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## Prosecutor drops assault charge against kid

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Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has dismissed aggravated assault charges against a 10-year-old Canton Township boy.

Bryce Lindley was scheduled to appear Thursday before a juvenile court

referee because he threw a ball at a 9-year-old male classmate during an April recess at Eriksson Elementary School in Canton.

The classmate suffered a concussion and facial abrasions, leading to a mother's police complaint, a police investigation and the assault charge.

But his mother, Cameishi Triplett

Lindley, took to social media, raised more than \$15,000 for legal expenses and helped compel about 2,000 people by late morning Wednesday to sign a petition demanding a charge dismissal.

The Lindleys are African American and critics raised the question of whether the charge was an example of criminalizing African American youth.

The 10-year-old's mother said in a Facebook post she was told the 9-year-old had a preexisting "chronic brain stem inflection."

Worthy labeled the 10-year-old's assault charge "sustainable" in her statement but said justice should sway

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Barry Barber polishes up his 2018 production of the 1966 version of the Batmobile by Fiberglass Freaks at his home in Bloomfield Township on July 30.

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## Holy Dream Cruise, Batman!

### Caped crusader's Batmobile replica to roar into Woodward car show this month

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Barry Barber is a financial adviser, but he drives like a caped crusader fighting crime.

The Bloomfield Township man should be easy to spot, even among thousands of cars, as he roars into the Woodward Dream Cruise this month in his Batmobile.

It is unlikely that there will be another car like this in the 25th annual cruise that draws thousands of vehicles, as Barber owns one of only six exact "genuine, blessed" replicas of the 1966 Batmobile made by Fiberglass Freaks and licensed by DC Comics and Disney.

The car has already drawn lots of attention in just the 15 times Barber has driven it since buying it from an Arizona museum in January for \$250,000.

"The first time I got gas at the BP station, so many people followed me in the gas station the owner told me to get the hell out, I was screwing up his business," Barber said Tuesday after driving his new pride and joy out from "the Bat Cave," aka his garage, and parking it in the driveway where visitors could get a better look.

The Batmobile, which has a 12-gallon gas tank and only gets seven miles to

the gallon, has a plethora of details that make the superhero car unlike any other on the road.

The black two-seater car with red trim features the Bat symbol on both doors, as well as all four tire rims, to make it instantly recognizable to fans of the 1960s TV show. Further inspection reveals interior gadgets including a red

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## Salvation Army plans renovation of Livonia store

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It's going to be a bit easier to make donations at Livonia's Salvation Army store next year.

The store, at 33600 Plymouth, is due for a major renovation beginning later this year that will expand and change the layout inside the shop.

Jacquelynn Idzior, assistant administrator for the Salvation Army's South-

east Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center, said the shop will expand in to the vacant space attached to the building, which the Salvation Army bought in 2011.

She said they have waited for the

right time to make the expansion.

"Finally, we made the decision to move forward," she said. "It's been on our radar since 2011."

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A rendering shows the final look of proposed renovations at the Salvation Army in Livonia. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA

## Store

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The roughly \$4 million expansion will increase the size of the store by about 7,000 square feet, expanding into vacant space. The storage area for donated items will double from roughly 5,000 to 10,000 square feet, which will help accommodate the large amount of donated items brought to the store.

The changes will also make it easier for those donating to enter and exit the lot, as opposed to the current setup, which requires drivers to come out the same entrance driveway they come in.

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"You'll be able to drive around the building and exit," Idzior said. "It can be a little congested. This will make it easier."

The Livonia City Council reviewed the site plan at its study meeting July 22, placing it on the consent agenda for the Aug. 12 regular meeting, meaning the plans are all but approved.

"They look great," said council Vice President Jim Jolly. "We can't understate enough how much value you add to our local community and to the much larger community as well."

The front of the store is expected to sport a new, refreshed look, complete with a white-and-red color scheme, though Idzior said the Salvation Army still needs approval from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals for the proposed signage. She said it will look similar to the store in South Lyon.

Currently, the Salvation Army also has stores locally in Canton, Garden City, Walled Lake, White Lake and Highland Township. Idzior said the Livonia store is one of the biggest collectors of donated goods across the region.

Work is expected to begin later this fall and will take place in a portion of the

store at a time, to keep the shop open for customers and for donations. Idzior said a third of the store will close at a time for crews to work, allowing the rest of the store to operate as usual. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of next summer, Idzior said.

The store will continue to support the mission of the adult rehabilitation center run by the Salvation Army in Detroit.

Idzior said this is the first major renovation of the store she is aware of. Given its high volume of visitors and donations, it made sense for the Salvation Army to look to make some upgrades in Livonia.

"It'll look much nicer for the community and for us," she said. "(The) product in the store is some of the nicest product around. It deserves to be presented in a nice way.

"It'll also be a better shopping experience for those loyal patrons over the years."

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The Salvation Army slated for renovations is at 33600 Plymouth Road, Livonia. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Kid

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decisions about the case.

"I have no doubt that both families involved love their children and want the best for them," Worthy said in the statement. "But I do think that there is a better way to go forward at this time. And the cooperation of all parties is needed."

"It is my earnest hope that both sides will come back to the table to work out a solution that benefits both of these children."

"I want to make sure that both children are served as we move forward and hopefully these charges will not have to be revisited."

According to prosecutors, the 10-year-old Canton Township boy assaulted a 9-year-old male classmate while playing a game called Tips in April.

The game uses a rubber ball similar to the ones used for dodge ball. Players form a circle and a ball is tossed in the air. Players must catch the ball while jumping off the ground.

Prosecutors said the 10-year-old took the ball and "intentionally threw it with force" after the game was finished and injured the 9-year-old.

The aggravated assault charge would have been a misdemeanor in adult court. The juvenile system exercises wide discretion and consideration for the juvenile offender's best interest.

Chad Baugh, Canton's deputy public safety director, said his investigators started interviewing the classmates' family members, school officials and witnesses in early May and submitted their findings to prosecutors that same month.

He agreed with Worthy's decision, complimenting her for balancing the interest of the parties involved with the law.

"That's exactly what Ms. Worthy did," Baugh said.

School officials could not be immediately reached.

Cameishi Triplett Lindley has not responded to Facebook requests for comment.

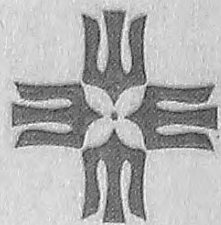
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# What to consider when looking to buy a condo



**Robert Meisner**  
Guest columnist

**Q:** I am interested in buying an upscale condominium in Birmingham, but condos are entirely new to me. What is important to keep in mind as I search around?

**A:** Each condominium project has to be evaluated on its own merits. Anyone buying a condominium must find out first whether the developer of the condominium has a good track record for developing and building condominiums. If there is a history of litigation, that may be a red flag.

There are also other factors that must be considered, including the square

footage cost, the amenities, your rights under the condominium documents, the monthly assessment that will be charged, whether reserves are adequately funded, whether the association is properly managed professionally and by whom, etc.

Whether the price tag is in the hundreds, thousands or millions, all of the necessary preconditions to making an informed decision to purchase must be examined carefully, so you would benefit from the advice of experienced legal counsel.

**Q:** Our condo association has a no-lease policy. A number of people have moved in claiming they are relatives of an owner, but we have no reason to believe that is true. We are concerned that they are violating our policy. What can we do?

**A:** First, consult with your community association attorney to ensure that your documents are clear regarding the no-lease policy and how non-co-owner occupants are addressed. You will have to ensure you do not run afoul of federal fair housing laws which protect against discrimination on the basis of family status.

And keep in mind that the definition of a family has expanded over the years and is not set in stone. A judge may reasonably find that occupants constitute a family even if certain traditionally recognized relationships such as marriage and consanguinity do not exist.

You have a right to determine whether the person is living at the condominium as part of the family of the co-owner. You have every reason to inquire if you suspect that the condominium is being

leased out, assuming your documents prohibit it. But again, exactly how to go about that should be addressed on a case-by-case basis by your community association attorney.

Regarding what you can do personally, keep an eye on leasing websites such as Craigslist, Airbnb, etc. for evidence that the unit is being leased out.

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# How to take advantage of soft recycling service

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While the upcoming school year knocks on the door, cities in southwest Oakland County need not throw last season's clothes away. The nine cities encompassed by the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, which are Farmington, Farmington Hills, Milford, Milford Township, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake and Wixom, are reminding residents that old clothes can be recycled right at the curb.

South Lyon and Wixom became the first two cities in the country to pilot a curbside program with Simple Recycling, which takes care of "soft recyclables" like clothing, in 2014. The rest partnered with Simple Recycling in 2016. Simple Recycling is a for-profit recycling company that comes at no cost to residents.

"Eighty-five percent of the clothing we want to discard on an annual basis is just thrown away in landfills," said Mike Csapo, general manager of the Recycling Authority. "Most of the clothing that we



Residents in Oakland County communities can recycle old clothes at the curb. SUBMITTED

want to get rid of isn't donated or otherwise reused or resold. So in order to capture that material, Simple Recycling tried to make it as easy as possible to get rid of it."

Clothes picked up curbside by Simple Recycling first head to local resale shops. If they're turned away there, the clothes are shipped overseas and, if they still cannot be sold, are recycled.

"It's one more option for people to put something back into the value chain instead of in their trash can," Csapo said. "This is a program that competes with landfills for materials, not with charities."

Residents to the five cities are sent Simple Recycling's bags to set clothes on the curb. When the bags are picked up on a person's designated rubbish pick-up day, new bags are left in their place. Homeowners can call 866-835-5068 to request more bags.

Csapo stressed that donating to local charities is always preferable for giving their clothes new life. But, if that's not possible, he said, Simple Recycling is in the neighborhood every week.

"We always encourage that people first consider charitable giving, there's plenty of charitable organizations out there that can use a lot of the stuff that we want to throw away," he said.

The City of Livonia is currently considering whether to adopt the program.

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# Westland fire kills man, critically injures wife

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An elderly Westland woman dropped a cigarette in her front living room Monday, sparking a blaze that killed her husband and put her in a local hospital's intensive care unit.

Westland police and fire officials are not releasing the couple's names but said the wife, 79, is in stable but critical condition at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Her husband, 80, was pronounced dead from smoke inhalation at another

hospital.

The woman was unable to pick up the cigarette after she dropped it around 6:30 p.m. Monday in the 34000 block of Majestic Street.

Several 9-1-1 calls were made and arriving police found the home engulfed in smoke and flames.

They peered through a sliding glass door to see feet about 20 feet away.

Police entered the home and dragged the woman to safety. They also dragged her husband away from the home, but he was already unconscious.

An officer sustained several cuts but did not require hospital treatment.

"(Still) there is no question that the actions of these responding Westland Police officers are truly heroic," Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said. "This is just another example of how our police officers and firefighters put their lives on the line every single day to help others."

Fire Marshal Kelly Eggers said about 25 Inkster, Garden City and Westland firefighters responded to the blaze. A challenge was that someone, perhaps with the best of intentions, had knocked

out the home's windows.

"Ventilation comes into play," Eggers said. "When you start punching out the windows, that's where the fire is heading. They should not have been punched out."

He said the structure is sound but there was extensive interior damage.

Both fire and police officials said they are mourning the loss of the elderly man and praying for his wife's recovery.

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# Man assigned to psych ward in 5-year-old's death

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Steffani Jones, the mother accused of abusing and murdering her 5-year-old daughter, along with her boyfriend, Michael DeShawn Lewis, failed to appear in Redford's District Court on Tuesday.

Instead, Jones, 26, appeared via video from the Redford Jail. Lewis, 30, never arrived.

His attorney, Sharon Clark Woodside, said Lewis has been assigned to Wayne County Jail's psychiatric ward and she planned to speak with him soon.

Jones and Lewis are charged with felony murder, second-degree murder and two counts of first-degree child abuse after Lyric Jones died from physical injuries she suffered under their care.

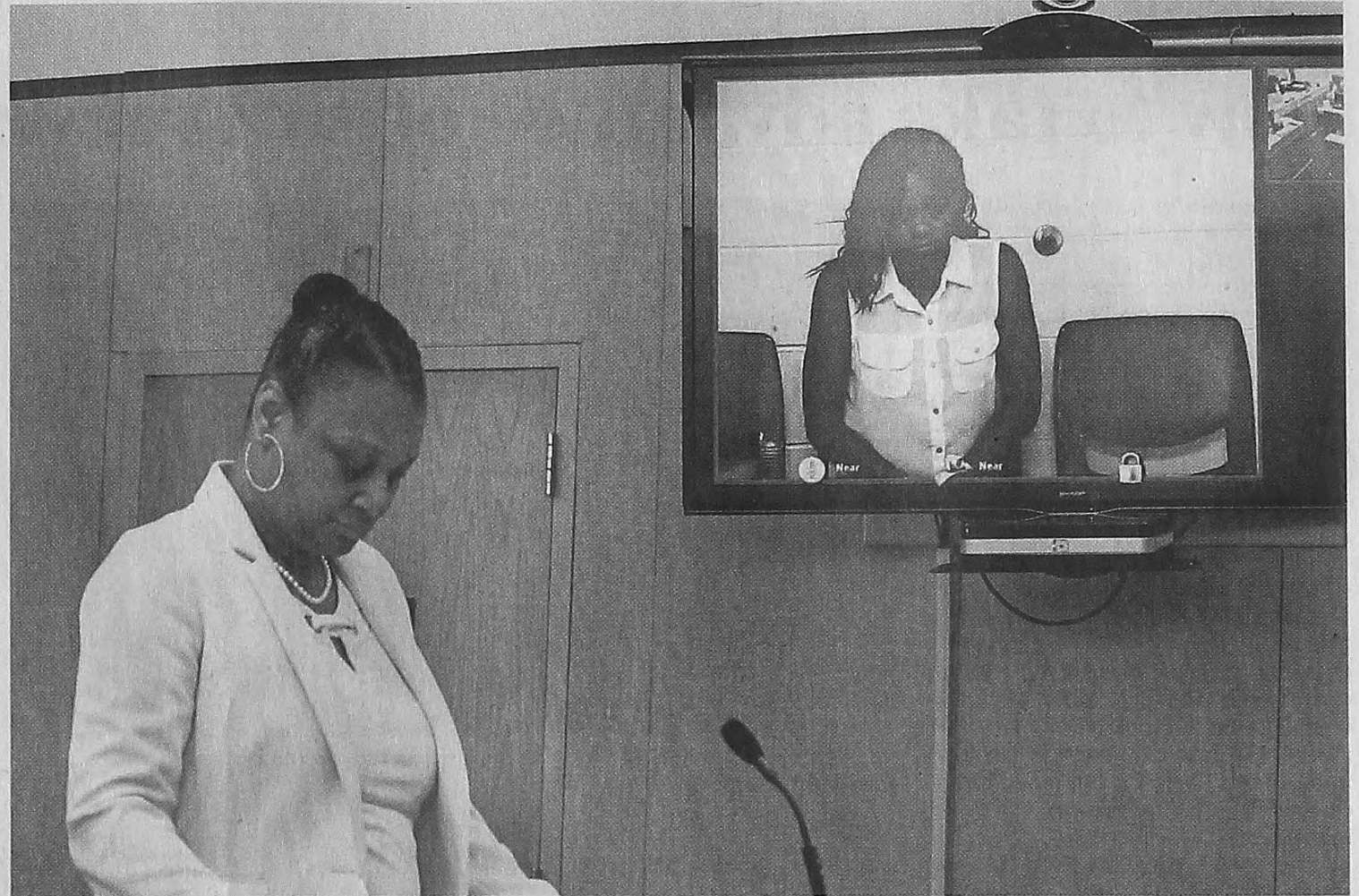
Jones and her two children were staying at the Inn America on Telegraph Road. Lewis was known to watch Lyric and her half-brother, 3, while their mother worked.

Emergency workers were dispatched to the motel because the girl stopped breathing. She was pronounced dead at an area hospital.

Jones and Lewis are scheduled for Aug. 20 and Sept. 20 court proceedings. Lewis will undergo a competency exam.



Lewis



Defense attorney Lillian Diallo, left, speaks at a July 30 preliminary exam in 17th District Court in Redford. Her client, Steffani Jones, appears via video from the Redford Jail. Jones' co-defendant, Michael DeShawn Lewis, was not in court. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Lawsuit alleges sexual assault by court supervisor

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A woman has filed a lawsuit against Redford Township alleging she was sexually assaulted by a supervisor in a court-ordered work program while on probation for a misdemeanor offense.

"I have never felt so humiliated and powerless in my life," Linda Sexton, of Redford, said at a news conference at her attorney's office in St. Clair Shores on Tuesday afternoon.

The lawsuit alleges Larry Dunn, a supervisor in the work program, made numerous suggestive and threatening remarks to Sexton over two days and then ordered her into a tool shed where he assaulted her in July 2017.

Dunn was criminally charged with four counts of sexual misconduct in 2017, but ultimately only convicted of assault and battery and sentenced to probation after he entered into a plea agreement in January 2019, according to Wayne County court records.

The lawsuit filed in Wayne County Circuit Court by Sexton and her husband, Michael, names the township, Dunn and another supervisor who Sexton said did nothing to stop the assault.

Sexton had been sent to the work program by the township's 17th District Court as part of her probation for a misdemeanor offense involving a forged prescription.

The lawsuit seeks an unspecified amount of money for "severe emotional and mental distress; economic losses; humiliation, grief, embarrassment" claimed by Sexton and her husband.

While in the work program, Sexton said, she experienced purposeful isolation and sexual assault at the hands of Dunn.

He repeatedly reminded her of his position and what disobeying him could mean to her, including remarks like "I am the boss" and "I am the mayor," according to the lawsuit.

"He made it very clear from the beginning that if I did not do everything that he said he would violate me (on her probation) and that I would go to jail," she said.

Her attorney, Jonathan Marko, said he hoped going public with the lawsuit would "cause some changes and ... clean up the City of Redford."

"I would love to ask to put this guy in jail," Marko said. "I would love to have the Redford Township have more stringent hiring and training and better supervision of its parolees, and to clean up the government, but I don't have that power."

Sexton said the assault changed her life.

"It made me feel dirty," she said. "I won't open the door. I don't leave my house. Especially if it is a male coming to my house."

# Livonia hosting annual dog swim at Shelden Pool

Treat your dog to an End of Summer Swim.

Dogs are invited to take a swim at Shelden Pool, 33123 Van Court, as it prepares to close for the season.

Small breed dogs, 30 pounds or less may swim 5-7 p.m. Aug. 19. Large breed dogs, 31 pounds or more, may swim 5-7 p.m. Aug. 20.

Rates for Livonia residents are \$4 per dog and non-Livonia residents are \$7 per dog.

In 2018, at the inaugural End of Summer Dog Swim, over 30 dogs, both small and large breeds, participated in the event.

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or visit [www.livoniaparks.org](http://www.livoniaparks.org).

# MDOT funds sidewalks to link school, parks

The City of Westland has been awarded a \$208,000 Transportation Alternative Grant through MDOT to fund a safe pedestrian route to link key parts of the community to Hamilton Elementary School and local parks.

The proposed 1,615-foot-long, 5-foot-wide sidewalk project will fill gaps that

run along the west side of Schuman Road between Glen and Palmer roads.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$250,000, with \$42,000 being paid for through the general fund.

"Once this sidewalk project is complete, it will provide a continuous pedestrian facility with road crossings

along Schuman Street, connecting the local subdivisions to the local elementary school and city parks," said Mayor Bill Wild in a release.

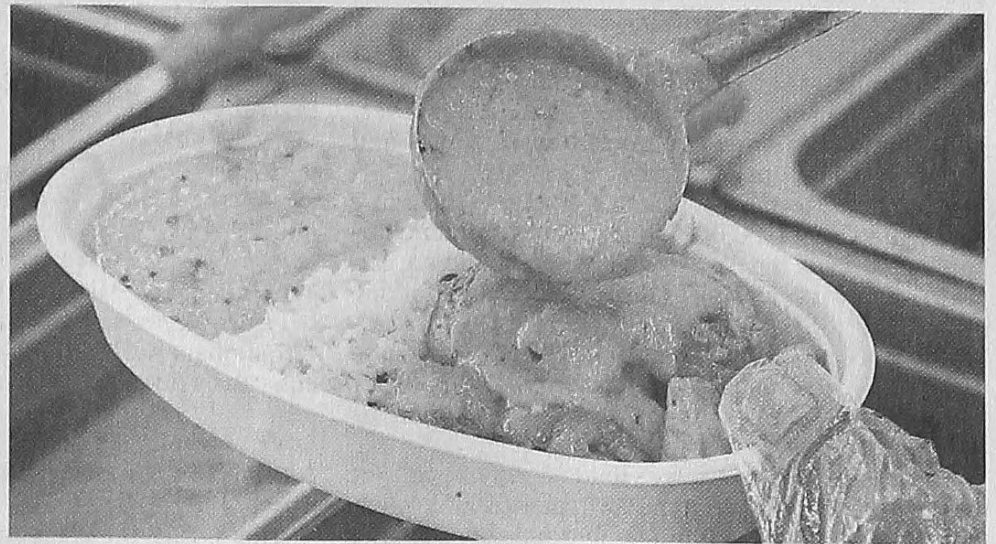
Construction is slated to begin at the end of the 2020 school year.

This is the third Safe Route to School grant Westland has been awarded in the

past three years. The city received a grant for the Newburgh sidewalk gap between the Clyde Smith subdivision and Joy Road, which was completed last fall, as well as the Marquette sidewalk gap between Newburgh and Wayne roads, which is currently under construction.



Chef and owner of Novi's Masala Indian Kitchen, Sathish Kumar, opened his new restaurant about three weeks ago. Kumar previously had been a cook at the former nearby Mirchi restaurant that was located at Grand River and Novi Road. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



A chicken and rice bowl is covered in masala sauce.



Employee Yash Reddy prepares a chicken masala with rice bowl.

## Fast-casual Indian eatery open in Novi

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Walk into the Masala Indian Kitchen restaurant in Novi and it's probably not like any other Indian restaurant you've been to.

That's exactly what owner Sathish Kumar wants you to notice.

"They go to other restaurants and the buffet is so huge and they try to pile up the plate and they can't eat. They feel heavy until the evening," he said. "Here, they come, they eat, they leave."

The restaurant, at 43168 Grand River Ave. in the Novi Town Center, opened a few weeks back and aims to be a "fast casual" approach to Indian food.

If you aren't accustomed to tikka masala chicken or a dosa crepe made with rice and lentils, Kumar hopes you'll stop in and try his food.

"I'm not really focusing on the Indian community," he said. "I'm focusing more on the locals."

Kumar, a Novi resident who immigrated to the U.S. in 2000, has worked at several restaurants and owned Aroma Indian Cuisine on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. He decided to get out of that restaurant and began working on his new concept starting in October, which occupies the space where The Big Salad used to be.

The restaurant mimics other fast-casual restaurants with high-quality tables and chairs, simple decor highlight-

ing spices such as turmeric and cinnamon, and even a remote ordering kiosk for those who want to quickly and easily customize their meal.

The menu is full of Indian delicacies spanning the subcontinent. Kumar has brought a taste of both north and south India to his restaurant, which vary greatly in flavor.

"Indian cuisine is huge. North Indian food is mild, where they use a lot of dairy products like cream, cheese and butter," he said. "Whereas, I'm from south India, so we don't use a lot of dairy products. South Indians tend to eat more spicy."

He hopes his concept expands in the coming months. He's eyeing potential additional Masala Indian Kitchens in Royal Oak, Troy and downtown Detroit. His hope is to open six restaurant in the coming months.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. More information, including a menu, can be found on the restaurant's website, [masalamichigan.com](http://masalamichigan.com).

Despite being the owner, Kumar will not be loafing around in the back. He'll be up at the stove and prep table with his employees. Preparing the best food around is too important for him to sit back.

"I spend all day in the kitchen," he said. "It's like my second home."

"I'm on wheels. I never sit."

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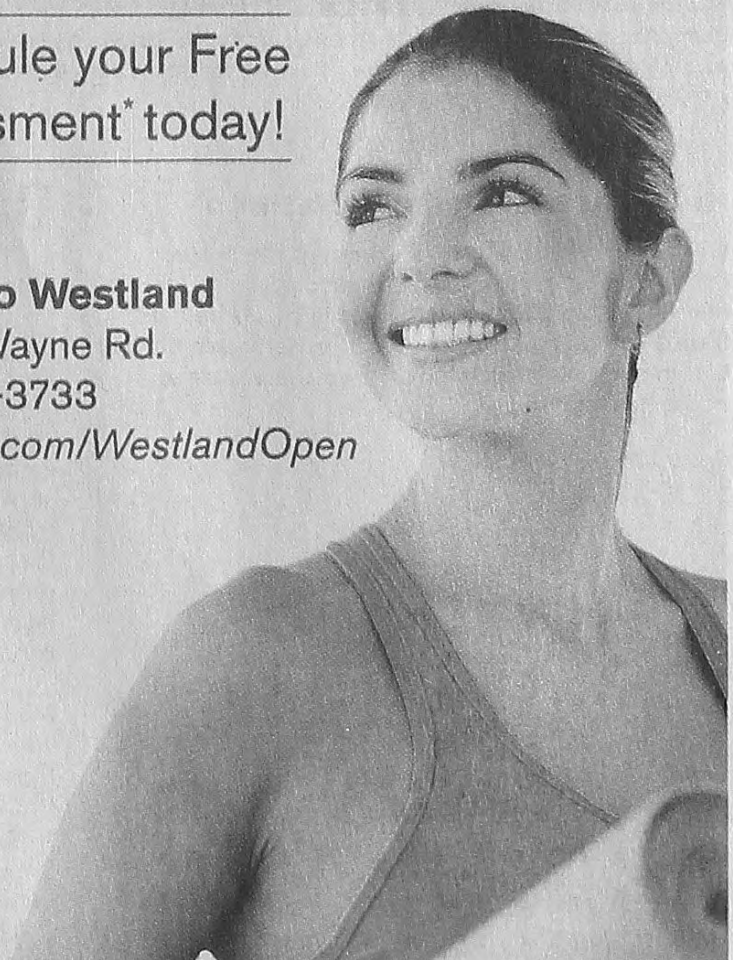
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Novi's Masala Indian Kitchen sits off Grand River Avenue near Novi Road.

# Country clubs making a comeback

## Renovations spur move toward younger, more casual atmosphere

**Karen Dybis** Special to Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

When the Birmingham Athletic Club brought in a consultant to consider a massive, club-wide renovation, the first question that expert asked was why the upscale, family-friendly club had its main member dining room facing the parking lot.

So when the \$7.5 million, 13-month renovation got underway in May 2018, the BAC moved the eating space to the back of the building, where it now overlooks the more impressive pools, tennis courts and nine-hole miniature golf course.

The club also made other big changes, including adding a two-story, 8,000-square-foot summer clubhouse known as the Shark Tank, where members can grab a quick bite, a drink or drop off their kids for day camp.

The more casual space cut back on the BAC's "white tablecloth" feel, encouraging more of its younger members and families to eat there, said general manager Paul Spencer.

The changes seem to have made a difference. Not only has dining revenue at the BAC seen a double-digit increase, but membership is going up, too, Spencer said. The club has added 37 members over where it was a year ago and is seeing a rise in younger members who are looking for more health, fitness and social options. The cost? A \$10,000 initiation fee plus dues ranging from \$120 to \$500 a month, said Spencer.

It's "a cool, casual club," Spencer said. "We're excited for what's to come."

All across metro Detroit, the swanky social scene is seeing a revival of sorts these days, with well-known country clubs, yacht clubs and golf clubs investing millions of dollars into their dated facilities.

They're part of a national trend in this strong economy to gain a younger and wider array of members, said Henry Wallmeyer, president and CEO of The National Club Association in Washington, D.C., a trade group that advocates for the private club industry.

Private clubs were the original Facebook, Wallmeyer said, where people came together to meet others, share stories and do things with friends. Successful clubs understand that the old model of strict dress codes and limited activities is outdated.

"There's a lot of competition out there with different options for what people could be doing" for recreation, Wallmeyer said. "We tell our clubs that they should look to be that third place: First, home; second, work; third, the club ... and that means relaxing dress codes, allowing electronics and adding more casual areas for work and play."



**Tennis coaches Haley Washington, 19, and Sofia Gryznia, 16, praise their Junior Pro students at the Birmingham Athletic Club in Bloomfield Township on July 18.** KATHLEEN GALLIGAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

### A resort in the neighborhood

This spring, the Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Township changed hands and new owners, led by investor Joe Barbat, are investing more than \$7 million in renovations to areas including the pool, banquet hall, dining room, fitness area and locker rooms, Barbat said in an email through his spokeswoman Alex Jona.

The goal, Barbat said, is to create more of a resort feel than a traditional country club.

"We are taking the country out of country club and are attracting the new club member, the future generations that want the contemporary modern feel one would experience in Miami or LA," Barbat said.

Fellow investor Blake George said via Jona that rates to join are only released to members who have been accepted by the club's board, but said Wabeek is "competitively priced" compared to many clubs in Oakland County.

"The economy is strong, and it's a perfect opportunity for us to attract the modern-day professional that wants to enjoy the club life and network socially in an atmosphere with like-minded and affluent members," Barbat said.

### Members want more

In downtown Detroit, The Detroit Club membership director Lena Angott and director of operations Anthony Eovaldi say the facility is experiencing month-over-

month membership increases since reopening in March 2018 after "several million dollars" in improvements.

Most of that is from out-of-town companies and residents who want a "home base" at the Cass Avenue club.

The Detroit Club added 10 hotel rooms, took out a bowling alley to add a new fitness room and spa and redid its third floor to create a cigar lounge. In recent months, it has updated the furniture in its main-floor area to be less formal, Eovaldi said.

Waterfront clubs in Detroit are also seeing the benefits of improvements.

This fall, the Bayview Yacht Club in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood of Detroit is starting a renovation estimated at around \$3.7 million that will include improvements to the 1928 clubhouse and more views and connection to the Detroit River, said Natalie Cotichio, communications coordinator.

The Detroit Yacht Club has made \$500,000 in changes this year to attract and retain members, including updating its member restaurant, adding a pool deck expansion of approximately 1,200 square feet and installing a new wood pergola at the outdoor pool entrance, said Collette Osuna, director of sales and marketing for the Detroit-based club.

"People are realizing the value of belonging to a private club and being a part of something exclusive, yet within reach. Our members enjoy beautiful surroundings, great food and an upscale experience," Osuna said. "We believe that people join private clubs to meet like-minded people to network with and gain relationships."

"People want and need an escape, and the Detroit Yacht Club provides that."

Osuna said the DYU saw its membership decline with recessions in the past. But that has changed with the improvements and general interest in being part of the city's overall renaissance.

Osuna declined to give membership rates but called the cost to join the DYU "affordable."

"Our membership is on a high climb with a demand to be a part of Detroit history at the DYU. We have a waitlist for boat wells, as we are at capacity this season," Osuna said.

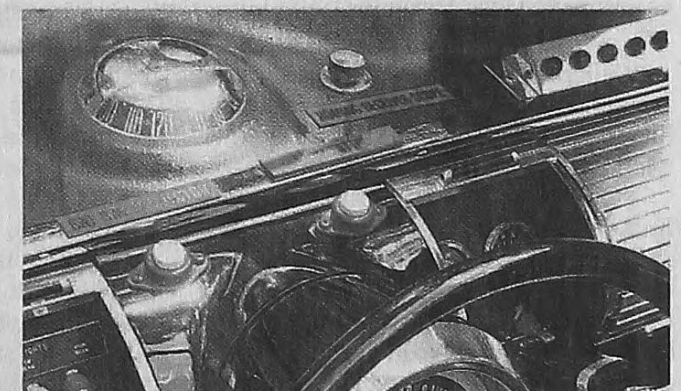
DYU member and Highland Park resident Bailey Sisoysgro, owner of Detroit History Tours and the Detroit History Club, said she originally joined the Detroit Yacht Club in 2015 for access to its indoor and outdoor pools.

The avid lap swimmer said she was excited to find pools and amenities within Detroit.

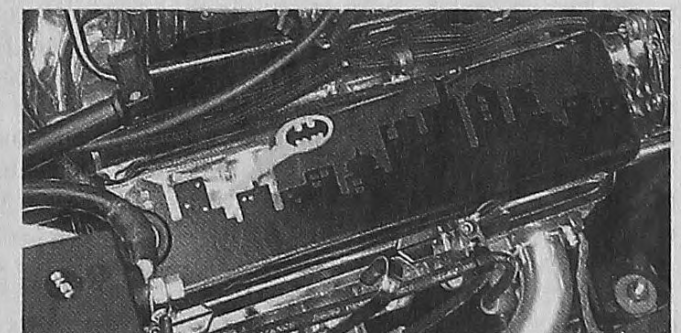
"Now I stay for the complete experience of a getaway 15 minutes from my ... home's door. I've upgraded to being a boating member and, with my fiancé, we'd both say we are having the time of our lives," Sisoysgro said.



**Barry Barber's Batmobile is authentic down to its deployable braking parachutes and flaming exhaust port at the center of the rear bumper. Barber produces flames from the port with a propane cylinder in the trunk.** PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



**The Fiberglass Freaks' version of the Batmobile is very true to its original TV show design, including buttons on the dashboard for the Bat ray projector and homing receiver scope.**



**Barber's Batmobile is based on a 1978 Lincoln Continental chassis. Its engine is brand new and features some Bat logo designs on its headers.**

## Holy classic car show, Batman!

When not roaring down Woodward at the Dream Cruise, the Batmobile will be on display at the Bloomfield Township Classic Car Show, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield Hills dealership on Woodward, just south of Big Beaver Road.

## Batmobile

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Bat phone, a Bat fire extinguisher, a Bat ray projector, a homing receiver scope, a detect-a-scope and more.

There are no roof or windows on the car, but a red light beacon marks the high point on the car from a centerpiece rising behind the curved windshield and above the console.

Batfins project from the rear of the car, and between them are a flamethrower exhaust port powered from a propane tank hidden in the trunk, as well as two "legit" bags containing parachutes to either side (the switch is turned off so they won't be accidentally deployed).

The Batmobile has what appears to be your average Michigan license plate, but with a click of a button, what Barber joked "you do when the cops come," it flips over to reveal the alternate identification "Bat-1, Gotham City."

Barber, 60, who said he has "always had a jones for a Batmobile" and watched the television show as a kid, finally got his toy this year. It wasn't cheap.

The Batmobile was built in 2014 by Fiberglass Freaks, which manufactures about one exact 1966 replica of the car per year. This replica had been sitting in

storage at the Arizona museum for the past several years and because of this, there was restoration work to be done to the tune of \$30,000, with updates including installation of a 383 Chevy Hydro torque engine and transmission.

Now he expects smooth sailing at the Dream Cruise with the Batmobile, which measures 19-foot-3-inches from front to back and weighs 5,300 pounds.

The car causes a sensation when he takes it out and the most common question asked is about the chassis, which came from a yellow 1986 Lincoln Continental. Barber has to drive defensively as gawking motorists take videos and pictures with their cell phones.

"When I'm stopped at lights, they'll ask permission to sit in the car," he said, and they get an answer of, "No, you can't."

When asked who will accompany him in the place of sidekick Robin at the Dream Cruise, Barber, the father of four children, said he isn't sure.

One thing he does know is that his first time driving in the Dream Cruise will be fun.

"A lot of cars get attention, but this is unbelievable," he said. "There's nobody that doesn't like it - whether you are black, white, young, old, boy or girl. ... It will be such a blast."

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**Annabelle Gabel**

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Annabelle Gabel of Farmington Hills. Age 82. July 29, 2019.

Beloved wife of Bruce for 50 years. Dear mother of William (Stacey), Russell (Suzie), Lynn (Bill) Kennedy and Kathy (Mike) Forsyth. Caring grandmother of Tony Cain, Scott (Christina) Johnston, Melissa (Jordan) Page, Hudson and Julie Gabel. Great grandmother of Ella, Shelby, Owen, Weston and Emerson.

A Visitation will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 14541 Farmington Rd, Livonia on Friday, August 2, 2019, at 1:00 - 9:00 PM. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at 11:00 AM at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Rd, Farmington Hills. Instate at 10:30 AM.

Please share a memory of Annabelle at [www.rggrharris.com](http://www.rggrharris.com).

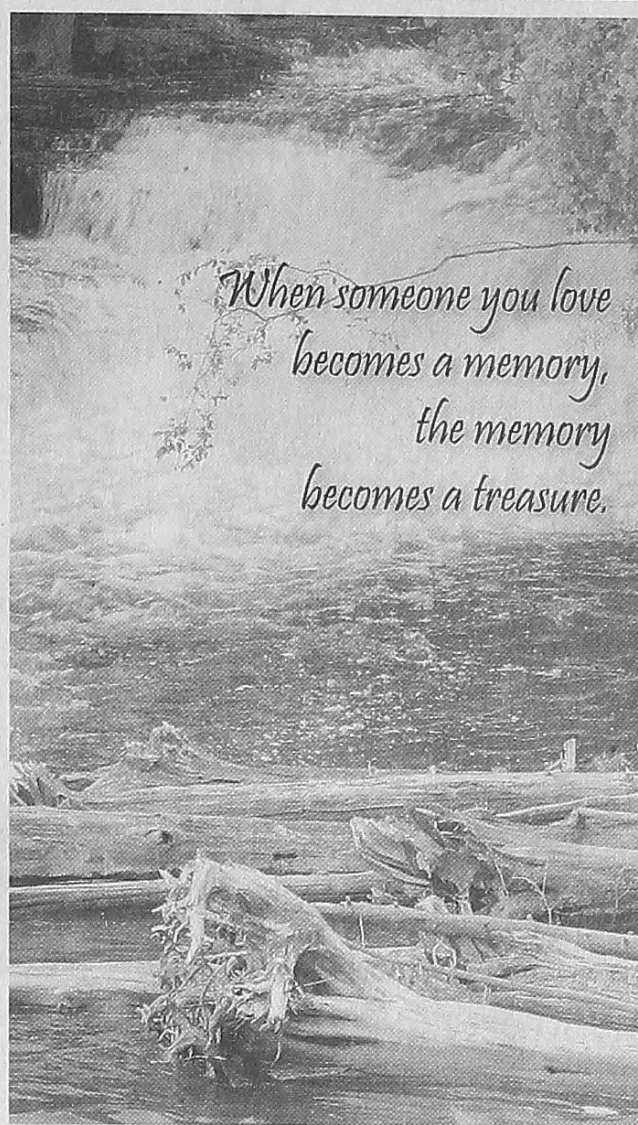
## Elizabeth "Betty" Nicolay

**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Elizabeth "Betty" Nicolay, age 88 of Farmington Hills, passed away July 28, 2019. She was the beloved wife of the late Ernest "Bud" Nicolay and was cherished by her children Nick, Kathy Ruoff and Jim, along with their families. Betty was born in Orchard Lake and graduated from Pontiac High School. She attended Michigan State University where she was a member of Delta Zeta. Betty was exceptionally active in her community. She was a member of the Optimist Club and honored as the 1985 Optimist Citizen of the Year and named as the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce citizen of the year in 1990. She was the founder of Farmington Families in Action and sat on the Farmington Hills Police Crime Prevention Advisory Committee along with the Board of Directors for the Farmington Area YMCA. She also chaired the Administrative Board at Nardin Park Church and was secretary of the United Methodist Women. Private family services for Betty have been held. Betty's family would like to thank her wonderful caregivers for their years of dedication to her. Donations in her name are appreciated to the Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association, P.O. Box 255, Farmington, MI 48332. [www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

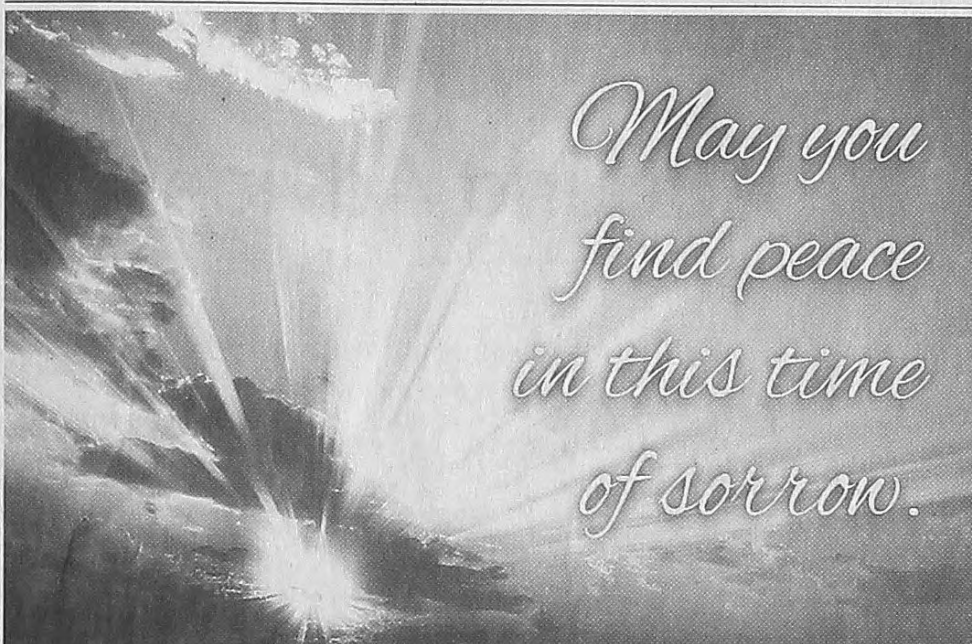


**Jo Ann Saranen**

**LIVONIA** - Ann (nee Immel) of Livonia, age 89, July 17, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Carl Robert Saranen. Loving mother of Gayle (John) Jetchick, Richard, James, Yvonne Burton and Janet (Phillip) Smith. Proud grandmother of 7 and great grandmother of 5. No Service is planned. Memorial contributions may be directed to Michigan Humane Society. Please share a memory at [www.rggrharris.com](http://www.rggrharris.com).



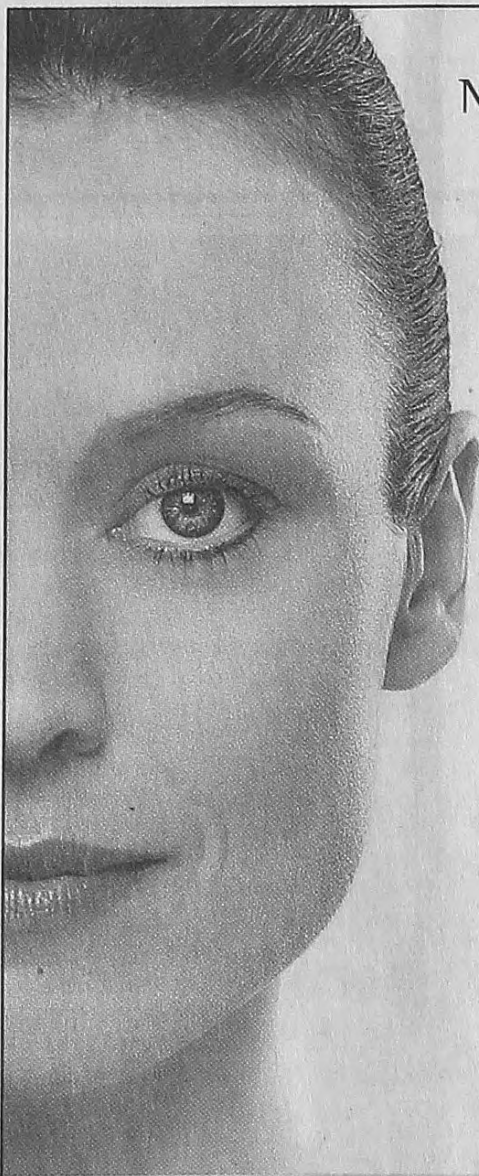
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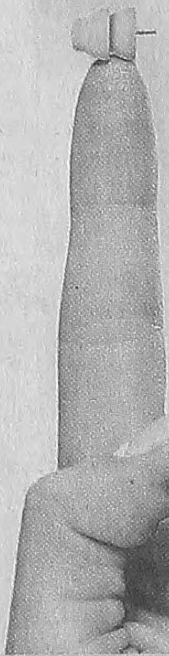
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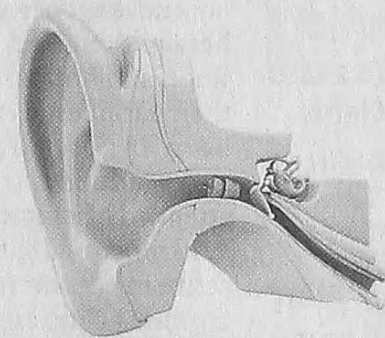
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# Sports

## Balls of Steel wins Livonia ball hockey league

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Balls of Steel defeated the defending champion Junkyard Dogs, 7-1, in the winner-take-all Michigan Ball Hockey League A-League championship game. Captain Brandon McCullough scored five goals and had an assist to lead his team. Ryan McCullough, who had 11 goals and seven assists in four playoff games, scored a goal and had five assists in the championship game. Junkyard Dogs entered Sunday's action leading the series, 1-0. Balls of Steel tied the series with a 4-0 victory. Ryan

McCullough scored three goals and Cam Wolford had the shutout in goal. Ryan McCullough topped the season scoring list with 28 goals and 44 points. Alex Alger, of the Fantoms, was second with 28 goals and 38 points. Michigan Ball Hockey has three leagues of play at the Livonia Rec Center. Games are played Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and Thursday nights. For more information, join the Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/Michiganballhockey](http://www.facebook.com/groups/Michiganballhockey). Contact Andrew Vaillencourt at [availlenc@hometownlife.com](mailto:availlenc@hometownlife.com) or 810-923-0659. Follow him on Twitter @AndrewVcourt.



The Michigan Ball Hockey League A-League champion team, Balls of Steel, poses with the Sarkisoff Cup. Front row: Brandon McCullough, left, Cam Wolford and Mark Robert; Back row: Anjanette Rieger Delgado, left, Tim Domzalski, Nick Martell, Ryan McCullough, Ed Hendricks, and Josh Helig. SUBMITTED



A bowler holds a rescue puppy during last year's Bowl-4-Animal rescue event. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHELLE MULLEN

## Bowl-4-Animal Rescue event returning Aug. 10

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Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, co-owners of Aleta Sill's Bowling World and general managers of Country Lanes, are hosting the 14th annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue presented by Dearborn Family Pet Care at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. Aug. 10 also happens to be National Bowling Day. Sill and Mullen, who are also co-founders of the Michigan Animal Welfare Foundation, are hoping to raise funds to care for various rescue animal groups. This event has a goal to raise \$60,000 for the Friends For Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD), the Michigan Animal



Bowlers and a rescue dog pose for a photo during last year's event.

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## Tour leaders face off in playoffs at Whispering Willows


**M.B. Dillon** Special to Hometownlife.com  
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The Golf Channel is really missing out. On any given day, its camera crew could be capturing amazing moments on the Kensington Junior Golf Tour. That includes last week at Livonia's Whispering Willows, where tour leaders Sam Frelich and L.T. Smith both fired 79, deadlocking for first and competing in a play-off. Frelich, of Commerce Township, shooting one of his best rounds this summer, won in sudden death with a par on the first play-off hole, number 17. Had Smith not 3-putted on the 18th hole, the outcome would have been different. It was a battle of brothers in the youngest boys division, with Westland's Troy Watson, 13, shooting 83 to beat 10-year-old Damo Watson by a single stroke.

"It's pretty fun competing against my brother. We're pretty competitive about everything," Damo said. Competing in her second tournament, Gabriella Tapp, 14, of South Lyon, shot 91 to win the girls 18-hole division. "It's kind of crazy because I didn't feel like I played that good, honestly," said Tapp, who will enter South Lyon High School in the fall. In the 9-hole group, top finisher Lauren Thomas of Brighton, who scored 49, offered kudos to golf partner Vince Walkup of Milford, who shot 77. "It was his first time playing, and I wanted to give a shout-out to him. He did really well. It was fun playing with him," said Lauren, 12, a leader in tour standings.

Frelich, who golfs for Walled Lake Northern where he'll be a senior, said: "I started off pretty bad but finally learned how to hit the ball, so it turned out OK. I shot 42 on the front nine. I knew I had to play really good on the back nine to have a chance. I shot 37 on the back. I started hitting greens; seven out of nine. I had no birdies, which was surprising. I'd say my approach shot on 18 (a par 4) was a highlight. I stuck it close and I parred the hole."


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# Bill would overhaul oversight after Olympic abuse scandals

**Brent Schrotenboer**  
USA TODAY

The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee failed to protect athletes during a spate of recent sex abuse scandals and now must face an act of Congress to help make sure it never happens again, according to a damning 18-month investigation by two U.S. senators.

Their solution is legislation that will overhaul the oversight of the Olympic movement and even give Congress the power to fire the people in charge of it.

Sens. Jerry Moran, R-Kansas, and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., introduced the bill Tuesday after determining the USOPC and various national governing bodies in Olympic sports "turned a blind eye" to these problems, especially with convicted child molester Larry Nassar, the former national team doctor for USA Gymnastics.

Nassar "was not a lone wolf," Blumenthal said. "He was enabled and emboldened by people in positions of trust who looked the other way in the face of this crushing, ongoing, vile evil. The in-

stitutions and individuals failed those athletes. We're now at a moment of reckoning."

Their bill seeks to drastically change a culture that valued "medals and money" above morals and athlete safety. It increases the accountability of the USOPC and the 50 national governing bodies, which previously often operated as independent, separate fiefdoms in charge of their individual sports.

Among the highlights:

■ The bill states that Congress can dissolve the USOPC's board of directors if it finds that it is failing to fulfill its purposes as described in the Amateur Sports Act.

■ The bill would require \$20 million in annual funding from the USOPC to the U.S. Center for SafeSport, which is tasked with investigating claims of sex abuse in Olympic sports and punishing those found responsible. SafeSport opened in 2017 and currently gets about \$6 million from the USOPC.

■ The bill would increase athlete representation in the governance of the USOPC and national governing bodies.

It proposes to raise the minimum threshold for membership and voting power held by amateur athletes from 20% to 33.3%.

■ The bill would require SafeSport to publish and maintain a publicly available website that contains a comprehensive list of individuals who are barred from the USOPC or a national governing body. Moran's and Blumenthal's legislative recommendations cited a USA TODAY investigation published in December that found several cases of coaches who were banned for misconduct but still coaching kids. The lack of a comprehensive list made it easier for them to keep coaching.

■ The bill requires the USOPC to review national governing bodies at least every four years and renew its recognition of them based on those reviews.

"No longer would the (USOPC) be able to say, 'That's an NGB issue,'" Moran said. "It is now made clear they have oversight over those national governing bodies in these circumstances."

The USOPC moved to decertify one of those NGBs last year, USA Gymnastics,

in response to the scandal involving Nassar, who was accused by more than 350 women of molesting them under the guise of medical treatment. But USA Gymnastics filed for bankruptcy as it faced dozens of sex-abuse lawsuits, a move that delayed the decertification process. The new bill would close that loophole and states that decertification proceedings initiated by the USOPC are not subject to an automatic stay because of a bankruptcy filing.

Moran and Blumenthal are the chair and ranking member of the subcommittee that oversees the USOPC and amateur sports. They and their staff began investigating in early 2018 and heard from sexual abuse survivors in different sports, including those abused by Nassar. Their bill is entitled the "Empowering Olympic and Amateur Athletes Act of 2019." It would amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act of 1998.

"This is legislating the way it used to be: bipartisan investigation and then thoughtful careful drafting of a new proposal," Blumenthal said.



The Livonia Wild 16U Michels team were champions at three tournaments this season. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MATT JONES

## Livonia Wild travel softball teams have impressive season

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The local Livonia Wild travel softball teams proved to be some of the best in the state this summer, winning tournaments and championships at multiple levels.

The Livonia Wild 10U Benaske team was runner-up at the Fenton Summer Slam. Team members are: (first row) Avery Cipa, Tayler Fisher, (second row) Natalie Morton, Makenna Goldman, Brooke Benaske, Riley Kirk, (third row) Katie Cramer, Kennedy Hinkle, Kinlee Goldman, Sarah Schniers, Katelyn Perrine, (back row) coach Sean Goldman, coach Josh Kirk, coach Mike Cipa and head coach Steve Benaske.

The Livonia Wild 11U Galantis team won the Jeannine Dufault-Brighton Tournament and went undefeated to become USSSA-WWCL league champions.

Team members are Alyson Donohue, Grace Fornash, Lauren Micallef, Claire Galatis, Elena Politowicz, Bella Indish, Alencia Mace, Corinne Gietzen, Soseh Broglin, Lauren Wilkins, Katie Buchel, Chris Galatis, Randy Micallef, Jim Buchel and Jamie Wilkins.

The Livonia Wild 12U Moore team was runner-up of the Rosa Oliver Memorial Tournament.

Team members are Grace Minard, Deven Young, Sierra Dorst, Abbie Sabon, Sianna Hill, Izzy Krekeler, Claire Rogan, Kylie Railing, Brooke Hamari, Mckenna Moore, Rylie Railing and Ava Tank.

The Livonia Wild 12U Wells team had a dominant summer. They were USSSA Memorial Day Blast runners-up, USSSA Summer Slam champions, Lakeshore Storm Summer Classic champions and



The Livonia Wild 10U Benaske team was runner-up at the Fenton Summer Slam.

three-time USSSA-WWCL league champions.

Team members are Taleah Griffiths, Mckenzie Cook, Ruby Wells, Jodie Spielman, coach Dean Rugh, Abby Sheridan, Brooklyn Buzby, Amelia Rugh, Avery Wells, Leah Dines, Brinley Eckerman and head coach Brett Wells.

The Livonia Wild 15U Rons team was runner-up of the Rosa Oliver Memorial Tournament.

Team members include Sydney Berger, Katie Coffell, Annika Vanlton, Madie Latham, head coach Matt Rons, coach Stephanie Vanlton, Lottie Hanus, Hailey Rons, Meganne Skoug, Annisa Dorst, Riley Cook, Kendall Coggins, coach Brian Latham and coach Chris

Berger.

The Livonia Wild 16U Michels team became Rosa Oliver Memorial Tournament champions, Firecracker Classic Tournament champions and USSSA Summer Slam Tournament champions.

Team members include: (front row) Abby Kuczmarzski, Lauren Pyle, Alexa Michels, (middle row) Emily Haines, Emma Delcotto, Emily Bojko, Emma Uetz, (back row) head coach Mark Michels, Nikki Hartley, Rachel Cassatt, Megan Nowak, Morgan Price and coach Stan Uetz.

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## The Edge Fitness Club coming to Farmington Hills area

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Farmington Hills is the first of four locations for The Edge Fitness Clubs opening up in Michigan. The club is scheduled to open sometime in September.

With over 30 years of fitness experience, the company is East Coast based but is newly expanding to the Midwest region and opening new locations, several in the Detroit metro area. The Farmington Hills location will be on Grand River near the Target and Riviera Cinema.

The Edge Fitness Clubs plan to have 31 locations opened by the end of the year. Other locations near the metro Detroit area include Rochester Hills, Sterling Heights and Westland.

"We are excited to bring our product and services to the Detroit community," said Michael Copeland, chief executive officer at The Edge Fitness Clubs. "Detroit is the right place for us to be and we can't wait to open 10 to 12 clubs in this area."

The Edge Fitness Clubs are dedicated to providing an environment for its members to reach their personal fitness goals. No matter what you would like to do, whether it be toning muscle, building strength, or losing weight, The Edge Fitness Club says it will be sure to have you covered and provide you with helping hands to get you across your finish line.

With 40,000 square feet of workout space, The Edge Fitness Clubs provide plenty of amenities. They include group exercise classes: spinning, Zumba, Les Mills and more, personal training, Edge Kids Fitness, women's area, massage, saunas, turf area and sprint lanes, cardio, machines, free weights and an Edge Cinema.

You can become a member for \$9.99 per month with the Edge Red membership. Right now, the club is offering discounted rates for the Edge Fit and Edge Total memberships.

For more information, visit [www.TheEdgeFitnessClubs.com](http://www.TheEdgeFitnessClubs.com).  
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The owners of Country Lanes in Farmington are expecting another big turnout this year at the 14th Annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue event. COURTESY OF MICHELLE MULLEN

## Bowl

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Adoption Network (MAAN) and Cat Tail Acres.

The event has grown significantly over the years. In the first 13 years, Bowl-4-Animal Rescue (along with its partner event, The Fur Ball) has raised over \$680,000.

The 2019 online fundraising drive is going on now at [www.Bowl4Animal-Rescue.org](http://www.Bowl4Animal-Rescue.org).

"What makes this event special to us is that we bring two passions together – bowling and animals – to do good in our community, along with our community of friends," Mullen said. "Together we can do so much more, and through this

event, hosted by our Michigan Animal Welfare Foundation, we remain a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. There are so many animals in need who count on us."

Tickets for Bowl-4-Animal Rescue are \$35 in advance (\$40 at the door) and include three games, dinner and shoe rental. Meal tickets are \$10. Tickets may be purchased at [www.Bowl4Animal-Rescue.org](http://www.Bowl4Animal-Rescue.org).

There will also be plenty of great prizes at the bowling alley.

The top four fund-raisers will win one of the following:

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- Country Lanes bowling party
- New bowling ball with lesson

Additionally, there will be a cash bar, food from Red Robin, great music and many raffles and auction prizes.

Over a third of the funds raised by this event come from pledges and donations.

Here are just a few ways the donations assist animals:

- \$500 treats a small dog for heartworm
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For additional information on participating in the 14th Annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue, contact Mullen at 248-217-8275 or [michelle@michigananimal-welfarefoundation.org](mailto:michelle@michigananimal-welfarefoundation.org), or visit [www.Bowl4AnimalRescue.org](http://www.Bowl4AnimalRescue.org).

"The event will be a success for us if we see our pledge drive at Bowl4AnimalRescue.org soar and pack the place in on Aug. 10," Mullen said. "It is such a great event, with an electric feel to it, and it allows us to raise awareness to 'adopt, not shop' for the souls that are already out there. There are even purebred rescues for those who want to own a purebred."

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# Playoffs

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"I'd never been in a playoff before, so it was a little stressful walking up to the tee box. After L.T. went, the pressure kind of came off."

Frelich drove the green and 2-putted for his par.

With an excellent shot at winning a county championship (Kensington golfers compete for tour titles in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw) "the win feels good, knowing there is only one week left," Frelich said.

Smith, who will be a senior at Detroit Novi Catholic Central and is looking to make the top five on the Shamrocks' varsity golf squad, said: "I made some good par saves, but I just didn't have the momentum going at all today. It was kind of a slow round. I made a lot of bogeys. On the back nine, I ended up 3-putting 18. That cost me. It goes back to that."

The Brighton resident fired a 71 to finish second in Kensington's Huron Hills tournament and won the Hartland Glen tourney with a 73.

Troy Watson, with a career-best 79 to his credit, shot a 7-over-par 42 on the first nine. The soon-to-be Livonia Frost Middle School eighth-grader said: "I did all right. I left a lot of strokes out there. I double-bogeyed a par-3. I had a lot of positive stuff. I got a lot of par saves on par-4s and I made a lot of long-distance putts today. That felt really great. Most of those putts I really needed.

"I was driving the ball really good; around 230-235 yards. On the back nine, I shot 41. I had a lot of iron shots that were next to trees but I still made it on the green. On the (par 5) 16th hole, I got on the green in 5. I had a 50-foot putt left for bogey. It was going a little too fast and offline on the way to the hole. My ball hit something and died down. I sank that putt. I was really excited about that.

"I had one lucky shot on 18. I hit my 3-wood next to a tree. It was about 49 yards. It bounced a few times, and lipped out of the hole. I was a little overwhelmed that it got so close. I wanted it to go in, but it was all right."

Damo shot 41 on the first nine.

"On hole number 9, I hit my third shot to about 10 feet and made my putt

for par. That felt good," said Damo, who will be a fifth grader at Johnson Upper Elementary in Westland. "On the back nine on a par 3, I hit a big draw and it went into the middle of some trees. My dad told me to just punch a pitching wedge out of the trees onto the green, and I did exactly that. I had about a 20-footer. I 2-putted for bogey. I thought it was a good shot out of the trees and I had an opportunity to make par."

Tapp carded 45 on the front nine.

"I thought I was pretty bad. I didn't really know where my clubs were going to go. I wasn't striking them very well," she said. "On the back nine, I shot 46. I had a birdie on hole number 8 (a par 4). My tee shot was like 40 yards out. I chipped to five feet and made the putt. That felt really good after I wasn't playing my best for a while."

Whispering Willows "is pretty nice, and pretty wide open," said Tapp, adding that the Kensington Tour "is fun; it's not really intense. The competition feels more relaxed."

Runner-up Sara Haupt, who will be a junior at St. Catherine of Siena Academy in Wixom, scored 94.

"I shot 49 on the first nine. I took a 9-hole warm-up," joked Haupt,



At left, Sam Frelich of Walled Lake Northern, left, and L.T. Smith of Detroit Novi Catholic Central dueled in the boys division at Whispering Willows. After tying for first, Frelich won in a one-hole playoff. At right, Gabriella Tapp of South Lyon, left, topped the girls division. Sara Haupt of Northville took runner-up honors. PHOTOS BY M.B. DILLON/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

who shot 80 in a G.A.M. tournament earlier this summer. "I couldn't really get on in regulation, and when I did, I'd 3-putt."

She fared better on the second nine, shooting 45. Haupt had a memorable 6th hole on a day when her woods "weren't going straight. I got on the green in three. This is a long par 4. I ended up 1-putting and thought, 'This is great. I'm so happy,'" she said.

Like many others on the tour, Haupt looks forward to the Kensington Ryder Cup, set for Aug. 5 at Moose Ridge Golf Course in South Lyon.

"It's one of my favorites. It's really chill and you don't have to care about your score so much. It's match play and one hole really won't matter," the Northville resi-

dent said.

Describing her win among the 9-holers, Lauren Thomas said, "I would say I did pretty well. I got a lot of 5s. I think by far the hardest hole was the first one, with a lot of doglegs. It's a par 5 and it was the only 7 I had on the course.

"I got a par on hole 8, and had a 5 on holes 3, 5, 6, and 7. And on 2, 4, and 9 I had a 6. And it was in the 40's so I was happy with it. It felt really good, and I was very proud of myself and for the other people who were playing in it."

Kyle Wilson of Howell and M.J. Hoskins of Hartland tied for second in the 9-hole division with a pair of 69s. Wilson won the tiebreaker in a score-

card playoff to take runner-up honors.

For Wilson, the fifth hole was a highlight.

"I hit a really good drive, 150 yards with my driver," said the 10-year-old Navigator Upper Elementary School student. "I had an off-balance shot close to the water and had to hit it with one leg on a rock. It went really close to the hole and I sank the putt. I hit a really good shot out of the sand on the last hole. I was really close to the pin and then I made a 2-putt. I think it was a bogey or par.

"I am more proud of myself than what I did a few years ago. I did a very good job with putting and chipping. It feels more accomplished that I can make more shots than I

could last year. The rest was pretty bad."

In the 6-11-year-old developmental division, Liam Doll of Tecumseh finished first with a 53. Preston Pawluchuk of Commerce Township took second with 73.

Dan Aldred, Kensington tournament director, said, "I am very proud of the hard work these kids are putting in. I love to watch the game grow and see the golfers build confidence and skill.

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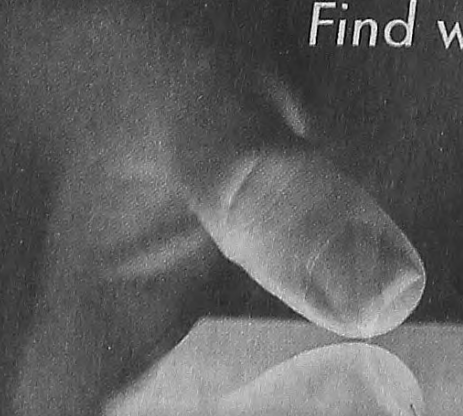
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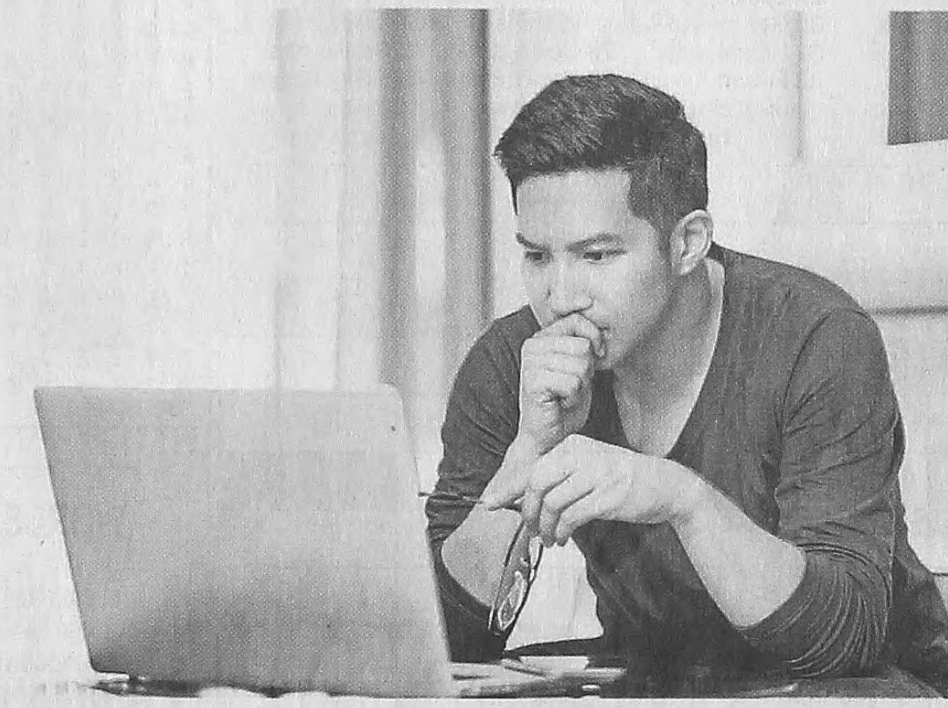
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When it comes to job hunting most of us are in the same boat, regardless of the position we're seeking or the field we're in. We're eager to convince the gatekeepers—those who have the power to make the hiring decisions—that we possess the full suite of skills and abilities they need for their teams. We also want to make sure our skills for work are current and razor sharp, to keep grabbing the attention and interest of current and future hiring personnel and opening doors to new opportunities.

But times change amidst these noble pursuits, and we all know the breakneck pace at which today's work world spins — what's cutting edge today is obsolete tomorrow, and that includes everything from technology to skills. So, in a word full of uncertainty and rapid-fire change, how can we best position ourselves for success—both in the short-term and for the long haul?

The truth is, there are no ironclad guarantees in life, and this is especially true in the professional world. Most of us have encountered unexpected twists and turns along our career journeys and fully expect to come across unforeseen events in the future. That said, there are some tried and tested skills that you can hone to help make sure that you're in a good position to maintain stable and steady employment across the span of your career.

Psychology Today recently published an article highlighting social intelligence, complex critical thinking, and creative problem solving as skills that will always serve you well in your professional life, regardless of where you are in your career path. According to the article, "These skills are essential not



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only for career selection and job performance but for success and happiness more broadly ... these skills are considered the cornerstone of goal-directed behavior, the kind of behavior that determines the kinds of goals we set in life and the types of results we achieve."

Let's look at each skill more closely.

### Social intelligence

Social intelligence refers to your ability to successfully navigate all types of situations with others (including those tricky ones that typically induce stress and anxiety) and build genuine, lasting, and beneficial work relationships with everyone from subordinates to higher-ups. When gauging your social intelligence, ask yourself the following ques-

tions: Do you typically rise to the occasion when the heat is on and find ways to snatch victory whenever possible? Do you rush bravely forward in the face of new challenges instead of shrinking back into the shady corners? Are you a natural schmoozer at work? Are you generally well liked by your colleagues? Have you built a strong network of contacts over your career arc?

### Complex critical thinking

Complex critical thinking is the ability to capably handle all manner of complicated, higher-order tasks that require sophisticated problem solving, synthesizing new and challenging concepts, and generating sound and logical ideas. It's easy to see how having these skills

for work can help you shine and become the go-to person for making sure that challenging and multi-layered projects get completed without a hitch. The real question: Are your skills in this area sharp? Are you making sure to use these skills to your advantage when handling your work responsibilities?

### Creative problem solving

Creative problem solvers consistently think outside of the box and come up with fresh and inspired approaches for completing tasks and solving problems at work, often when narrower and more traditional thinking fail to generate positive results. Being able to concoct innovative ways to disrupt the status quo is a skill worth its weight in gold, and can really help you stand out from colleagues who are lackluster in this area.

Take a close look at your how you typically attack new problems and challenges at work. Are you often somewhat off-center yet successful when it comes to figuring things out? Do colleagues appreciate your unique perspective on issues? If so, then you likely possess this skill in abundance, and can use it to help you climb your career ladder.

Now that you're aware of the core skills for work that can help you guarantee employment for life, here's some extra good news: You likely possess these innate abilities in varying degrees. Moving forward, it's up to you to acknowledge their importance and value, continue to hone and sharpen them and make sure you're using them to your full advantage at work.

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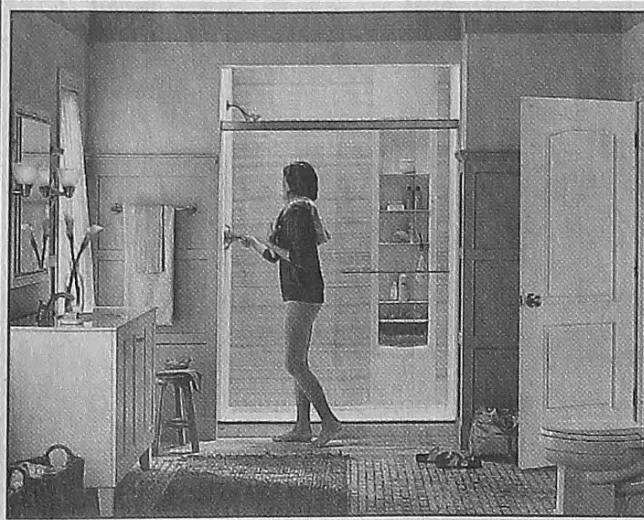
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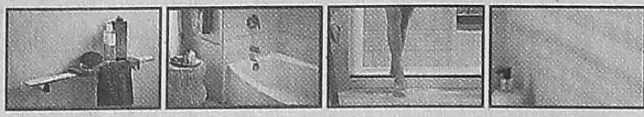


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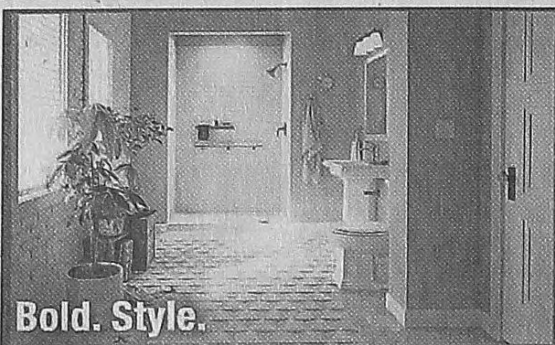
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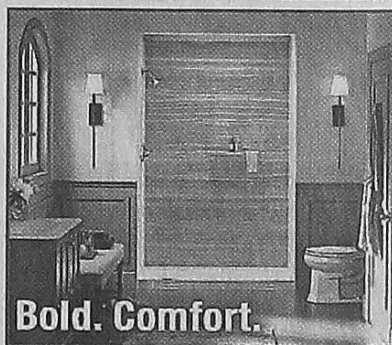
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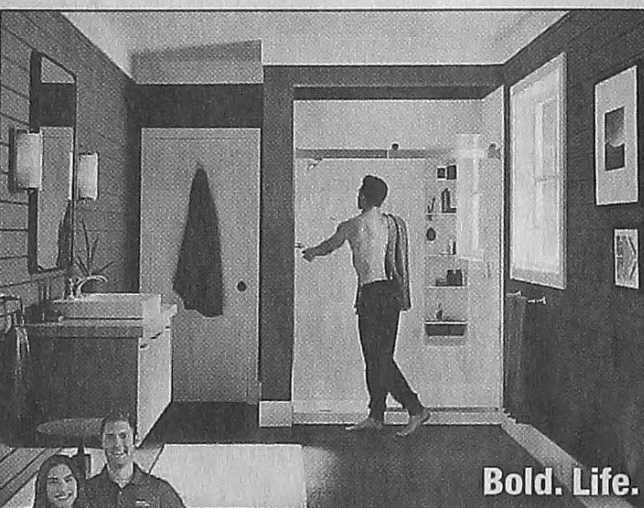
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- Safety-Focused Design Features
- Quick, Professional Installation
- Lifetime Warranty
- Affordable Financing



**Bold. Life.**



**LIMITED-TIME OFFER**

**KOHLER LuxStone FREE INSTALLATION!**

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SET-UP YOUR FREE DESIGN-CONSULTATION TODAY!  
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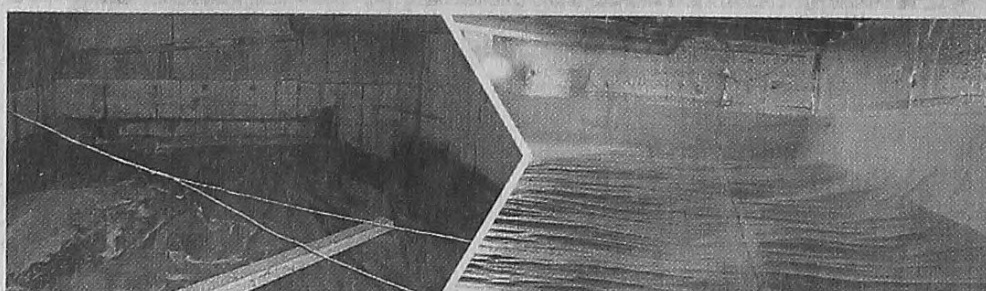
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- Easy Financing

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UP TO **\$1099 OFF**  
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windows & patio doors

This isn't one of those 'limited time' offers that's **not really** limited. We're only offering this window discount, this patio door discount and this special financing for 31 days!<sup>1</sup>

There are limited appointments available, and you must book yours before **August 31<sup>st</sup>**...

**Less than a month left!**

which means you have **LESS THAN a month left!**

BUY ONE WINDOW OR PATIO DOOR, GET ONE WINDOW OR PATIO DOOR

**40% OFF<sup>1</sup>**

Minimum purchase of four.

PLUS

**\$100 OFF**

EVERY WINDOW AND PATIO DOOR<sup>1</sup>

No minimum purchase required.

PLUS **\$0** Down **0** Monthly Payments **0%** Interest for **1 year<sup>1</sup>**

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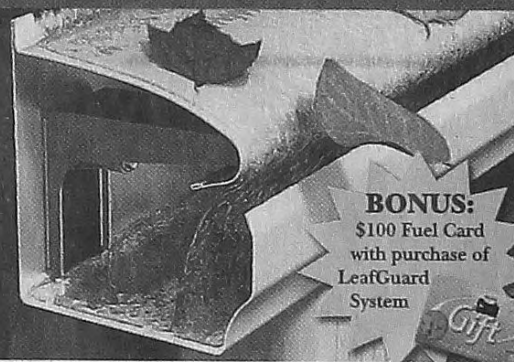
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