'd encourage other teens to volunteer. "It helps them with college as well."

Liam Murray, 13, of Canton is a Liberty Middle School seventh-grader who also helped. He's applying for the National Junior Honor Society.

Mom Trisha Murray said, "I like him to do volunteer work. I had my sons work at the food pantry at Open Door Ministry. I like the kids to be involved."

Murray also has older sons, a 15-year-old 10th-grader at Canton Preparatory High School and a 17-year-old senior at Salem.

"I want my boys to learn appreciation and gratitude," Trisha Murray said. "I like to get my kids involved to give back."

whole Southeast Michigan area," as she surveyed the operation and pitched in. "We're helping anybody who pulls in our driveway."

The 189,000 calculators came originally from Gerber Life Operations of Fremont, Michigan, then to Archway Marketing of Romulus in an apparent overstock. Aren used social media to get word out quickly to nonprofits and schools.

Envoy Jim Hulett of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army drove a navy blue van over to Plymouth to take two cases with 60 calculators in a box, about 2,400 total. "That's a lot of calculators," noted Hulett in loading up the van with volunteer help.

Wayne-Westland will use those for its after-school program, and also give calculators out 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday,

Aug. 27, at Attwood Park in Wayne during a Family Day. That's mainly for summer day camp kids, Hulett explained, although others can show up, too.

His corps also plans to give out calculators at Christmas. It's common for Salvation Army units to share resources.

"When we get large donations like this, we certainly try to," Aren said. "One time, we got

900 pounds of frozen chickens. When we get stuff, we share."

Calculators, some 3,240, went Monday to Bay City, also serving Saginaw and Midland. Washtenaw County, the Dearborn Public Schools, schools in Southwest Detroit and others also stopped by. Van Buren Public Schools planned a Tuesday visit, Aren said, as did other Salvation Army units.

Motor City Youth Theatre asks for help funding new roof

Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Motor City Youth Theater (MCYT) will lose its insurance unless it replaces the roof on its Grantland Street playhouse.

Nancy Florkowski, MCYT founder and director, estimates the roof will cost \$10,000-\$12,000, a hefty price for the Livonia-based troupe that has called 27555 Grantland its home for 11 years. She tried selling the two-floor building earlier this year, hoping she'd find a one-story venue locally that could accommodate wheelchairs, but had no takers.

Now she's simultaneously leading a GoFundMe campaign online for the roof while holding rehearsals for "Bye Bye Birdie," at the playhouse.

The cast of 14 youth actors will perform 7-10



Reese McClelland of Madison Heights gabs on the phone during a scene from Motor City Youth Theatre's production of "Bye Bye Birdie."

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p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 19-20 at the Grantland Street theater.

Tickets are \$5-\$10, available at eventbrite.com/e/bye-bye-birdie-tickets-27081615842.

The GoFundMe campaign has raised more than \$5,000 in two weeks. Nearly 100 supporters have aided the cause,

wishing the theater "good luck" and expressing praise and gratitude for Florkowski's work with young actors.

"Both my children have spent many hours training, building, learning and expressing their creativity under Nancy," Tiffany Troost wrote in an email to the Observer. "My daughter went on to

attend Churchill High School to be part of the Creative and Performing Arts program (CAPA). She is now a student at Western Michigan University pursuing a degree in Fine Arts. My son is a senior in the fall at Churchill High School and also in the CAPA program."

Troost said Florkowski and her staff had "contributed to my children as well as many children throughout the years."

Kids and adults

Although MCYT also stages at least one show annually with adult actors, "kids come first." Youngsters perform Shakespeare in July and other shows throughout the year. This fall adults and youth actors will come together for the first time to perform one-act plays.

"I've had kids in Shakespeare who were

severely dyslexic, autistic. I take everyone," Florkowski said. She is proud of the teaching methods she has used for 26 years.

"I treat kids as human beings. Kids are treated like equals. They help me block and do the dances. It's them being leaders."

MCYT has a chair lift for audience members who can't climb stairs to the second-floor theater, but it doesn't work well for young wheelchair users.

"One level would be wonderful. All on one level. I've had parents say my (wheelchair-bound) child wants to do theater but you can't have them here," she said.

"People stand outside and freeze in the winter because we have no lobby."

Florkowski dropped plans for expanding the

Grantland playhouse after discovering she'd have to enlarge and improve the parking lot. The project price tag was approximately \$100,000.

She has mixed feelings about the building, but says she loves it and calls it "home."

"Even if we sell the building, we have to put a new roof on it. The roof is old and it's going to have to be replaced before winter. And it's steep, so it's costly. You can tell by looking at it that it's not good."

"Our insurance company said get a new roof or we won't work with you. We pay almost \$3,000 a year in insurance and I was thinking that was a lot."

She and her husband, Fred, who assists with the theater, are looking into other insurance carriers.

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Team teaching: Parents have key role to play in starting school year strong

Sending a child off to school for the first time soon? It's a proud moment, to be sure, but can also be a stressful one. The National Education Association, a teachers union that includes the Michigan Education Association, has sound advice for jittery parents.

» Let your child do simple chores like setting the table at mealtimes or cleaning up toys after playing.

» Encourage independent toileting and hand washing.

» Let your child work independently on activities such as completing puzzles.

Communication skills are also important for children. Listening and speaking are the first steps to reading and writing in the preschool years, the NEA notes on its website. Through conversations with parents, teachers and friends, children learn about the people, places and objects that they will later read and write about. It's through speaking that young children tell us what they know and understand about the world.

To make sure that your child can communicate his or her thoughts and feelings in school, the organization notes you should, among other things:

» Have regular conversations with your child.

» Encourage your child to listen and respond to others when they speak.

» Answer your child's questions, even if the answer is "no."

» Help your child learn and use new words.

» Explore language through singing, rhyming, songs and chants.

The NEA (www.nea.org) has parent resource guides: A Parent's Guide to Raising Ready Readers, A Parent's Guide to Helping Your Child Learn to Read, A Parent's Guide to Raising Scientifically Literate Children, and A Parent's Guide to Helping Your Child with Today's Math

For more Parent's Guides, visit www.nea.org/parents/nearesources-parents.html.

The NEA notes for academic readiness, through play and interactions with caring adults, children can come to school with many skills that teachers can build upon. To get your child academically ready for school, you should:

» Read to your child daily and talk about what you've read.

» Visit the library. Check out books and attend story times.

» Sing rhyming songs and do finger plays.

» Put your child's first name on their clothing and toys to help him or her recognize their name in print.

» Encourage your child to write his or her name.

» Help your child learn basic colors by pointing and naming objects like "green trees," "red apples," or "blue coats."

Being able to get along with other children, follow directions, take turns, and say "goodbye" to parents are skills that kindergarten teachers hope to see from

incoming children. To get your child socially ready for school, you should:

» Set rules and give consequences for breaking them.

» Encourage your child to play with and talk to other children.

» Encourage your child to take turns and share with other children.

» Encourage your child to finish difficult or frustrating tasks once they have begun them.

» Encourage your child to consider the feelings of others.

» Model and discuss positive ways for your child to express his or her feelings.

Independence matters too as young children head into the classroom. Parents can help by buying shoes and clothes that are easy for kids to buckle, zip or fasten on their own. You should also encourage your child to dress independently for school.

Finally, don't hesitate to talk to the teacher about your worries, and do so courteously, keeping in mind the teacher is responsible for other children's education, too. For many teachers, email works best with their busy schedules.

Parenting and teaching are both big jobs, and important ones. As Emmet the construction worker notes in "The LEGO Movie," "Everything is cool when you're part of a team." Let's put the focus on teamwork this school year.

LETTERS

Canton government works well

Unaccustomed as I am to sitting down and writing and old-fashioned letter to the editor, I feel compelled to make it known that my local government is working just fine. In fact, they excel at customer ser-

vice.

I paid my water bill using the night deposit box at the Canton administration building located on Canton Center Road. In the process of putting the bill in the deposit box, I also accidentally put in my bank deposit for my dental practice.

By the time I realized

my mistake, the two envelopes had disappeared into the abyss of the fortified night deposit box.

I called the water department the next day and they reported that they had found it. I explained that I would be right down to retrieve my misplaced deposit. They kindly explained not only would they hold it for me, but if I trusted them, they offered to take it to the bank for me. Now that is service.

In a time when many of us feel that our government is out of touch and frustrated that we are forced to choose

between two poor candidates for president, I am proud to report that our local government is working. Yes, I trusted them to make the deposit for me. They showed me they cared and reminded me that the majority of government is made up of good people who just want to help.

Thanks to the employees of Canton Township. Your customer service and neighborly kindness is appreciated.

Patrick J Nolan DDS
Canton

Thank you Salem

Thank you to all our friends and neighbors for

your encouragement and support. Our bid to represent Salem Township as trustees fell just short. In fact, the results were very close.

What started as a small grassroots group of concerned Salem residents has grown into a coalition of hundreds of supporters who are just as passionate about protecting our peaceful rural lifestyle and having a diverse government as we are.

We are certainly not giving up. Many of you thanked us for making you aware of our current township challenges and offering practical solu-

tions. We believe in our rural character and that it is worth protecting.

Due to your overwhelming support and many residents urging us to continue with a write-in campaign, we are strongly considering this option for the Nov. 8 general election. Maybe we will see you then!

Once again, thank you for your trust and support. Our most sincere gratitude.

Kim Whiteside, Mark Griffith, Larry Petroskey, Wayne Wallazy
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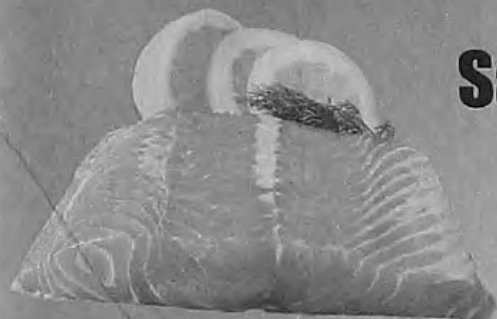
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They're great on the lake

Area sailors win fourth straight Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island race

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer



Cameron (from left), Everett and Chris Benedict are about to set sail in the Port Huron-to-Mackinac race.

Chris Benedict and his team of sailors have done it again, adding to their impressive record of success in the Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race.

The veteran crew aboard the Shape sailed to its fourth consecutive in-class championship and fifth win in six years July 16-18 during the annual event on Lake Huron.

Winning never gets old for Plymouth's Benedict, who co-owns the sailboat with long-time friend Win Cooper III of Fenton.

"It's an unusual stat to have four wins in a row," Benedict said. "There are very few boats that have ever done that. Part of me feels a little selfish."

"Should we back away from the race and let other people have an opportunity to win? The competitive side of me says, 'You need to go out there to defend and be the boat to beat.'"

"I think the competition feels the same. The right thing to do is to stick my nose in there and go at it again."

A major advantage for the Shape is the consistency of the crew. Eight of the nine members have sailed in the last seven races and represent 222 years of experience.

The newcomer was Benedict's 21-year-old son Everett. His oldest son, Cameron, 23, participated in his 12th consecutive Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island event.

"Before the race starts, we have a team lunch down below," Benedict said. "We talk about strategy, team shifts and things that have been successful in the past."

"We didn't do any of that this year. It was like we were really comfortable with what we've been doing. We just went out there and said: 'Let's go at it.'"

"Unfortunately for Everett, the first year he comes with us, we don't do it. He had to fly by the seat of his pants, but he adapted to it and did well on his first race."

The other members of the crew are Steven Bradley, Ed Ely, Dale McNabb, Richard Birdsall and Win Cooper Sr., who taught Benedict, 50, how to sail as a teen.

"The diversity in personalities among the crew is a good thing," Benedict said. "It stimulates a lot of debate. We don't

"It was raining and hailing so hard it hurt your face. We were getting pelted. All of a sudden, the storm blows east of us. We can see Mackinac Island; we can see the bridge and the lights in the distance."

CHRIS BENEDEICT
co-owner of the Shape, which sailed to its fourth consecutive in-class championship and fifth win in six years



SUBMITTED

Blue Devil tops in U.S. Amateur

Duke University sophomore Alex Smalley of Wake Forest, N.C., fashioned a suitable Ben Hogan impression Tuesday to earn stroke-play medalist honors in the 116th U.S. Amateur Championship at Oakland Hills Country Club's North and South courses.

Smalley shot a 7-under-par 133 to tie for the second-lowest 36-hole score in the history of the championship.

He finished one stroke behind the championship mark of 132 shared by Hank Kim (1994), Gregor Main (2011) and Bobby Wyatt (2012).

"I'm kind of shaking a little bit, still; I'm not sure what to feel," Smalley said. "This is my first U.S. Amateur, so it's kind of cool. Medalist is nice, but we've still got a lot more golf to go."

Smalley posted a 2-under 68 to sit atop the leader board. He shot a bogey-free 65 Monday on the North Course.

"I just got off to a good start, had three birdies on the front nine and just kept it going," Smalley said. "Again, I didn't miss very many greens. I just hit the ball solid all the way around."

Playing in the rainy morning session, Dawson Armstrong, of Brentwood, Tenn., and Gavin Hall, of Pittsford, N.Y., finished one stroke behind Smalley, at 134.

Armstrong, a 20-year-old Lipscomb University junior, fired an even-par 70, and University of Texas senior Hall, 21, logged a 1-under 69 on the iconic South Course, which has hosted six U.S. Opens.

"The players that have won here are very highly renowned," said Armstrong, the 2015 Western Amateur and Dogwood Invitational champion. "It's a privilege to get to keep on going and still have a chance to be in the likes of Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, just great players. It's a real honor."

Nick Carlson, a University of Michigan sophomore from Hamilton, Mich., was the only player from the host state to qualify for match play at 1-over 141.

Widzinski Golf at Tanglewood

The fourth annual David Widzinski Community Golf Classic will be played Sunday, Sept. 4, at Tanglewood Golf Course in South Lyon.

The daylong event begins with a 9 a.m. Mass at Catholic Central High School in Novi.

Golfer registration starts at 11 a.m. There will be a shotgun start at noon. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by dancing until midnight.

The cost for golf, dinner and dancing is \$100 per golfer. It's \$33 per person for dinner and dancing.

The event, which benefits the Society of Notre Dame de Bon Secours, includes golf contests, raffles, auctions, cash bar and live band.

For more information and to register, visit www.davidliveson.com.



Dan Wanshon became a co-owner of Little Caesars franchises with his wife Brooke and in-laws Britt and Fred Julien.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

WINNING INGREDIENTS

Former Chief Wanshon making his mark in pizza industry

Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Back in the day, when his hair was too long to be fully contained by his Canton Chiefs football helmet, Dan Wanshon was one of the most tenacious, focused and prepared linebackers to step on a high school gridiron.

It is not a stretch to say that once the opening kickoff ascended into the cool, autumn Friday night air, Wanshon was

hot and ready.

Some things never change.

On Tuesday afternoon, as a steady stream of customers strolled into the Little Caesars store located on Sheldon Road in Plymouth, the 26-year-old Wanshon — his hair now business-like short and his 6-foot frame about 30 pounds lighter than in his playing days (more free safety-ish than linebacker) — elegantly reflected on

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PORTER-TOWN

Penguins' Porter visits Plymouth with cherished Stanley Cup in tow

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Every Stanley Cup champion has his day with the treasured silver chalice, whether superstars like Sidney Crosby or role players like Kevin Porter.

The latter, who hails from Plymouth, brought the National Hockey League championship holy grail to Kellogg Park on Sunday, where several hundred hockey fans stopped by to get a glimpse of Porter and the cup.

Porter signed autographs and greeted fans young and old, many sporting Pittsburgh jerseys, during the event which in part was sponsored by Westborn Market.

The 30-year-old forward received a hometown hero's welcome despite playing for a rival of the Detroit Red Wings. In 2015-16, Porter tallied three assists in 41 regular-season contests for the Penguins.

He is no stranger to metro Detroit, having played two seasons for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program (then based in Ann Arbor) in 2002-03 and 2003-04, before playing at University of Michigan from 2004-08. The NTDP currently is based out of USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

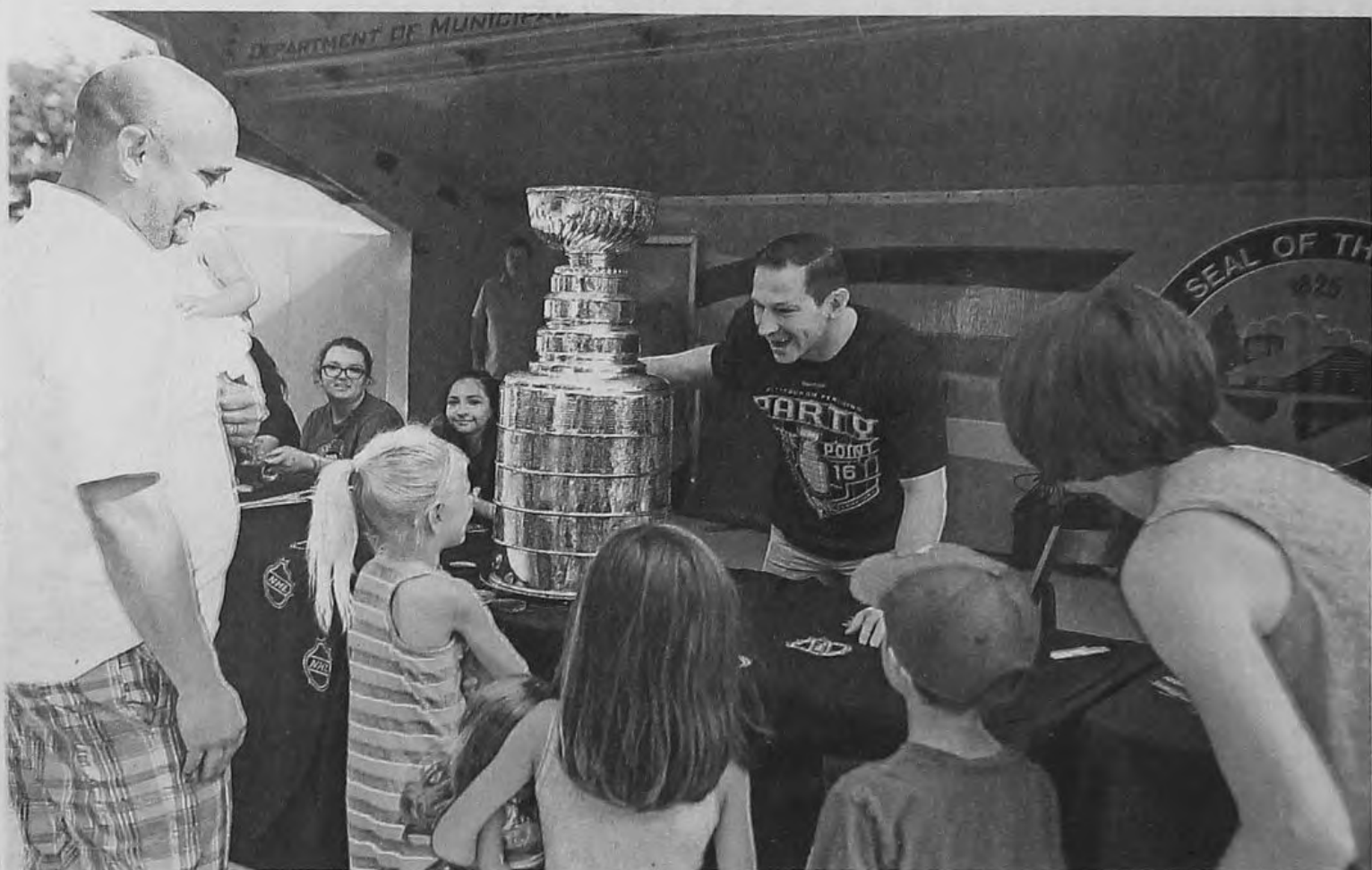
Porter was the Hobie Baker winner with the Wolverines in 2007-08 (33 goals and 30 assists in 43 games) and so far has played parts of eight years in the NHL.

In addition to Pittsburgh, he has made NHL stops in Phoenix, Colorado and Buffalo, and has 58 points (29 goals, 29 assists) in 247 career games.

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Pittsburgh Penguins forward and former Wolverine Kevin Porter talks with young fans at Plymouth's Kellogg Park on Sunday. Porter posed for photos and signed autographs for a couple of hours for fans.



Kevin Porter of the Pittsburgh Penguins carries the Stanley Cup to Kellogg Park in Plymouth.



Fans lined up around the perimeter of Kellogg Park to meet Pittsburgh Penguins forward Kevin Porter.



The crew of the sailboat Shape receives the championship flag at the awards ceremony on Mackinac Island. The crew members are (from left) Ed Ely, Chris Benedict, Everett Benedict, Dale McNabb, Win Cooper, Win Cooper III, Steve Bradley, Cameron Benedict and Rick Birdsall.

SHAPE

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always agree. The diversity of opinion helps us make good decisions."

Bad weather hits

The experience factor came into play Sunday night as the Shape neared the Straits of Mackinac. A huge storm was blowing through the area, and the worst part was on the southern end.

"It nailed us," Benedict said, adding the wind reached 55 mph and overloaded the instruments. "We blanked out. The mast was shaking like made. You almost go into save-the-boat mode."

"The entire crew grew up on small boats as kids, so we were used to sailing without instruments. We went to work like a normal day of sailing. We emerged from that and gained on the other boats during the storm."

Up to the task

Benedict, who was in charge of the team sailing the boat at that time, loves the challenge of doing so in rough weather.

"We were enjoying the radical sail and the ride," he said. "This is what we tried to do as much as we could as kids. The harder the wind was the more we wanted to be out there in the beach boats. That's where we really learned how to sail."

"We were having the time of our lives in very bad conditions. It's an

opportunity to put your skills to work, and we've done it several times in those conditions."

As the Shape neared the north end of Bois Blanc Island, the storm abated about five miles from the finish line.

"It was raining and hailing so hard it hurt your face," Benedict said. "We were getting pelted. All of a sudden, the storm blows east of us. We can see Mackinac Island; we can see the bridge and the lights in the distance."

Late move is key

Benedict and his team were pretty confident of victory at that time, but it almost didn't happen. The sharp eye of Cameron Benedict helped to save the day — or rather the night.

"Cam says, 'There's a boat at the tip of Bois Blanc that's much better positioned, so we need to get to that end of the course,'" Benedict said.

"We tacked our boat and covered that boat. Cam informed us and thank goodness he did, because we wouldn't have finished first if he hadn't."

Makes good time

The Shape, a 35-foot Santana that was made in 1979, finished the race at 1:05 a.m. Monday with an elapsed time of 36 hours, 5 minutes and 35 seconds.

It was the fastest time in a long time, according to Benedict. Shape finished in 39:46:25 last year and 37:53:47 two years ago.

"Until about 6:30 or 7 o'clock that night, we were on pace to have one of the fastest races we've had," Bene-

dict said, adding his team would have reached the harbor about 8 p.m. if not for the storm and a period of light wind.

"There was a time we finished about 11:30 at night, which we like because you can still make last call at the Pink Pony. That's a very common first stop when jumping off the boat."

'Good camaraderie'

Shape reached the island less than two minutes ahead of the Avatar. Since all boats in the Shore Course Class K have the same handicap rating, corrected time becomes a moot point.

It was the 30th consecutive start for Shape, which has 12 in-class victories and also won the overall Division II Shore Course title in 2014. Shape was 19th among 88 boats this year.

"It's a boat-for-boat thing," Benedict said. "You know everybody in-class has the same rating. If you beat them, you win. We were really bunched in there well. There's a fun element to that."

"Yeah, you'd like to blow away your competition, but the reality is that shouldn't happen because the boats are so similar. When the race is tight, it's exciting. That means everybody is sailing well."

"It's a really good fraternity of guys in the boats. We all compete hard against each other and want to win, but there's really good camaraderie and friendship when we're on shore and talking about the race."

Staying fit to sail

Being serious sailors, Benedict and his crewmates are disciplined during the race, making sure they sleep, drink and eat enough.

"In good weather and bad, your body is consuming tons of energy," Benedict said. "Your body is constantly working to be balanced, so the core muscles are working. The motion is zapping up energy and depleting you. It's very easy to become dehydrated."

"If you can't fight it off, you make sure to hydrate beforehand. Water comes out easily, so you're not taxing your system if you do get sick. It's important to have something to give up. That's why we eat and drink as much as we can."

"We have it down to a science — the food and beverage we take. We don't want to carry any extra weight than is necessary."

Finishing tradition

Consumption of alcohol during the race is a no-no, but the crew is ready to unwind when it's over. Birdsall opens a bottle of cognac when the boat docks.

"It's a fun tradition he's brought to the boat," Benedict said. "Thank goodness we've had a pretty solid record in those years, so we don't feel the least bit guilty breaking it out."

Given the recent string of victories, that tradition is likely to continue, too.

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"When you get the right lender, VA loans are actually exceptional," says Rich Eisiminger of RichRealty Group of Plymouth.

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Plymouth Realtor, Livonia mortgage lender: Veterans can get loans, move into homes

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

In his 25 years in the real estate field, Rich Eisiminger of RichRealty Group of Plymouth has handled many Veterans Affairs loans.

"When you get the right lender, VA loans are actually exceptional," Realtor Eisiminger said. "They are a great way to help out our military people."

He's seeing veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan service come home in need of mortgages for home purchases. Eisiminger handles double digits of veteran loans annually along with colleagues at RichRealty Group, and also does seminars on the topic.

"Understanding them is the best thing, obviously, continuing education," he said. In the past, military veteran apprais-

als were handled differently from other buyers.

RichRealty Group was founded in 2005, and in his career Eisiminger has seen VA loans improve. "They sure have. More streamlined. They're there to help veterans get in the home, contrary to a lot of old thought processes," he said.

The time frame to get approval may be a bit longer, he added, but not much. Appraising for veteran loans is now done the same as others.

"You would get an appraisal that came from a pool," Eisiminger recalled of past days with the VA certifying certain ones. That's changed now with all buyers using a pool.

"The conventional loan is done the same way," Eisiminger said. "Sometimes it's nerve-wracking and it's frustrating, but it's to the good."

He cites time frames and ease. "Communications are much better," Eisiminger said. "Lenders that are versed in it know it well."

Agreeing is Bruce Piper, Livonia branch manager for Ross Mortgage, based in Troy. "The VA loans are not really any different," Piper said. Ross Mortgage is a VA-automatic lender, as most are, he noted.

That means underwriting and processing are done by Ross Mortgage, with appraisal also out of VA hands. "It's probably the very best way to buy a home," said Piper, noting it's zero-percent down for a qualified veteran without mortgage insurance.

The VA guarantees the loan, Piper said, unlike other buyers who purchase the PMI private insurance with the 20 percent down payment.

Noted Piper of veterans, "There's a very big demand, absolutely. We're doing a lot of VA loans."

Ross Mortgage has been in business since 1949, with Piper having 31 years of experience. He finds too often military veterans don't know they can qualify, with no cost for asking on pre-qualification.

"If they don't (qualify), we'll advise them what to do on getting into a home," Piper said. "I think a lot of people don't check because they think they won't qualify."

Back in Plymouth, Realtor Eisiminger said of veterans buying homes, "I think it's just a great thing. We should do all we can to protect our freedoms. I treasure our freedoms."

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Condo association treasurer vexed over audit request letter

Q: I am the treasurer of our condominium association and received a letter from a homeowner requesting to conduct an independent audit of the association's books and records. The homeowner is claiming that the association has refused to give him the documents he needed. He is threatening to sue the association but has not given an identification of exactly what records he wants to look at. He has also made previous requests for records but they have been vague. What do you think?



Robert Meisner

A: I think that he is obviously looking to require you to produce records for an improper purpose. In a recent case out of Texas, the Appeals Court agreed with the trial court that the homeowner's request on similar facts had not been specific enough as to which records he wanted.

However, in that case, some of the requests were verbal, were either unclear or sought records that had already been provided to the person. It may also be relevant as was in this case that the homeowner was angry with, and rude to the members of the Board of Directors and refused to acknowledge that he lost his position when another treasurer won that seat on the board after election. Frequently, people who are disgruntled use a request for documents as an excuse to punish the association. Your lawyer should be able to lead you through this problem successfully.

Q: I read about a recent case concerning riparian rights on artificial bodies of water. Can you clarify that for me?

A: The black letter common law rule is that riparian rights do not attach to artificial bodies of water. So if a pond was created artificially, for example, in a case where the prior owner had installed a dam, the court has held that there were no riparian rights. The court in that case said that the dam turned the natural water course into an artificial one, defeating the claim of riparian rights. To be sure, you should review your case with an experienced real estate attorney.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Benefit Estate Sale

Hall & Hunter Realtors will hold its 13th annual Estate Sale of Antiques, Collectibles and Treasures to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hall & Hunter Realtors, 442 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. All year long, Hall & Hunter Realtors collect antiques, gently used furniture and collectibles. Since Hall & Hunter started this tradition 11 years ago, the firm has donated \$250,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Sponsored by: Changing Places Moving Company, Devon Title Agency, Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers, Bank of Birmingham. For more information, visit HallandHunter.com or call 248-644-3500.

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Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96. For more information, email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com.

National Association of Realtors: Inventory of homes issue decreases affordability a bit

Home prices maintained their robust, upward trajectory in a vast majority of metro areas during the second quarter, causing affordability to slightly decline despite mortgage rates hovering at lows not seen in over three years, according to the latest quarterly report by the National Association of Realtors. The report also revealed that for the first time ever, a metro area — San Jose, California — had a median single-family home price above \$1 million.

The median existing single-family home price increased in 83 percent of measured markets, with 148 out of 178 metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) showing gains based on closed sales in the second quarter compared with the second quarter of 2015. Twenty-nine areas (16 percent) recorded lower median prices from a year earlier.

There were slightly fewer rising markets in the second quarter compared to the first three months of this year, when price gains were recorded in 87 percent of metro areas. Twenty-five metro areas in the second quarter (14 percent) experienced double-digit increases — a small decrease from the 28 metro areas in the first quarter. A year ago, 34 metro areas (19 percent) experienced double-digit price gains.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says a faster pace of home sales amidst languishing inventory levels pushed home prices higher in most metro areas during the second quarter. "Steadily improving local job markets and mortgage rates teetering close to all-time lows brought buyers out in force in many large and middle-tier cities," he said. "However, with home-building activity still failing to keep up with demand and not enough current

homeowners putting their home up for sale, prices continued their strong ascent — and in many markets at a rate well above income growth."

The national median existing single-family home price in the second quarter was \$240,700, up 4.9 percent from the second quarter of 2015 (\$229,400), which was previously the peak quarterly median sales price. The median price during the first quarter of this year increased 6.1 percent from the first quarter of 2015.

Total existing-home sales, including single family and condos, rose 3.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.50 million in the second quarter from 5.30 million in the first quarter of this year, and are 4.2 percent higher than the 5.28 million pace during the second quarter of 2015.

"Primarily from repeat buyers moving up or trading down, existing sales increased each month last quarter and could've been even higher if not for a few speed bumps," Yun said. "Closings were slowed a bit by meager supply levels and home prices in many areas that are still rising too fast."

At the end of the second quarter, there were 2.12 million existing homes available for sale, which was below the 2.25 million homes for sale at the end of the second quarter in 2015. The average supply during the second quarter was 4.7 months — down from 5.1 months a year ago.

According to Yun, without enough new construction being built, existing inventory seriously failed to keep up with the growing demand for buying. As a result, homes typically stayed on the market for around a month throughout the second quarter, and over 40 percent of

listings sold at or above list price, with June being the highest share since NAR began tracking in December 2012 (43 percent).

"Many listings in a majority of markets — and especially those in lower price ranges — had multiple offers and went under contract quickly because of severely inadequate supply," Yun said. "This in turn dented affordability and without a doubt priced out a segment of buyers attempting to seek relief from fast-growing rents."

Despite falling mortgage rates and a small increase in the national family median income (\$68,774), swiftly rising home prices caused affordability to decline in the second quarter compared to a year ago. To purchase a single-family home at the national median price, a buyer making a 5-percent down payment would need an income of \$52,255, a 10-percent down payment would require an income of \$49,504, and \$44,004 would be needed for a 20-percent down payment.

The five most expensive housing markets in the second quarter were the San Jose, California, metro area, where the median existing single-family price was \$1,085,000; San Francisco, \$885,600; Anaheim-Santa Ana, California, \$742,200; urban Honolulu, \$725,200; and San Diego, \$589,900.

The five lowest-cost metro areas in the second quarter were Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, Ohio, \$85,400; Cumberland, Maryland, \$94,900; Decatur, Illinois, \$95,600; Binghamton, New York, \$105,500; and Rockford, Illinois, \$109,000.

Metro area condominium and cooperative prices — covering changes in 59 metro areas — showed the national median existing-condo price

was \$227,200 in the second quarter, up 4.8 percent from the second quarter of 2015 (\$216,700). Forty-four metro areas (75 percent) showed gains in their median condo price from a year ago; 14 areas had declines.

NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida, says Realtors in most areas say market conditions have remained competitive well into the summer.

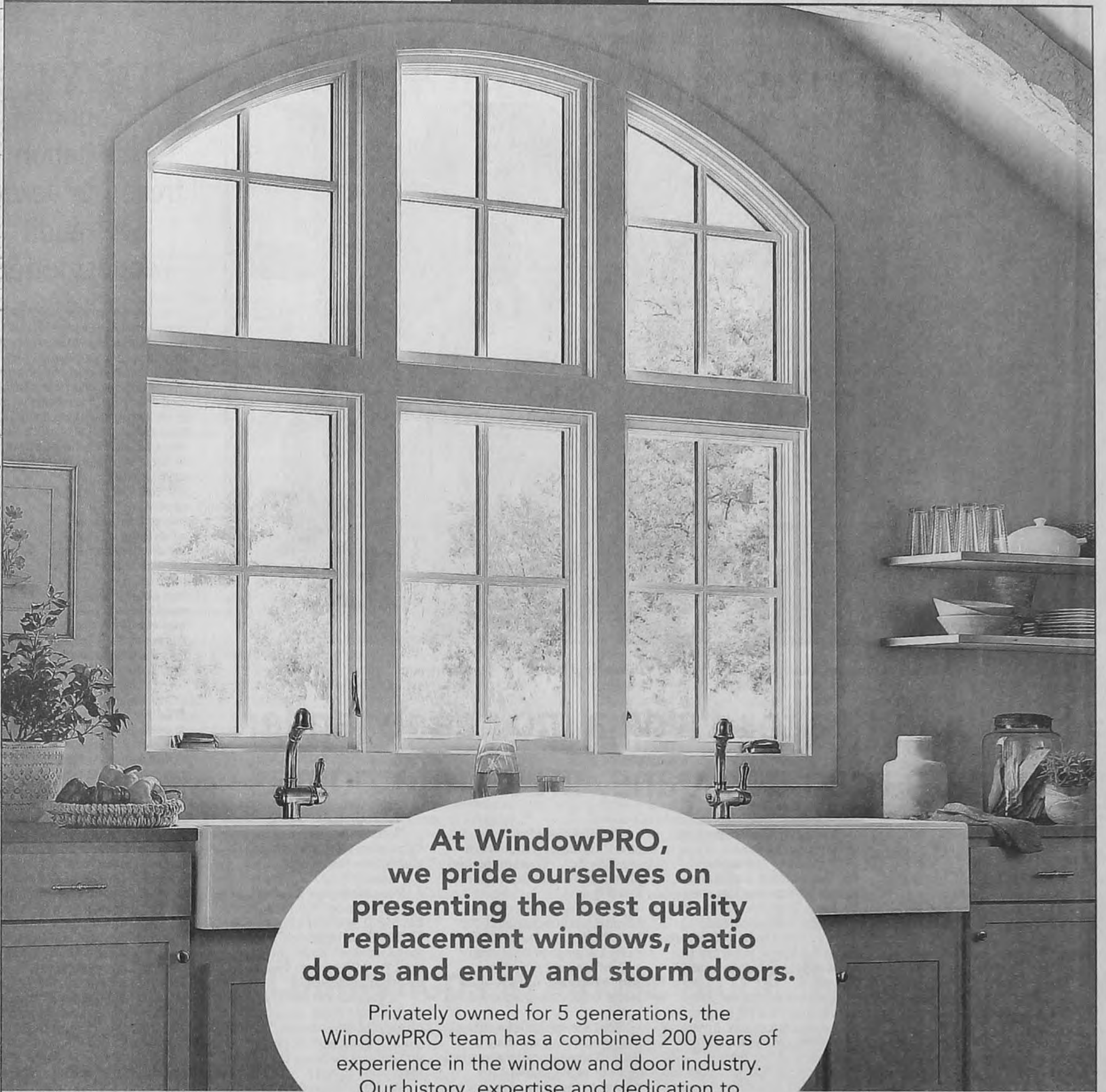
Regional breakdown

Total existing-home sales in the Northeast jumped 7.6 percent in the second quarter and are 11.3 percent above the second quarter of 2015. The median existing single-family home price in the Northeast was \$273,600 in the second quarter, up 1.6 percent from a year ago.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales leaped 10.4 percent in the second quarter and are 6.6 percent higher than a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the Midwest increased 5.1 percent to \$191,300 in the second quarter from the same quarter a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the South inched forward 0.3 percent in the second quarter and are 4.2 percent higher than the second quarter of 2015. The median existing single-family home price in the South was \$214,900 in the second quarter, 5.9 percent above a year earlier.

In the West, existing-home sales climbed 1.4 percent in the second quarter but are 2.2 percent below a year ago. The median existing single-family home price in the West increased 6.5 percent to \$346,500 in the second quarter from the second quarter of 2015.



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Livonia Super Sale-32723 Ohio Street Aug 18-20th. 9-4:30pm. Dining table, hutch, microwave, storage cases, luggage, glassware, Elvis memor, books, VHS, DVD, CD, paintings, toys, more.

Milford - Garage & Antiques Sale 615 S Main St. Fri-Sat, Aug 19-20th Primitives, kitchenware NO toys/clothes.

Milford Yard Sale, 568 Milford Meadows Dr TH/F Aug 18-19 9-4. Appliances, antiques, dolls, golf, military, house items. South Hill to Milford Meadows

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