# Wayne-Westland's Jefferson-Barns to become new Dorsey Community Center 

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A former Norwayne elementary Dorsey Community Center. The Westland Council and the both approved an agreement to lease the former Jefferson-Barns Elementary School building to the city for use as a community center. "This is a chance to bring back to Norwayne something that has been missing since both elementary schools closed - a sense of community," said
Henry Johnson, chairman of the Norweayne Community Citizens Council. "It's a great thing for the communit

It's very exciting," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbel
Center.
Wayne Wayne-Westland Schools Superinten dent Greg Baracy agreed. "This is a win-win for the entire unity. We won't have to demolish amount of money in doing so," Baracy said. "It will alleviate utility costs and certainly serve the community well. It' a win-win for everyone involyed.
The agreement is for 50 years and expires in 2064.

## Move offices

Moving from current offices further
west on Dorsey near Venoy, the city
will utilize about one-third of the vide room for community service or ganizations to be housed, she said. "We haven't received a commitment yet but we're hoping Wayne Metro
(Community Services) will move with community Services) will move with gym. There will be a Norwayne boxing club. The rest of the building can be used for community programs."
The city has applied for a Section 108 The city has applied for a Section 108
loan through the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for the new community center.
"The Detroit HUD office forwarded it to Washington, D.C., with the recommendation of approval but we haven't mendation of approval but we haven
heard anything yet," Campbell said.

The current programs run out of the Dorsey Center and the Housing and Community Development Department school in early 2015. Jefferson-Barnes Elementary was built in 1943, at the same time as the V in which Unlike the Westland City Hall retrofit into the former Circuit City building Campbell said that work on the Jef2010, won't involve major renovations. date We anticipate a January 2015 move date. We will paint and carpet to turn
the classrooms into offices," Campbell said.

## Volunteers sew 'angel' gowns for babies who never make it home

## By Karen Smith

 staff WriterSewing has always made Dawn Lafferty happy. dent is using her sewing skills to help ease the sadness of parents who miscarry, deliver a
stillborn baby or lose an infant shortly after birth.
Lafferty, who volunteers as a seamstress for the Friendship Center in Westland, started a
nonprofit called Angels Above Baby Gowns, where she and a group of women sew burial gowns for babies out of donated wedding gowns.
The group made its first Mercy Hospital in Livonia,
dropping off 18 handmade gowns ranging in size to fit micro-preemies all the way up to full-term babies. Some gowns are for boys, some for
girls, and some are unisex Lafferty got the idea after reading an article about a wom an in Georgia who lost a baby and fashioned a burial gown out then started making them for others.
"I couldn't stop thinking "There's such a need for it. Most of those people haven't had baby showers (yet); everybody should have recognition She said she couldn't find anyone in Michigan doing something similar so she decid
ed to start her own nonprofit ed to start her own nonprofit.
Lafferty, 57 , was unable to Lafferty, 57 , was unable to
have biological children be-

See Gowns, Page Az


Wayne Councilman Henley resigns because of personal reasons

By LeAnne Rogers
Wayne Councilman James Henley has submitted his resignation from office a little more than eight months term.
"I resigned Thursday (June 12) effective immediately," said Henley,,
38 . "I resigned for personal reasons," Married with two children, ages i1 and 8, Henley served a four-year term before being reelected in November. "My daughter was sick. I'd been
gone a couple of weeks," Henley said gond been thinking about it (resigning) I'd been kicking it around. There were
a lot of things I wanted to see through When I was gone, that A funeral director, Henley said he needed to spend more time with his
young children. The council was
scheduled to accept Henley's resignation at the
regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday. Under the city charter, the council appoints a replacement to serve until the next regularly scheduled election
in November 2015. The seat would

June 30 deadline to apply for vacant Wayne City Council seat

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer staff Writer
Wayne residents interested in serv-
ing on the city council have until 4 ing on the city council have until 4 p.m. Monday, June 30 , to submit a city clerk's office.
There is a short window - 30 days
-- for the council to appoint someone signed from his council seat effective June 12. Reelected to a second fouryear term in November, Henley cited personal reasons for resigning. is a short time frame but you have done it before," City Clerk Matthew

Miller said.
Council will schedule applicants for 20-minute public interviews begin niid he will need a couple of days to also make sure the applicants aren't in arrears on any city taxes.
Miller had suggested a council subcommittee be used to review the
applications and recommend candiapplications and recommend candi-
dates to be interviewed by the coun-
${ }^{{ }^{c i l}}$ "I think all who apply should be There is more transparency," Haidous A8
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Westland kicks off annual mosquito offensive

Summer is not only the season for sunny
sies, warmer temper atures and barbecues; t's also mosquito season. esky bugs the City of Westland is launching the Mosquito Abatemen rogram. Public Service will ap Vectolex Water Soluble Pouches and Bactomos Briquettes to more than
11,000 catch basins and ditches that have been
identified as possible identified as possib
grounds. This will cost
approximately $\$ 7,500$ approximately $\$ 7,500$
Westland launched this program in 2003, and the catch basins and
ditches have been treat ditches have been treat-
ed annually in an effort ed annually in an effor
to shield residents against the West Nile
Virus. Residents Virus. Residents are also
encouraged to contact encouraged to contact
ordinance enforcement if they are aware of vacant homes with pools or other stagnant water,
which become breeding grounds for mosquitoes Ordinance enforce-
ment can be reached ment can be reached
online through the city
website or by calling City crews will be out today on the streets and in the neighborhoods making drops. This will continue into next week
o cover the city's 11,000 catch basins. "The City of Westland is committed to healt dents, and this program is critical to ensure our community can enjoy,
the summer months," Mayor William Wild said.
Residents should tak precautions due to the
potential illnesses from mosquito bites, espe their peak breeding season. Effective mos quito-repelling mea-
sures include wearin long sleeves and pants avoid being outside at dusk and applying DEET-based insect re
pellent. Residents also have the option to purchase the Vectolex Water Solu-
ble Pouches and Bactomes Puches and Bacto-
mos Briquettes from the Department of Public Service, located at 37137 Marquette.

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND
Open House

Willow Creek Coope ative Preschool, 3666 Cherry Hill, south of
Wayne Road, Westlan is having an open house or enrollment $6-8$ p.m.
oday. Willow Creek offers classes for 4-year olds and 3-year-olds and a tot-to-toddler class. For more informa-
tion, call $734-326-0078$ or
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cause of a kidney dis-
ease, but she was a fos-
ter mother to many
babies through the
years. She stays in
ouch with three of her
foster daughters, in-
cluding one who has
blessed her with a
grandchild.
Lafferty taught her-
self how to sew at age
10. When she worked for
Michigan Bell, she
would take home co-
workers' dresses and
slacks to hem them.
"I always said if I
could sew every day, it
would make me the
happiest person in the
world," said Lafferty,
who had to retire for
medical reasons several
visit willowcreekpreGame Night The Dyer Senior Center in Westland is holding its monthly game
night at 6 p.m. today night at 6 p.m. today at
the center, 36745 Mar quette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. The center will be
closed on Fridays, June closed on Fridays, June
20 through Aug. 8. Its
monthly pasta dinner
has ended for the schoo year; it will return in $r$ mor For more informa-
ion, call 734-419-2020. Meet the Director Wayne Ripple Effec is holding a Meet the Director Mixer 6-7 p.m. today in the Fellowship Hall of the First Unite
Methodist Church, 3

Towne Square, Wayne Stop by and meet Lindsay Wooten, exec utive director of the
Wayne Michigan Mai Street program. Enter Sthe hall through the north or south entrance.
Coffee, water and cook Coffee, water and co
ies will be available. Call 734-629-6822 or send an email to info@downtownwayne.or
for more information for more information.
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Lafferty said the gowns come packaged
with a prayer book and with a prayer book an
a tiny keepsake angel ornament. There is no charge to the familie Some parents like to
have their baby photographed in the gown, and then put the gown
back in the box to keep back in the box to keep
as another memento along with a lock of the baby's hair and ha and footprints. Mary, they cried," Lafferty said. "They wer just so touched. Before we were back home, we
had already received a call from one of the nurses who would like to donate her wedding dress."
adding there is a need for the gowns, and the may "help someone at of their life.," The mother of four three said she never lo child. "I can't imagine the pain," she said. Getting donations of ween a problem - the group has a dozen righ now. It also accepts
donations of lace, buttons and other decorative trim. Contact
Angels Above Baby Angels Above Baby
Gowns, Garden City on Gowns, Garden City on ty at 734-421-2322. Lafferty has contacted several hospitals, and
St. Mary Mercy was the first to call back, she said. The donation was based on the need of
about 15 gowns per year

## DORSEY

## Efforts praised

The Westland City Council voted unanimously to approve the oard approved the agreement with opposiion from board membe Sally M Madison. Baracy
credited the efforts of Campbell in moving the project forward. "Joanne is really responsible for applying
and receiving a signifiant grant for $\$ 500,000$ in order to pursue this part ership to take over this
school with the intent of urning it into a commu ity center for the Nor wayne Community," he
said. Charles "Trav" Griffin

## APPLY

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said. "We are in tough said. "We are in toug
times. We need some nity"" The person appointed
replace Henley will erve until the next re ularly scheduled city ection in November someone will be electe to serve the two years remaining on Henley's erm. After that, the council members being lected for four-year terms every two years will resume.
As the council voted to

## RESIGNS

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then be filled for two then be filled for two
years so that it would expire in 2017 The charter allows
council 30 days council 30 days to fill the
vacancy, Wayne Clerk vacancy, Wayne Cler
Matt Miller said. "I'm recommending that the council put out a resumes," Miller said. "Then that they establish council vacancy sub
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things that thing gs that will happen there - better housing,
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that will be in our school that will be in our school In recent years, West In recent years, West
land has made significan
investment investment in Norwayne - including demolition of blighted housing and make it a community of choice once more.
"I think this will mak "I think this will mak and provide services that are so desperately needed," board member Cin-
dy Schofield said.

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accept Henley's resigna tion, Mayor Al Haidous threatened to vote no on
the motion. "He (Henley) served towards the community and good intentions,"
Haidous said. "He did a Haidous said. "He did a
good job, spoke his mind good job, spoke his min
and took time to study the issues. He proved his heart was in the right place. I can't thank him enough.
Haidous and council members wished Henley
who is married with who is married with two well.

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## committee." The schedule proposed by Miller would have council candidates interviewed July 14 and The last time council appointed a member - it was when Councilman James Hawley was ap- pointed - council conducted interviews as a - <br> Irogersenom $313-222-5428$ <br> 3-13-222-5428 Twitter: ©LRogersObserver



Saturday, June 28
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## Healthy Aging Conference

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| 9-9:45 a.m |  |
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| "Connecting Seniors and Caregivers to Resources"- Learn about exercise programs for seniors and supportive services available in the community Speakers: Julie Burt, AADP, CHC and The Senior Alliance Staff |  |
| g for a Healthy You" - Food demonstration Mary Condon, RD Boxed lunch provided | St. Mary Mercy Hospital SS475 Flve Mile Rood Lvonio. Mil 48154 (Please use the Emergency Center entrance South Parking lots |
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Amelia Gadde of Novi gets her face painted by Natalie Amelia Gadde of Novigets her face painted by Natalie
Guenther from Inside Out Church during the Garden City
Relay for Life.


Tramping Out Cancer members Wendy Barthold, Shannon
Hicks, Darlene Saba Hicks, Darlene Sabagh-Richmond, Debbie Smith and
 Penny Albitus and Jaylee Lynch founded Relay for Life in Garden City in 2007. They raffled of

Teams share in fight against cancer at Relay for Life



Garden City Relay for Life kicks off with special cancer survivors lap. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN
and I believe we are over
$\$ 5,000$ this year," said team chairman Patrick Crosby, a teacher at the
Burger School for Students with Autism. "The ${ }^{\text {first year, people said, }}$ 'Relay for Life?' The people wanted to get in on it. We have a lot coworkers and family," teaching assistant at Burger, and a lot of the team are teachers. Fundraisers Selling T-shirt Burger staff alone purchased 60 shirts - alon
with a raffle are the big with a raffle are the big
fundraisers for Rebels with a Cause. The team was formed in 2011 after

Crosby's brother in-law Eric Wien of Garden Cit died of cancer in the
summer of 2010 . summer of 2010.
John Fleming had Relay team for several years, which disbanded
and kind of folded into and kind of folded int
Rebels with a Cause. Rebels with a Cause.
"John's diabetes golf outing benefits from us and we benefit from John's outing," Crosby
said.
In addition to the food, games and music, there
was an annual silent was an annual silent luminaria walk remem-
bering those lost to cancer held just before 10 p.m. Saturday

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Helping to raise money to get out of "jail" are Amanda
Michaluk and Sierra Fugitt who are part of Briscoe Family Ties team.


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A family pho
shows jodi ozma leaving Walmart after $f$ eing accused ies. They say he receipt proves her
inocence.


Lawsuit against city of Livonia, Walmart moved to federal court

By David Veselenak Staff Writer
The lawsuit filed against the city of Livonia, its police dehas been moved out of Wayne County Circuit Court and into deral court.
Deborah Gordon, the at-
orney representing Novi res dents John and Wendy Kozma as well as their daughter, Jod in a lawsuit filed last month aid the request was made by he city and the retail giant. Because the complaint alleges Fourth and 14th Amendment ights violated by an unneces ary search and seizure, the defendants can ask to have it U.S. Constitution, Gordon said "That gives them the right o move them into federal field Hills attorney. "It's the ame lawsuit."
Gordon said the complaint
filed in Wayne County Circuit Court is the same one being used by the federal court, which is the District of Easter ichigan in Detroit. iled last month by Gordon o ehalf of the family, who says their daughter was shopping ugust 2012 at the Livonia
was unlawfully detained by store employees and Livonia
police, who believed she wa police, who believed she was
shoplifting. Jodi Kozma, 25, has hypoxia and persistent fetal circulatio and is mentally impaired and
requires constant supervision from a family member when public, according to the complaint. She purchased some hair ties and began to walk out of the store when she was
stopped by loss prevention agents at the store and becam confused. They prevented her from leaving until police arrived. Police detained her until
it was determined Jodi Kozma had not taken anything illegally from the store and let her
go. The city's attorney, Don Knapp, has said the police officers properly determined
there was probable cause for retail fraud. Police must also own investigation, he said, and not just rely on statements
made. made.
The The case was originally
scheduled for a status ence in August before a circuit judge in Wayne County, which
will not take place No will not take place. No date for
a hearing in federal court has a hearing in edera court has

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Fraud
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On June 11, a Westland woman told police that she had been notified by the Internal ax return was being audited. She said she responded that she had not filed income taxes. The woman said she was Social Security number had been filed electronically and a $\$ 9,000$ refund was electroncally deposited in an unknow to file a police report.
Vandalism
A resident of an apartment A 36700 Parkcrest told polic
une 16 that his friend was using his car to take trash to

WESTLAND COP CALLS
the dumpster. As he backed out, the friend said he heard a noise the he he had backe over when he got out and looked. The friend said he drove
several hundred yards and heard another noise. This tim he said the right rear tire had fallen off and the lug nuts were missing. The officer
noted several lug nuts loosened on the remaining three tires on the 2014 Ford Fusion Larceny
A resident of the Heather Ridge Apartments, 37104 S . Heather, told police June 12 that someone had stolen $\$ 100$
he had hidden in a shoe in his closet. He said there had been $\$ 200$ there when he las
checked on June 6 and found only $\$ 100$ left.
Break-in
An Ypsilanti man told po lice he has been working at a vacant home in arion and June 12 to find the overhead garage
dor partially open. He said door partially open. He said
the back door to the home and the back door to the home and
garage were also ajar. The officer noted that it appeared someone had forced
the garage door open and damthe garage door open and dam
aged it. There were some tools moved in the garage, he said, but nothing appeared missing. The man said about a week up at the home looking for his employer.

GARDEN CITY COP CALLS

Stolen property
A representative of a property manager reported June 16 that the furnace and air of a home in the 520 block of Harrison. The air conditioner condenser located on the outside of the home was also aken. The total value of the $\$ 5,000$.
The man said that it had last checked onthe since he When police talked to a neighbor, they said that a ma and a woman had been stay-
seen them for a few days. Since no one had permission
to be there, the officer said in his report that the man and woman were likely to have been squatter
Stolen license plate A resident in the 800 block
of Cardwell came to of Cardwell came to the police
station June 12 to report that the license plate from his 1990 Dodge was stolen. The vehicle had been
parked in front of the house

## Stolen bike

A Westland man came to
the police station June 16 to report that someone stole his
bike when he was visiting Garden City Park on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. He said that after he used the
men's restroom, men's restroom, he came out
and his Schwinn bike was and his
gone.
Property damage The police believe that June 13 in the 30000 block of Krauter on purpose. When the
police officer came to in police officer came to in-
vestigate, the officer saw tracks leading up to the fence indicating that it wasn't an accident. The driver fled and couldn't be located.
Break-in A resident of an apartmen
at 35641 Brush told police June 10 that someone stole miscellaneous clothing valued
at $\$ 300$. The resident said she at $\$ 300$. The resident said she 16-19 and has been ill and unable to walk unassisted On June 10, the resident
said she finally felt well enough to go out. As she was

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getting dressed, she said she as having the number 76 on missing. She told police some- The of ficer noted a pile of one likely entered through the

Stolen vehicle
On June 16 Larceny from a vehicle $\begin{aligned} & \text { On June 16, an employee at } \\ & \text { Micro Plating Services, } 38300\end{aligned}$
$\begin{array}{r}\text { Catalytic converters were } \\ \text { reported to have been cut off }\end{array}$ Van Born, told police someone an unspecified number of stole a 2007 Ford F-150 Econo-
line van from the parking lot.
ves parked at Polk Auto, line van from the parking lot

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| Road, Westland, MI 48185, on June 27th, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions will be made |
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> PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF LAST DAY FOR VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD

AUGUST 5, 201
A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, in the City of Wayne. possess the following qualifications:
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Michigan resi yer 30 days prior to August 5, 201
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Department of Social Services
Department of Mental Health
Department of Public Health
Michigan Rehabilitation Services
City of Wayne electors
the City Clerk's Office.


Cheryl Partin of Garden City and Wayne County Commissioner Richard LeBlanc and wife
Cheryl shop at the Lucky Squirrel Festival in downtown Garden City. PHoTos BY Kim DoLD

## Lucky Squirrel Festival draws shoppers

By Sue Buck
staft writer
 Autumn Jennings, of Garden City, and friend Emily Green manned a table at the Lucky Squirrel event in downtown
felt that she got a deal old VCR and rewinder The grounds of the into garage sale section and crafts and organizations sections. The DDA sold food items and Tshirts of the famous Willy the Pig sculpture Garden City. Autumn Jennings, Kim Dold's granddaughter, friend, Emily Green, a Westland resident. Dold is an assistant to Stacey tant to the DDA caught the eye of Su Prajzner. A Westland resident, she has fol-

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After clearing a classroom, the team prepares to move farther into the school.


One gunman is neutralized, but there may be more.


## ‘AS REAL AS IT GETS’ - OFFICERS TRAIN FOR SCHOOL SHOOTING SITUATIONS

 nia Police Capt. Ron Taig knows the school shooting training session donTuesday by several Wayne County police agencies has the feel of
being authentic being authentic. gets," he said. "We're gets, he said. "We're
trying to test their abil-
ities in ities in the struggle." several police officer Canton, Plymouth, Livo nia, the Wayne County Airport Authority, Dear
born Heights, Northville born Heights, Northville
and Northville Township are participating in a four-day training sessio learning the ropes of ing with a school shootin situation. Officers ran
real-time simulations Thesday morning at Dick inson school, 18000 Newplete with "gunmen" opening fire on police. The training runs through today. The training was mad possible by a federal
grant obtained by the Wayne County Depart ment of Homeland Security, totaling about
$\$ 45,000$ for eight training for officers. No local dollars funded the sessions.
Officers used Dickin son, which was not in use as a training ground. Several officers donned blue jerseys, indicating victim, while others wore red, labeling them as a
shooter in the school. And these aren't
SAT team officer WAT team officers, either: Taig said the goal
is to train every first is to train every first
responding officer to step in and handle a shooter situation inside a school. "We want to make sure patrol officers were giv
en the equipment and also training to be able to react to an active shooter," he said. "So we put Bullets containing paint were fired by officers and shooters during the training, leaving a
mark and showing where someone had been shot. Teams of officers covered themselves going actively searching for the "shooter" and carrying
"victims" lying in the hallway to safety. halway to safery. officers will gather for
debriefing sestion debriefing session and
break down positives an negatives. Students Students become teachers And as well as learning tactics, participants be able to teach others be able to teach others
who were not able to attend. Timothy McGillivary, director of Wayn County's Department of
Homeland Security and Emergency Management, said once these officers are trained, the expectation is that they will return to their de-
partments and conduct the training themselves.
"We can't touch every police officer in Wayne police officer in Wayne
County," he said. The hope is that every
one of more than 1,000 one of more than 1,000
law enforcement officer law enforcement officers
will receive similar training. In addition to police, Taig said several firefighters have also taken
part in the training inpart in the training, in-
cluding firefighters fron Canton and Livonia. Taig said the hope is such as Redford, Garden City, Westland and Wayne, that have no participated in the train-
ing could take part in another session they hop to hold in 2015 .
McGillivary said it's hoped the skills learned
this week will not ever needed, but it's important
officers in the county know how to handle the situation properly if the need arises. "We deal with low frequency and high-con sequence events. God willing, this training will never be utilized," he
said. "But we know all these police departments have tight budgets. What we bring to the table are the financial resources: the equipment, the train-
ing, the support equipment for the guys out on the front lines. And this is an example of that. nitely a priority."

## Review, compare fees for financial services <br> have charged for things <br> Look at what banks have charged for <br> card companies will

recently read a story
about a man who took a large amount of loose coins to the bank into his checking ac count. He was upset b cause when he received his monthly statement,
he noticed the bank had he narged a fee for counting the coins.
The man wrote that even mough there had one upset him enough that he ended his relationship with the bank elsewhere. The story dealt with the hassle that he had with things like direct
deposits and automatic withdrawals, but as he said at the end of the
column, it was worth it.


Over the last few years, most consumers ing fees. Whether it is a hotel charging a resort fee in addition to the room rate or an airline
charging for checked bags or an aisle seat, fee have become a fact of In ma In many situations,
consumers have to ac cept the fees. However, in many situations, there are options. One of those is a banking relationship.
Banks have a history of charging excessive
such as bounced checks, wire transfers or even the cost of printing checks. And banks have
instituted even more fees. Some are charging to talk to a teller, closing out an account or even
sending a statement. sending a statement.
Banks have implemented these and other new fees because they know that on the whole the American public is to fees. Many people tend to believe that bank fees every bank or financial institution charges the same fees. This is not the
case. Every bank has its own set of fees and diferent accounts at the same bank also have things such as bounced checks, wire transfers or even the cost of printing checks. And banks have instituted even more fees. Some are charging to talk to a teller, closing out an account or even sending a statement.
different fee structures. The key is to focus on the fees for services that you use. your bank's fees, you ca begin to compare other stitutions. In addition, also check with credit unions. Typically, credit fees and just as many amenities as banks.
I recognize banks are
a business and need to make a profit. However, just as banks look for
ways of cutting costs, consumers need to look for ways to be more efficient and control costs.
Don't forget that fees can be waived. If your bank assesses a fee that you are unaware of, con-
tact the bank to see if it will waive it. You may be surprised how often
waive fees if you request
Changing banks is a it of a hassle and shouldn't be done on a whim. However, if you an save money on a regular basis, it may be
worth the change. worth the change.
Whether you make a change or not, it is impor tant to review your bank-
ing relationship to determine if your bank de serves your busines Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website unw.bloom assetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your question
rick@bloom rassetmanagement.com

## Annual Bird Fair to perch at Redford VFW post this Sunday

## This fair is for the birds.

 birds.The The Rainbow Feathers
Bird Club's 17th annual Bird Fair will be held in Redford this year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday,
June 22 , at the VFW post. Exotic birds from Africa, Asia, Australia and South Ame
be at the fair.
be at the fair.
People come from all over the state and out of state to the bird fair, according to Tammy Feathers Bird Club. "This is our biggest fundraiser," Carol said
"We raise the funds to help take care of the rescue birds that we tak in and care for." The Rainbow Feather than 100 birds a year, she said.
Finches, cockatiels, macaws and African greys are among the
birds rescued, she said Often the club takes in birds that are no longer

Some of these birds are very long lived. They some of them."
Avian scholarship The money raised at avian scholarship to Michigan State, Carol said. The fair usually draws 300 to 400 people, she 300 to
said.
This
This is the second year the fair is being
held in Redford at VFW held in Redford at VF
Post 345 , which is at 27345 Schoolcraft, jus east of Inkster on the The fair used to be held in Romulus.
Michigan avian artist Tim Marsh will be featured and a raffle prize
will include some of his artwork.
Birds and related Birds and related
products will be for sale products will be for sale
Admission is $\$ 3$ for adults and children 12 and under are admitted
free. free.
ings will be held with the
prize of a $\$ 50$ Visa gift card. Every paid admissio
includes one chance in
the drawing, which will
be held at the end be held at the end of the fair. ${ }_{\text {The Rainbow Feather }}$ Bird Club and Rescue,
based in Garden City, is
registered 501(c) (3) nonregistered 501(c)(3) non-
profit caged / companion profit caged / companion club. The club meets
once a month at the Un
ed Methodist Church ed Methodist Church
located at 6443 Merri man Road in Garden City.

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Estate Planning \& Asset Protection Workshop Tuesday, June 24 | 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Elder Law Attorney Nicole Wipp will show you the simplest, smartest path to planning for your family, protecting your assets. Get info on the Veteran's Improved pension benefit as well. Light refreshments will be served.
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Father's Day Celebration
Thursday, June 12 | $1: 30 \mathrm{pm}$
Celebrate Father's Day a little bit early with the amazing sounds of The Paint Creek Boys And Fiddler:

Nashville Nights
Tuesday, June 24 | 6:00 pm
Pull on your boots and grab your cowboy hat. It's time to join us for some foot stomping music and entertainment with the very taiented Nashilile stage performer Mark Edwards. Light refreshments will also be served. Presented by: Mark Edwards

# DTE helps utility customers in Westland with energy bills 

Utility customers eceived assistance with their energy bills at a Assistance Day event held recently in Westheld rece
land.
The The goal was to help
approximately 400 fam ilies manage - and ulti mately reduce - their energy bills. DTE was ers at the June 6 event.

DTE customers were throughout the state gy assistance and meet
with huma $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { each year. As a partici- } \\ & \text { pant in the international }\end{aligned}$ with human service
agencies. Participant received information about home weather-
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to help lower energy to help
costs.
The The Customer Assis-
tance Day was the latest tance Day was the latest
in a series of customer in a series of customer
events hosted by DTE
throughout the state
pant in the As a particiCompassionate Cities committed to connecting those who are in need of resources with volun-
teers who can help. Customers had to register by May 30 to be eligible to attend the
Customer Assistance Customer Assistance
Day. Customers had to
e income eligible to tance eand had to bring as alid Michigan state ID heir most recent DTE Energy bill and proof of income.
DTE serves 2.1 milion electric customers gan and 1.2 million natural gas customers across the state.


Madelyn Williams, DTE Energy regional manager for Downriver and western Wayne County, talks with Westland Mayor William Wild and Faye Nelson, DTE Energy vice-president of public affairs and president of the
DTE Energy Foundation, at the recent Customer Assistance DTE Energy Foundation, at the recent Customer Assistance
Day. DAVE MITCHEL

## Schoolcraft center holds

 contracting session
the many federal and state contracting oppor-
tunities that exist totunities that exist to-
day" Carol Wolff, Environ mental Manager of Environmental Testing and Consulting Inc., said the sessions pro-
vide an opportunity to ask government contracting questions.
"The Coffee and Contracting sessions have been valuable to Environmental Testing and Consulting, provid-
ing opportunities to ing opportunities to
discuss questions concerning governmental contracting one-on-one with Alexander in an said. The Coffee and Contracting session will be
held from 7-8 a.m. The next session is Thursday, June 26, at Panera Bread, 22208 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.
The PTAC of Schoolhrough a cooperative greement with the Department of Defense Schoolcraft College.

## Help prevent auto theft with these safety tips

| Summer is upon us, and residents across the state are traveling to downtown Detroit to enjoy outdoor activities and sporting events. However, high temperatures are often accompanied by high rates of crime as opportunistic criminals are attracted to easy targets for vehicle break-ins, carjackings and other auto theft related crimes. <br> In the wake of recent car thefts and car vandalisms in downtown Detroit, as well as increased auto theft-related crime during the sum mer months, H.E.A.T. urges downtown goers to consider a few safety tips to prevent falling victim to auto theft-relat ed crimes this summer. <br> Help Eliminate is Michigan's statewide auto theft prevention program that coordinates citizen action with law enforcement agencies through a $24 / 7$, confidential toll-free tip line (1site (1800242HEAT.com), <br> "Concerts, sporting events and other sum- |
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Warm weather often is accompanied by high rates frime like vehicle
break-ins, carjackings other auto theft-related crimes.
mer activities bring cars and fill parking lots which attract criminals in search of easy to steal property," said Terri tor of H.E.A.T. "Summer is a special time for families across the state to njoy the great attrac-
ions Detroit and other large cities have to offer, but it's important to reof surroundings as you travel during summer vacation."
H.E.A.T. recommends
residents consider the residents consider the
following tips as a way to ensure safe downtown experiences this sum-
mer:
mer:
"Park in well-lit, se-
cure lots. Try to park in a cure lots. Try to park in a
well-lit area with pedestrian traffic or in a lot
with an attendant. If with an attendant. If
possible, park in a secure, city-owned lot. For a list of downtown parking facilities in Detroit, $n$ Consider where you park. Avoid parking near objects that block your
view of the surrounding area, such as dumpsters, bushes, large vans or
trucks and avoid parking next to cars with dark-
tinted windows that you tinted windows that you
cannot see through. $n$ Place valuables in
the trunk or out of sight. the trunk or out of sight.
Personal items account for a large percentage of auto-related crime. Do not leave valuables in
plain view as it attracts plain view as it attracts
thieves. If you must leave something in your vehicle, lock it in the
trunk or place items trunk or place items out
of sight.
nInvest in extra secu rity. Arming your car with extra security can
help deter criminals help deter criminals.
Electronic immobilizers, as well as visual and physical deterrents, such as steering wheel locks,
floorboard and pedal locks, gearshift locks an wheel clamps can make your car less appearing
to criminals. " Use common sense. Always roll up your win dows and close your your car unlocked or your car unlocked or
your vehicle running unattended, even if you
are just are just going into a
store for a quick errand store for a quick errand
$n$ Be alert. As you approach your vehicle, be aware of your sur-,
roundings. Remember roundings. Remember
where your car is parked and walk directly to it. Avoid talking or texting on cell phones or digging
for keys as it can be a for keys as it can be a
distraction and can make you an easy target to you an easy
criminals.
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"If threatened by a
arjacker, GIVE UP THE CAR. Vehicles are becoming harder to steal so
thieves are moving to-
wards carjacking. Most wards carjacking. Most
carjackings involve a weapon so don't resist or argue. You are more
important than your vehicle, purse, wallet or vethere, purse, wailuate. Give or
other val them up and get out of harm's way. "If you witness an
auto theft, carjacking in progress, or anything suspicious, call the police
immediately. If you have immediately. If you have
any information regarding auto theft, insurance fraud or carjackings call
H.E.A.T's $24 / 7$ confidential tip reward line at
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awarded up to $\$ 1,000$, if the tip leads to the arrest of or issuance of a warrant for a suspected car thief or a person suspect insurance fraud. H.E.A.T rewards up to $\$ 2,000$ for information leading to
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pected theft ring or chop shop operators.
The H.E.A.T. tip line is gan State Police and gan State Poilice and auto insurance compa-
nies. Follow H.E.A.T. on @1800242HEAT.

## BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

## Free Movie Night

Co-op Services Credit nion is hosting a free movie night, featuring
The LEGO Movie from $7-10 \mathrm{pm}$. Saturday, June Center, 3500 Warren Road at Wayne, Road, estland. The family,fun mall's East Court. "You can wear your pajamas, and bring pil-
lows and sleeping bags so you can be comfortable while watching the movie on a huge inflatable
screen, said Jeremy screen," said Jeremy
Cybulski, Co-op Service youth and community development coordinator. "Our Rock Star mascot families as they arrive." The credit union also will provide free popcorn nd water while supplies aways, including Rock Star cups and Rock Star LEGO coloring pages.
There will also be conests to guess how many LEGO bricks are in a jar and "Name the LEGO Movie characters" conwill receive a $\$ 150$ mall gift card to Westland Shopping Center.
According to Patrick Derri, marketing man ager for Westland Shopping Center, the East Court provides a great
indoor venue for this ndoor venue for th
ype of event which would normally be held outdoors.
o schedule an appointmen call a location near you.
"The mall's East Court offers great ceiling the huge movie screen, which also provides

Derrig said. "Being inhave to worry about the bugs or weather. Thanks to Co-op Services Credit
Union we are able Union we are able to
show a free movie that's show a free movie that's
current and enjoyable for the entire family." "We welcome the opportunity to give families
in our community a fun in our commanity a fun kick off the first day of summer," Cybulski said.
Headquartered in Livonia, Co-op Services Credit Union has more than 51,000 members and maintains eight full-
service branch offices in metro Detroit. Members also have access to more than 3,000 shared 28,000 ATMs nationwide For more information
about Co-op Services, about Co-op Services,
visit www.cscu.org or call 800-321-8570

Prevention training
The Michigan Occupa Administration is hostin a Workplace Violence Prevention Training session at Schoolcraft College for college staff
members and local businesses from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 26,
at Schoolcraft College's main campus on Hagger ty north of Six Mile in Livonia. With the number of incidents of violence at
businesses and on colleg campuses throughout the U.S. on the rise over the past several years, this training could save lives.
Local businesses can register for the training session by contacting the
pus Police Authority at
Free financial event Thrivent Financial is
hosting free end hosting free educational events to help attendees
start to develop a strategy to maximize social security benefits. The 60 -minute event 1 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Plymouth Histori-
cal Museum 155 . cal Museum, 155 S . Main St, Plymouth, and a p.m. and $6: 30$ p.m. Mon-
day, June 23 , at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann
Arbor Rd, Plymouth Arbor Rd, Plymouth.
The events are presented by Jeffrey S. Long, a financial associate with Thrivent Fi-
nancial in Plymouth nancial in Plymouth.
The event will seek to answer common ques-
tions about Social Securitions about Social Securi-
ty, including when ty, including when to
apply for Social Secur how to maximize benefits and how will this will affect the spouse. Social Security mistakes can be
costly. Thrivent Financial can help participants sort through the options to help ensure the choices they make are tailored to
their needs. "There are hundreds
of different ways to apply for Social Security," Long said. "They all have quences to your financial future. We want to help provide clarity to those
decisions." The event is available to the public but space is The Huron Vegister, call at 734-455-9272, email huronvalleygroup@thriv ent.com or visit thriv-

2014 CAMPAIGN SHORTS
With election season now underway, several didate are holding meet and greets and an incumbent candidate is rum. "While U.S. Rep. John Conyers Jr. will Sheffield in the Democratic primary election in the 13th Congression al District, Republican
candidate Jeff Gorman of Garden City is launching his campaign
with some two-way with some two-way
conversation in an in conversation in an in-
formal, family-style, neighborhood establishment. On Tuesday, June 24, Toast restaurant at 28340 Ford, Garden City, from 6-8 p.m. paign on what he believes public service should be, Gorman will be there to hear what
residents in the 13th District have to say, he said. Has his opinion low district resident bu he needs to hear all sides, he said.
For more in For more informa-
tion, call $760-390-6573$. $n$ The Westland Democratic Club and the
Southwest Southwest Homeown ers Association are
hosting a Meet the Ca didates for Wayne County Executive at
p.m. Tuesday, June 24
at the Dorsey Center,
32715 Dorsey at Venoy, 32715 Dorsey at Venoy,
Westland. Following introductions and brief statements by the candidates, guests will have mingle with them before voting in the August primary. For more informa-
tion, call Democratic Club President Nan Melke at 734-674-7327 or send her an email at $\#$ State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, who is up for re-election in the 7th State Senate District, is
hosting a forum for veterans at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at the loyd H. Green Amerdowntown Northville. "Veterans' Forum Serving Those Who an overview from Colbeck, the Canton Re publican who represents the 7 th State Sen-ject-matter experts to talk about issues and provide direction and Colbeck will be joined by state, Veterans Administration and other veterans' groups'
officials. For more information, contact Gordon Cole at P2R Associates
$(248-348-2464)$ or email (248-348-2464) or email ciates.com

## Families cool off at Kensington Metropark's Splash-N-Blast

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer
Scott Young and his family came from Howfun family time at Kome ington Metropark's Splash-N-Blast water park in Milford. "We came out to enjoy noting that, while they requently spend time at Kensington Metropark, aturday was the fam-
ily's first-ever visit to Splash-N-Blast. "My wife and I both work all week, so this is a great place to enjoy some time with the kids. It's a fun place, and winter, to finally get out of the house." Located on the north end of Martindale Beach Splash-N-Blast, opened
in 2006 and includes two 240 -foot twisted water slides and an adjacent spray area where water
shoots from colorful cannons, palm trees, serpents and a whale. Riders also choose between the open slide
or ride down in the dark through the enclosed slide. "I love the closed lide," said Katie Stesupervisor. The water park is appropriate for
all ages, but those who


Zachary Young, 3, fires a water cannon at Kensington Metropark's Splash-N-Blast water Zachary Young, 3,
park. PHotos BYLAURA colvin
wish to ride the water slides must stand at leas
48 inches tall. "It's like tunnel, and you don't know, what's coming
next." The Splash-N-Blast is open daily from 11 a.m.
to 7 p.m. through late to 7 p.m. through late summer. Entry to the
Splash-N-Blast is $\$ 5$ for Splash-N-Blast is $\$ 5$ for
adults and $\$ 4$ for kids. After 5 p.m., adults pay $\$ 4$ and kids enter for $\$ 3$.
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## Author of 'Joy, Inc.'to speak at Westland library



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## OUR VIEWS

## Proposal 1 helps improve jobs climate

A proposal that helps Michigan businesses without hurting local governmes and schools is a That's why voters should support Proposal 1 during the Aug. 5 state primary.
Proposal 1 eliminates Michigan's personal proper-
ty tax, an equipment tax paid only by businesses and ty tax, an equipment tax paid only by businesses and
collected by local governments. It also reconfigures the Michigan Use Tax, a separate state tax, to make up for municipalities' lost revenue. ned that the tax, levied in perpetuity against the State officials have argued the tax hurts their ability to bring new businesses - and jobs - to Michigan. Among Great Lakes region states, only Indiana
evies such a tax and even that tax lessens as equipment ages. Michigan's tax dates back to the 1890s and is a throwback to a long-ago time when geography
trumped all other factors and even big businesses trumped all other factors and even big businesses
were local, rather than international, in scope. With all that in mind, Michigan Legislators last year, authorized a phase out of the tax. the phase out would mean for municipalities already struggling to balance their budgets.
In a rare move, Legislators agreed to scrap the
ous tax would remain in place if voters say no. A full
exemption given this year to small businesses would exemption given
also be scrapped

## A better option is to support Proposal 1

Here's what it would do.
Split state use tax revenue into two shares with ing to Michigan municipalities to offset losses from the personal property tax elimination. In real terms, slightly more than $\$ 96$ million would be generated in replacement local revenue for 2015-
2016. That share would jump to $\$ 380$ million by 20162017 and rise for many years after that under the state's formula.
Individual municipalities shares would be deterzation Authority. The use tax is levied against a host of activities from boat and off road vehicle sales to telephone services. At present, it all goes to the state.
School districts, which already receiver
money, would see their share increase, another plus under Proposal 1.
To cover the state's loss of revenue, large-scale Assessment while select tax breaks granted mostly during the Granholm Administration would be allowed to expire without being replaced.
ers concerned with governmental "picking winners" among favored industries while ignoring others. rent 6 percent level, dispelling any notion that it is a tax increase lying in the weeds.
It's a somewhat complex formula and not everyone is convinced it will work.
State Sen. Gretchen Whitmer, the Senate's Demo cratic leader, is perhaps the proposal's leading critic on just those grounds.

Yet, critics are in the minority An overwhelming majority of state Legislators
from both parties supported putting Proposal 1 on the ballot. The proposal itself has received support from a
wide-ranging number of organizations, including the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Fraternal Order of Police, the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Michigan Farm Bureau, among many others.
All these groups agree that Proposal 1, while per-
haps not a cure all, is a vital step toward making haps not a cure all, is a vital step toward makin changing Michigan from a job loser to a job leader.
But their endorsements aren't the most important Yours is.
It's an endorsement we strongly urge you to give.
We urge you to vote YES on Proposal 1 in this year's We urge you to vote YES on Proposal 1 in this year's
primary.

STAFF COLUMN

## Wayne County executive candidates attempt to break through voter anger nne Gautrau probably summed up a sentiment

Ashe sat through a League of Women Voterssponsored candidates forum last week that featured 0 of the individuals running for Wayne County executive. "I just wonder how many lies I heard tonight," the
retired Dearborn school teacher said June 12 as she walked out of Henry Ford Commu-
nity College's Mazzara Conference nity College's Mazzara Conference
Center.
Her statement goes to the heart of what so many feel about the current state of Wayne County govern anymore.
The forum itself was pretty un-
 eventful. Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of it was the fact that
most of the heavy hitters were on e stage - with the ercertio on one stage - with the exception of state Rep. Phil Cav All the other candidates with a legitim on the stat winning the race were there: incumbent Robert Fica no, Wayne County Commissioner Keven McNamara, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans and Westland Mayor Bill Wild. I suppose you could include Christopher Wojtowicz in that group, due solely to the fact
that his father, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz, is a near institution in county government, and Detroiter Bettie Cook Sott, who has served as a tate representative
esident Russell George Leviska and Adam Walam Adamski, neither of whom has much chance to win. There were also two Republicans - Canton's Fred A Bolden and John Dalton, who probably have no
chance considering Wayne County leans so heavily toward the left.
All in all, there were few surprises during the event. The candidates answered a series of questions,
including what their thoughts were on the failed jail project that is going to cost taxpayers dearly. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the night was when
Ficano said that he has brought "fiscal integrity" to Ficano said that he has brought "fiscal integrity" to Integrity probably isn't the adjective most Wayne County voters would use when describing Ficano's stewardship of Wayne County.
There's just no getting aroun
There's just no getting around it - there likely
aren't many Wayne County residents hap
no right now, which isn't surprising considering the

## ETTERS

## Fix the roads

Common sense dictates that the state has to fix the Instead of a 10 percent raise in the our taxes again
Ins the can't they divert 10 percent of their office fund to fix the roads. Instead of a 1 percent raise in the sales tax divert 1 percent of the general fund that they put the
lottery money in. And how about raising the income lottery money in. And how about raising the income
tax on casino revenue. Now there's some revenue. The Republicans, the Democrats and the Tea Party could brag they did not raise our taxes. Oh, but then hey'd have to tell the powerful lobbyists that they

Skip Wehrie
Garden City

## Curbside recycling

Regarding the article that seems to say to all people who recycle, "you are costing us expenses when
non-recycling material is deposited, requiring the

## ObSERVER

## Sue Mason,

Community Editor
Grace Perry
Director of
Advertising


Some of the candidates participating in the League of Women Voters-sponsored Wayne County executive candidates forum at Henry Ford Community College included (from left) Fred Bolden, John Dalton, Robert Ficano, Bettie Cook Scott, Russell Leviska, Kevin McNamara, Bill Wild, Warren Evans and Christopher Wojtowicz.
controversies that have surrounded him in recent years, including the failed jail project that has cost tions and indictments of members of his adminitration or the fact the county has only had one balanced tion or the fact the connty has executive.
The most recent poll in the race, conducted by Washington-based Greenberg Quinlan Rosner for the
Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and MillMrights, reflects the dismay with Ficano, who is polling dead last at 10 percent. Wild, Cavanagh and McNamara are all in the 12- to 14 -percent range. While many of us out here in the suburbs probably thought the race would be won by one of those four
candidates, it is clear Detroit still rules the roost of Cayne County politics. If the poll is to be believed, they are all far behind Evans, who is up double digits at 28 percent. Evans is polling well among black vot-
ers, who make up 92 percent of the voters in Detroit, ers, who make up 92 percent of the voters in Detroit,
which comprises about half of the eligible voters in Wayne County. So it may just be a longshot for any of the suburban candidates to catch him, though if there is one positive for them it's the fact that nearly 40
percent of those polled said they haven't yet made up
their mind for whom to vote.
lip thre is the thought out there that Ficano could slip through and win the Aug. 5 primary election, the vote But the reality is Cavanagh McNamara the vote. But the reainty is Cavanagh, McNamara,
Wild and even Ficano are all vying for the samie bloc of votes and if they want any chance at winning are going to have to chase the Detroit vote- and chase it
hard - because absentee ballots are going to start hard - because absentee ballots are going to start
being mailed out at the end of the month. So there is little time to waste to make up the ground and, in the case of Ficano, do enough damage control to turn round his prospects.
Perhaps they can take heart, though, because even about a couple of the candid she felt pretty good wants to learn more about them. Sher the forum and those candidates are but, like a lot of Wayne County residents, she is hoping to find the right candidate that she can trust and throw her support behind.
Kurt Kuban is editor of the Northville Record. He welcomes your
company to throw out the whole container" seems to
defy logic. It makes sense not to include the trash, but there are individuals who abuse every system.
I find it doubtful that the recycle company Ifind it doubtful that the recycle company would
dispose of the entire container due to trash. However one should consider that those who do recycle are doing it because they care, otherwise, they could just toss it into the large garbage containers at nome, loading the car or truck, using gas to drive to the recycling center, depositing it and returning home. We have recycled for many years and have no love for those who do not. We should try to stop the trash, but our major goal should attempt to educate those
who do not recycle to understand the implications to the earth. Our recycle percentage should be in the
$70-90$ percent range not the low teens $70-90$ percent range not the low teens. Another concern are those who run a business
from their homes and generate plenty of recycling material, especially cardboard and use our trash to dispose of it without any financial penalty. Why not
revert back to curb pickup?

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Tony Risha
Garden City

## Supports Coleman <br> Supports Coleman

This letter is written in response to our new councilman, Kevin Coleman, who had the courage to speak
his mind despite the ire of the other council members his mind despite the ire of
and Mayor (William) Wild.
I have supported
I have supported Kevin Coleman from the onet I could read his thinking, and he was open and honest and would be an asset to our city. Some of the other council members have become embittered at the
hought that a newcomer would dare to vote against heir wishes. Kevin Coleman, I have been a resident of Westland ing someone of your honest character.

Diana Hage
Westland
Schauer needs plan
As one famous Democrat political consultant said, "It's the economy, stupid." It's kind of important, and in Michigan it is especially important. Many people do not consider how education impacts economic growth, but education helps build for the future, so it
s really important in terms of having that strong base noving forward. Mark Schauer has claimed that Rick Snyder's edu-
cation plan has been hurting the economy. This is a cation plan has been hurting the economy. This is a able to reinvest money into the education system. Snyder even raised the per-pupil funding by 9 perent. These strides show Snyder's desire to help eduCriticize the governor's education plan all you want the least he has one. Schauer has yet to even come out with a plan. Schauer's lack of commitment to even just come up with a plan should be alarming to voter
Snyder has really been key for paving the way for future economic growth by reinvesting into education. His plan has really helped set Michigan ahead or the future. An investment in our children is an investment in our future.

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## Falvo was tough, thoughtful coach

Longtime Mercy softball skipper succumbs to cancer at age 63

By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer Jack Falvo is remembered as a demanding and tough-
minded softball coach who cared about his players and wanted to make them winners
in life as well as sport. His purpose and objective was very much instep with the
Mercy High School mission of Mercy High School mission of preparing young women for
college and the career world. Mr. Falvo, the highly successful coach of the Marlins for 17 seasons, died Friday at
his home following an eightmonth struggle with pancreatic cancer. He was 63 . "When the players were between the lines, he was com-
petitive and hard-nosed," longpetitive and hard-nosed, long-
time Mercy assistant coach Jerry Ashe said.
 were better pre-
pared for the re world and what woman of the
new millennium would face in life and in the corpo
rate world. rate world. hard-nosed guy, but he was really a teddy bear off the field - and so generous to his playgram."
Dana (Falvo) Haller, who played four years on the Mer cy varsity for her father, said
she had the best of both worlds.
"He was my dad and he was my coach," she said, citing the
many former players who many former players who
called on the family this week to share their memories. "I'm glad I was able to share
him in that way, as a coach.

You really see the impact he had on so many lives. "For me personally, he was
my first coach in life in my career, he would call me and coach me through different things and give me advice.
A former all-area outfielder A former all-area outfielder
Dana Haller played at HillsDana Haller played at Hills-
dale College and is now a television producer with NBC in New York.
Always a teacher
While the details of the play are now forgotten, she recalle her dad using a game situation
to teach more than softball. "He said to me, 'Dana, what you experienced at that moment is a lot like you'll experi-
ence in business,", she said. ence in business,"" she said.
"He would always give these lectures in the car after game, equating a play to bus-


Jack Falvo is inducted into the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Ash Hal of fame.
what he was saying. Then, would send clippings and moti$\begin{array}{ll}\text { when I had my own career, he } & \text { would send clippings and mo } \\ \text { vational cards. He always be- }\end{array}$ would say, 'See, it was just like lieved there were bigger les"When I was in college, he

## DIVISION 2 GIRLS SOFTBALL FINALS

## Blazers thwarted in state title bid



Ladywood's Christina Meyer tries for a diving catch during fif
Stevensville Lakeshore holds off Ladywood, 4-3

By Brad Emons Staff Writer
Livonia Ladywood finally ran out of lady luck in
Saturday's MHSAA Division 2 girls softball finals. The Blazers, making a bid for their second title
since 2012 , fell one rui short in a 4-3 setback to Stevensville Lakeshore, which garnered its seventh championship since
1997 under coach Denny Dock, in a game played at Michigan State University's Secchia Stadium only muster three hits off Lakeshore senior righthander Haley Thibeault, ends its season at 29-14
overall. Lakeshore (35-9) spotted the Blazers a two-run deficit in the top of the first inning.
Lead-off na Meyer was hit by a pitch and Haley Lawrence reached base on an error. was misplayed at first bringing Meyer home and Lawrence tagged up from third on Hallea Garcia's
sacrifice fly to right field to make it 2-0. But Stevensville tied it with two in the fourth an took the lead or keeps
with two more in the bottom of the fifth inning. The big blow came in the fourth when Rachel first pitch and belted it over the left field fence to cut the deficit to $2-1$.
Rebecca Meyer the singled. Courtesy runne Mahri Younger stole sec ond and took third on a fielder's choice before


Ladywood catcher Anna Lewis (left) waits for the ball as Stevensville runner Mahri Young Ladywood catcher Anna Lewis (left) waits for the
scores at the plate in Saturday's Division 2 final.
coming home on Rachel squeeze but ${ }_{2-2}$ Squeeze bunt to make it
The Lancers then took the lead when Price, the
junior righthan junior right-hander,
walked both Haley Thi. beault and pinch hitter Mackenzie Sanders to start the inning. Hunter Thibeault was hit by a
pitch to load the bases which led to the go-ahead run thanks to Alex Forsythe's bloop RBI single to Riedel then followed with an RBI sacrifice fly to right field to put Ste"I think it was just ad justments between the ears as much as anything," Stevensville coach Denny

Dock said of his team's slow start. "Just from the standpoint that you can't little nervous, I think. We just needed to get a grip, get a hold of things a little
bit. We struck out six out of the first nine times "Then, Rachel Riedel got us going. She put a charge into one there. I
think that relaxed us a think that relaxed us a do this.' And we had a beautiful squeeze bunt, a
suicide With two-out in the top of the sixth, Ladywood mounted a rally. Price
singled, Hallea Garcia singled, Hallea Garcia
reached base on an error and Lauren Holdsworth walked to load the bases. Rachel Hendrickson,
the hero in Ladywood's 4-3 tate semifinal win Thurs then hit a chopper in front of the plate and reached first safely in what was ruled a single to cut the But Haley Thibeault, who struck out three and walked two, got out of the inning when Michaela
Warner flied out to center Larner flied out to cente down in order in the top of he seventh as Thibeault got senior shortstop Hale hird to end the game. Ironically, just the batter
before, the Blazers' before, the Blazers' Chris an extra base hit near the

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PREP FOOTBALL


Glenn back Spalding is co-MVP in Border War

Rocket's 60 -yard TD run fuels 27-13 win against Team Ohio

By Brad Emons
Staff Write
Westland John Glenn's Devon Spalding wanted to do the state proud in Saturday's first-ever Ohio Michiga High School Border Classic. back, who will report to Central Michigan University on June 28, came up with one of his signature plays when he to help spark Team Michigan to a 17-7 third-quarter advantage en route to a 27-13 football victory over Team Ohio in a game played at the University of Finday. the hole to seal of off the linht tackle through we just split the off them,", said Spalding, was named the game's co-MVP from Warren De La Salle headed to the University of Michigan. Spalding, who rushed for 1,761 yards
and 25 TDs in his senior season and 25 TDs in his senior season at
Glenn, had 79 yards on six carries The 6-foot-1, 197-pound Spalding was more than happy to share the load as Team Michigan ran for 240 yards on 47 rushing attempts.
That game was the most fun I've ever played in because it wasn't all about me," said Spalding, who once ran
for a school-record 491 yards in a regfor a school-record 491 yards in a reg-
ular season game against Livonia Chur chill. "I wasn't getting the ball every play. In order to win a game like that you have to play as a team. And like I
said, we came together really well. We said, we came together really well. We
bonded like we were brothers actually. And we were representing the state of Michigan."
Some pre-game banter during Fri-
day night's banquet day night's banquet from Team Ohi
fueled Spalding and his teammates "We took what they (Ohio) were talking at the banquet," Spalding said. was it was going to be easy. They kept saying Ohio has 159 scholarships (play

## Shaw's free camp stresses character as much as technique

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer You can file SaturYou can file Satur-
day's fifth annual Tim Shaw "Dream It! Do It!" Football Camp inside the The Best Things In For the modest in vestment of four hours of sweat equity, close to soaked in the teachings - both football- and ife-related - of Shaw nd a roster of stellar players who he has befriended throughout a terling gridiron career hia Clarenceville to Pen State University and the National Football League. In addition to learning heir favorite positions he campers were edu ated on several charac Shaw emphasizes. "Yes, I want the kids
to learn a little football
while they're here, but
more important than tha is I want them to be around some positive
role models," said Shaw, role models," said Shaw,
who currently resides in Nashville, Tenn. "I want
them to see that just them to see that, just
because I was in the NFL, I'm a normal guy. want to help them answer the questions, 'How do I get somewhere I
want to go?' and 'What want it take to be successful?"
Despite b Despite being un-
dersized by NFL dards, the 6 -foot-1, 230 pound Shaw was a spe-cial-teams force for fou NFL teams from 200
through 2012. Prior to through 2012. Prior to
announcing his retire-
ment prior to ment prior to the 2013
season, he compiled 127 season, he compiled 127
career tackles and earned a spot on the US Today's "All-Joe Team." "When I first got into
the NFL I wanted to fin the NFL, I wanted to fin a way to give back to my
community, my school and the area that I gre up in and love," Shaw
said, when asked why he said, when asked why he
decided to start the an-
nual camp. "At first, I nual camp. "At first, I
thought I had to make a name for myself (in the name for myself (in the something like this, but even after I got cut a
couple of times, I decidcouple of times, $I$ decid
ed it doesn't matter if I'm playing or not, I'm going to do it."
Despite a modes Despite a modest
advertising campaign Shaw's camp has drawn at least 100 kids each
June. Saturday's draw June. Saturday's draw
was the largest to date. Holmes Middle School eighth-grader-to-be Jack Nolta said he's attended the camp three straight
years and has enjoyed every minute of it. "I like how they di-
vide us into positions, so vide us into positions, so
everybody isn't crammed into one big group," said Nolta, a tight end for the Livonia Eagles. "'ve gotten a lot
better at making sharper cuts on my routes thank to coming here.",
Nolta said he's

learned a lot of valuable
off-the-field lessons off-the-field lessons
from Shaw and his staff. "Probably the mo learned is to surround myself with people who want to do the same said. I want to do," he Thirteen-year-old Dan Sweikowsky, a two-year
said it's non-football advice that he'll remem"Dream It! Do It!" gettogether.
"I've learned how important it is to do well in school, not just in
football," said the forme Weotball," said the for
Wemet. Looking as fit and trim as he did during his
he doesn't have an itch to return to the gridiron. "The game and I have
definitely run our definitely run our
course," he said, smiling "I currently have some business interests that are keeping me busy while
that next passion for me that next passion for
is beyond football."

## Comerica champ


ivonia's Shane Rakowski, 12 , captured first place in the 1-12 age division the the Major League Baseball's Pitch
Hit \& Run contest, sponsored by Scotts, held June 7 at Hit \& Run contest, sponsored by Scotts, held June 7 at roup among all 30 MLB teams will have the opportuni y to compete in the national competition during All-
tar Week on July 14 at Target Field in Minneapolis. Th top three winners will be announced June 29 on the MLB Network. Earlier at the third annual Diamond Dig ourney at Livonia's Rotary Park, Rakowski, who will
ttend Holmes Middle School in the fall, went all seven nnings throwing a one-hitter and striking out 18 in a recent $7-0$ victory over the

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## Despite the tough times, Blazers persevered

E- ven when times got $=$ tough this season, softball team stayed the course.
The Blazers would be the first to admit they
were downright awful at were downright awn
times, but when the MHSAA Division 2 tournament started, something radically changed. walk-off three-run home in the district final proved to be a turning point. And maybe the Blazers recent history of
tournament success also played a factor.
Ladywood walked off Ladywood walked off
the stage Saturday at the stage Saturday a Mity one run short of its ultimate goal in a $4-3$ los to Stevensville Lake
shore, which shore, which won its
seventh state title since sevent state title since
1995 under coach Denny Dock.
But despite the heart ache, there was some satisfaction from getting
to the finals for the third time since 2009 and the fifth trip to the Final
Four in seven years. "I think the seniors always take it hard and they're going to miss
those two seniors (Haley Lawrence and Garcia), and we only have two an they're like the ultimate
mother hens," Ladywood moach Scott Combs said. "They're really taking care of the sophomores and freshman that are there throughout the
lineup and that's what


Brad
they're going to miss the most. The girls had to take so much responsibilseniors. Usually two four or five. But having only two they had to take a lot of responsibility. That's what they're going
to miss about those two The miss about those two., They're quality people."
Ladywood's $29-14$ final record was a bit deceiv-
ing because the Blazers ing because the Blazers
played a mostly Division played a mostly Divisi
1 schedule this season trying to get ready for the tournament.
But it became But it became certain-
y a season of hard ly a season of hard
knocks as Combs divided the first half of the spring juggling two dif
ferent programs after ferent programs after
taking over the Univer sity of Michigan-Dearborn softball team. "For this team, the
only word I have is per only word I have is perse
verance," Combs said. "There were a couple of times in midseason tournaments when I just had
to grab my bag and walk out and tell them they didn't deserve to be on the field. We took four or
five days and just conditioned. We never saw a softball. So our attitude adjustment worked. They realized they just
couldn't flip the light switch on and they need-


Ladywood players react following a tough 4 -3 loss Saturday to Stevensville Lakeshore in the Division 2 girl
softrall final at MSU's Secchia Stadium. Detrort free press
ed to get going. And they Eight of the Blazers $\begin{array}{ll}\text { did get going, my hats off } & \text { starting } 10 \text {, including } \\ \text { to them. They all made } & \text { starting pitcher Rozly }\end{array}$
Srice $\begin{array}{ll}\text { to them. They all made } & \begin{array}{l}\text { starting pitcher Rozly } \\ \text { adjustments, they got } \\ \text { Price, are scheduled t }\end{array} \\ \text { better. And that's what } \\ \text { return, so the future }\end{array}$ 'll remember about this team. They persevered
and they knew they wer upposed to be here because they couldn't wait too long and go through
the motions." Ladywood's signatur win came Thursday at MSU when they upende top-ranked Wayland
Union, $4-3$, in 10 inning surviving a tough call by the first base umpire in he bottom of the seventh the game right then. But the Blazers perser vered and won it with a run in the top of the 10th to hand Wayland only it
second loss in 44 games.

200 -foot mark at the base of the
right field fence only to have it curve barely foul.

Meyer, however, struck out. more hit at a crucial time ... might more hit at a crucial time ... migh
have been the difference," said Ladywood coach Scott Combs, who was making his third state finals appearance since 2009. "But
that's softball and baseball. It's an inch. That last hit by Christina Meyer down the right field line whether it's a home run or hits
fair, she's on third. There's no question of that. It's that close. Good ballgame.
In six innings, Price allowed
five hits, walked five hits, walked three, hit three
batters and struck out nine. After giving up two runs in the fourth, the two fifth-inning walks and hit batter proved costly in the fifth. innings," Combs said. "She (Price) was getting the pitches she wanted and she's trying to jam them
inside. It's a matter of two or inside. it's a matter of two or
three inches and it's a hit batsmen rather than a pop out. "I just think they (Stevensville) started sitting on a couple of pitches. We went to the change-up
more a little later and I think that was effective, but you'll take that pitched ballgame any day of the week to keep you keep you right in."


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## ALL-OBSERVER HONORS

 FOR AREA'S ELITE ATHLETESFIRST TEAM Vonn Farmingtont, shot Pallett put, Farmington: Pallett
had the area's best shot at 54 feet, 2 inches. He is the city and OAA White Division champion and was
second in the Oakland County and regional meets. He was ninth in the state.
Pallett threw a personal record in the discus
(155-4) at the state meet to advance to the finals and enth place). "Vonn is a hard-working athlete who loves the
weight room and is a weight room and is a
fierce competitor," coach Kim Sturm said. er looked better than in he lar rear meets of $h$ personal bests in the shot put and discus-a fantasic time to do that! juior year and is poised junior year and is poised
to have a great senior year. We are very thank-
ful to have Vonn on our ul to have Vonn on our don't have to compete against him!"' Joe Ghafari, discus, broke a 28-year-old school record in the discus with a throw of $166-5$ at the state meet. He finished
fourth and was all-state. Ghafari is the city, OAA White, Oakland County and regional He also qualified for state in the shot put, taking third at the regional. He
was seventh at the county "Joe has improved tremendously since he came to FHS his sophomore year," Sturm said. truly loves throwing. He oves working with other throwers and seeing
"Joe's best attribute is his short memory in that he is able to clear his mind before each throw
and truly believes, when he steps in the ring, his best throw is about to happen. He will be greatJamal Dixon, high jump, Canton: The senior captain capped his stellar high school career with a finish in the high jump He registered a jump of 6 But that wasn't Dixon's At the D-1 regionals at Plymouth-Canton Educa-
tional Park he hit the $6-9$ mark. That was the best showing in the event among athletes from the Observer coverage area.
He also finished first at He also finished first at ence meet, posting a rec-
ord jump of $6-8$ in the ord jump of $6-8$ in the process, and went uncompetition.
"Jamal Dixon had an outstanding year," coach

Jess Shough said. "(High jump coach) Xavier Clais
did a masterful job in making him a very consisvery proud of Jamal's accomplishments." Dixon this week partic-
ipated on Team Michigan in the Midwest Meet of Champions in Granville, Malik Benison, long Malik Benison, long
jump, Harrison: Benison
had the area's best had the areas's best jump
at 21 feet, 9 inches and at 21 feet, 9 inches and
finished eighth in the finished eighth in the
Division 1 state meet. He was second in the
regional, third in Oakland regional, third in Oakland
County and fourth in the County and fourth in the
OAA White Division. Johnson also helped the Hawks win the long jump relay at the Observ-
erland Relays with teammates Iwarri Smith and DeAndre Lipscomb. "Malik has consistently
improved each year" improved each year," "It
coach John Reed said. "It was great to see him go out as an all-stater in his
senior year" senior year."
Jacob Hag
Jacob Hage, pole
vault, Churchill: Three vaime state qualififier wound up sixth in this year's
Division 1 finals after Division 1 finals after
placing fifth as a junior Hage bound for Siena Heights, posted a per-
sonal best 15 feet a senior and is a two-time a senior and is a two-time
Livonia City and Kensington Conference champion
(2012 and 2014) He also (2012 and 2014). He also
was runner-up in the rewas runner-up in the re-
gional and captured the Lakeland Coaches Invitational, Huron Relays
and qualified for the New and qualified for the New
Balance Indoor Nationals in New York City. He also led Churchill to an Ob serverland Relays record
of 41-0. of 41-0. "Jacob has been a steady varsity performer
since his freshman year," coach Rick Austin said of the team MVP, "Through
hard work, dedication and year-round commitment to training, Jacob has improved each season, sonal best. Jacob is one o the most focused athletes that we have coached at
Churchill. He is a funChurchill. He is a fun-
loving kid who is always loving
searchid who for the next searching for
challenge."
Michael
Michael Ojemudia,
110 hurdles, Harrison: Ojemudia came into his own and made great progress this year. He went to an outstanding one. He is the Observerland and OAA White Division champion in the high
hurdles. He finished thi hurdles. He finished third enth in the state. "He's really done a the effort necessary to be an elite hurdler," Reed said. "The sky is the limit for Michael next year." hurdles, Harrison: Johnson had an outstanding son had an outstanding
season as a hurdler, too,
carry him through to a
great finish"
great finish.", Max Bradley, 3,200, N. $^{2}$ $\underset{\text { Farmington: The }}{\text { Max }}$ Brior $\mathbf{3}$. ran an area-best time of 9:28.42 when he shattered the school record and
finished third in the Oak land County meet May 23 Bradley is the OAA White Division champion in this event. He was a regional runner-up and
finished 12th in the state
meet. ${ }^{\text {max }}$ is a phenomenal "Max is a phenomenal
athlete and an ultimate athlete and an ultimate
team guy," coach Todd team nuy, , coach Todd the team needed, he wanted to contribute to that.
He's just a humble guy and it's fun coaching those kind of guys."
400 relay, Frank This quartet finished 16th This quartet finished 16th
in Division 1 (433.37 seconds), runner-up at the regional and Kensington
Conference and cantured an Observerland capture.
Alex Perelli, a four year letter winner, qualified for the D-1 state final
in the 100 after taking in the 100 after taking
second at the regional. Spencer Opie, a four-year member, and Danny Ceb-
ula, who was in his second ula, who was in his second
season, are seniors. Naseason, are seniors. Na-
than Rodgers, who broke the school record in the
$200(22.64)$, is a junior. 200 (22.64, is a junior.
"This is a group that has really come together
well this year," Koelzer well this year," Koelzer
said. "Perelli was hampered by an injury last
year and also qualified for states and broke the school record in the 100 this season. Spencer
steadily improved each steadily improved each
year and had the best hand-offs of the group, while Danny was excellent out of the blocks and was also a good high jum-
per. Nathan always either caught people or separat-
ed from them on the aned from th
chor leg."

## chor leg." 800 <br> The fourso

 area-best 128 went an to a third-place finish at the Division 1 finals after finishing runner-up at the regional and winning the Kensington Conference meet.
## All four return next seasoon as Flournoy and

 Austin Hickerson are both juniors, while Ken-yatta Mason and Freddie Thompson are sophomores. "This 4 by 200 team is a force to deal with,""
Dixon said. "They've made themselves to competition in the state. These four young men
are talented, dedicated are talented, dedicated
and hard-working athletes. They will definitely keep you on the edge of
your seat during race your seat during race
time. It was those type of performances that led to the school record being broken twice in one sea-
son.",600 relay, Harrison:
The team of Michael
Ojemudia, Aaron John-
son, Josh Barnes and
Jourdan Austin ran an Jourdan Austin ran an
area-best time of 3:29.19 area-best time of 3:29.19
to win the OAA White Division championship May 8 at Farmington
High. High. ing group of guys who love to run the 1,600 re-
lay" Reed lay," Reed said. "Their refuse-to-lose attitude
really inspired their per-
formances this year" really inspired their $p$,
formances this year." 3,200 relay, Ply-
mouth: The talent mouth: The talented
quartet of Jonny Dalton, Max Rogowski, Mayur
Patil and Blerim Mema continued the tradition of the Wildcats sending a
3,200 relay team to the D-1 state meet. This marked the eighth year in
a row for that. a row for that. The relay set a sea-
son's best at the state sons best at the state
meet with a time of $7: 58$,
one of the fastest one of the fastest in
school history and good
for 10th in the state Leading off the quartet was junior Dalton, who
Mikosz said "always Mikosz said "always gave
the team a lead from the the team a lead from
start. He brought our
team in team in first place in every meet that we ran in
this season after the first leg." Taking the baton fo
the middle legs were
Rogowski and Rogowski and Patil
MMax came back from
injury and was still able to Max came back from
injury and was still able to
run well run well... and is a big
reason for the team' reason for the team's
success," Mikosz said success, Mikosz said.
"Mayur was always able
to told the spot that his to told the spot that his
teammates would give Closing out races was
Mema, who proved to be an outstanding finisher. best kicks I have seen in a best kicks I have seen in
400 and 800 meter run-
ner," Mikosz said "His ner, Mikosz said. His
(relay split) time of $1: 56$
puts him as puts him as a top runner
in the area." in the area. OF THE YEAR John Reed, Harrison:
Reed led the Hawks to a perfect record in dual
meets, the Observerland Relays championship, a second consecutive city
title and the OAA White Harrison had fou individual athletes, including junior Iwarri
Smith in the 100 finish Smith in the 100 , finish
among the top eight in among the top eight in state meet. "It was an excellent,
season for the Hawks," Reed said. "We had a
great mix of dedicated athletes and excellent assistant coaches - John
Schumacher Steve Gall Schumacher, Steve Gall
ero, Jon Herstein and Patrick Winsler - workin
closely together closely together to ac-
complish our success. joyed this season, and we had tons of fun along the
way. Our success thi way. Our success this
season was a direct season was a direct re-
flection of our team mot-
to "A tection of our team
to: "Attitude is every-
thing!" thing!"


## COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

## McDonald's 4-hitter puts Rams back in 1st

Targus tosses 3 -hit gem in Hurricanes win over Lightning
Chris McDonald's gan Rams all alone in first place again in the ivonia Collegiate Bas The righ from Livonia Stevenson and Hillsdale College walked only one in going the distance as the Michigan Bulls, 4-1, in a game played at Livonia's
Ford Field. Mark Weist went 3 -for-4 with two RBI, while Trent Drumhelle enson/Henry Ford CC) each added a double and RBI as the Rams im LCBL.
Jordan Frayer, who went five innings allowing three runs on seven hits, took the loss for the
second-place Bulls, who slipped to $7-3-1$ in the
Jeremy Shay doubled while Todd Phelps tripled and Theo Piccirilli doubled in a losing On Saturday, the tvo teams split a double-
header at Ford Field as
the Bulls took the first two RBI, while Conway game behind Nick Sar- went 2 -for-2 with a dou$\begin{array}{ll}\text { miento's four-hitter, 3-1, } & \text { ble and scored twice fo } \\ \text { but the Rams came back } & \text { the Bulls. }\end{array}$ to win the nightcap, $3-1$, as left-hander Jeff Sorenson (Livonia Steven-
son/Wayne State) picked up victory with six scoreless innings. The Rams salvaged
the split as struck out 10 , walked only two and scattered five hits. Reliever Jake Balicki gave up a run in the top of the seventh,
but picked up the save. Losing pitcher Jimmy Chase went the distance, allowing just four
hits, but he walked eight in six innings of work. Offensively, Drum
heller led the heller led the Rams, and RBI. Adrian Morales also knocked in a
run run. ${ }^{\text {Phelps }}$ went 2 -for-4 with an RBI, while Kevin Conway added two hits for the Bulls.
In Game One, Sar-
miento allowed just one run over seven innings. He struck out four and walked six. Losing pitcher Brody
Harris went the first $6 / 3$ innings for the Rams. He allowed all three
runs on six hits runs on six hits without
a walk, while striking out six.
Mike Battistelli went
2-for-3 with a triple and

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Spartan grid outing
The Livonia Steven-
son Football benefit gol outing will beginning a.m. Sunday June 22 at Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
Includ Included in the $\$ 80$ is 18 cart), lunch at the turn,
a dinner and raffle prizes
A registration form A registration
can be printed at
www.stevenson
football.com
For more informa-
tion, email mlmicaltion, email mimical
Pro wrestling card The Midwest Pro stage its MPWA Retalia tion card beginning at p.m. Saturday, June 21, Veterans of Foreigan Wars Post No. 6896, 28944 Joy Road, Westland.
p.m. and general admis sion tickets can be pur chased the day of the \$5 (children) Discount tickets are also available on MPWAPro
Wrestling.com.

The card includes a
MPWA championshi triple threat match be tween Buddy Hanlon, "The Righteous Maker Rick Baker and Joe tag team tornado match with the Punch Drunk Saints against the Sons
of Strongstyle of Strongstyle. Also
scheduled to wrestle Leah Von Dutch and
John Bolen John Bolen.
There will also be a \$15 starting at 5:45 p.m. along with an after party. Merchandise and
concessions will also available. For more informa-
tion, call $734-525-9454$

Hole-in-one club
Livonia's Dennis Drabicki used a 6-iron to
aced the 136-yard, No. 15 aced the 136 -yard, No. 15
hole Monday at Raisin River's West Course Drabicki, who carded his second hole-in-one, 75 for his 18 -hole round
Franklin grid outing Franklin football golf Franklin football gol July 26 at Idyl Wyld Gol Course, 35786 Five Mile Road, Livonia.
There will be
gun for the four-person a.m. The cost is $\$ 65$ includes prizes, con tests, hot dog and pop at the turn, dinner and Bar \& Grill). Checks should be made payable to Frank0: 9623 Westmore Livo to: 9623 Westmore, Livo
hia, MI 48150 . For more informaion, call Chuck Roth at Dan Cline at $734-748$ 5283 (cell). You can also email chuckrothcarpentry@gmail.com or
dan.cline@trw.com.

## Coaches wanted

-Livonia Churchill is head varsity swim coach ollowing the recent resignation of Aaron years with the boys an 11 with the girls. hill and Franklin) is in need of an assistant high school gymnastics coac or the interested, contact hurchill athletic direc tor Marc Hage at 734fax resume and letter of


Jack Falvo always coached third base for the Marlins.

## FALVO

sons.
"What he contributed and offered to
us as young women was the confidence, us as young women was the confidence,
the determination, the focus (to succeed). Those things meant a lot to us in the long run."
Mr. Falvo w Mr. Falvo was a dentist with a prac-
tice in Canton until recent years he left coaching after the 2011 season, he traveled and did consulting work for other dental offices. Not surprisingly, Mr. Falvo was a
well-organized, detail-oriented indivi ual, according to his daughter. "He would show up to practice with this meticulously written schedule, fectly scheduled - warmup, throwing, hitting drill. and we always knew what we were and we
doing."

## Highly successful

Mr. Falvo's teams compiled a 410 games in a season. Unemer his leadership, the Marlins won 10 district and eight regional championships. They went to Battle
Creek for the state semifinals four times and were the state runners-up in 2002.
Mercy also won seven Central Division titles and two Catholic Leagu
championships (2001 and 2003). "He was a great coach," Nancy Malinowski, the director of athletics at Mercy and an assistant softball coach, a competitor. "But he got results. He put his heart and soul into the program. He turned "He was very generous man with his time, his giving back, to different things for the school. He was always
could,"
Mr . Falvo also was a huge Red Wings
fans. He was recognized an fans. He was recognized at a game last
November for a being a longtime sea-son-ticket holder (since 1976). "He loved any sport, whether it was baseball or hockey," Dana said. "We
recently took up golf as a family. He just loved to be on the field or on the course. He was a big sports fan. "He taught us to be scrappy. That competitive spirit is something I got
from my dad that I will never forget."

## Not just softball

Mr. Falvo was a wrestler at DearGichigan University School and Wester Michigan University before going to
dental school at the University of De-
He also coached his oldest son, Nick the South Farmington Blues baseba rganization. Nick later played at U-D
Jesuit High School and is now a lawyer "He really wanted people to toughen
up," Nick said. "Part of him telling you up," Nick said. "Part of him telling you
hat was also telling you to grow up to be more mature on the field and in life, to be a better person as well.
"He always pushed us to be students of the game. That led us to be better
athletes, but his big thing was definite ly totes, but his big thing was definite-
" compete." "He really loved what he did and we "He stayed (at Mercy) long after me, so it was a love of the game and influencing young women.
"He was really proud of all his play-
ers. I'm proud of what he contributed to so many lives that I didn't even know about. It made me proud to be his
daughter."
Mr. Falvo is also survived by his
wife. Kris, daughter Michele (Kend wife, Kris, daughter Michele (Kendall)
son Jonathon, grandchildren Jack and Katherine and mother Caroline. A funeral mass was said Tuesday at St.
Memorial donations may be made to the KIND-Unicef (www.unicefusa.org) the KIND-Unicef (www.unicefusa.org)
or St. Vincent de Paul Detroit Dental
(www.svdpdet.org).

## SPALDING

 rs) and Michigan hasnly 89 , something stupid ke that. And we took it personal. Just because arships doesn't mean any thing. We bonded like
brothers and it wasn't Devon's show.' Despite the limited practice schedule leading up to the game, Spalding
said the team came togeth er quickly. "We're all there for a aid. "One of the reasons
being is that we can ada o situations. For us coming all together, that was idn't have a problem diant thave a pro. "I'm not going to lie, the
week was pretty tough. We had a lot of practices in through the day before the game on Saturday. The wut I had a good time with it. I got to meet some new guys and I got to meet some real good athletes as
well and I made some new well and made some ne
friendships, met some friendships, met soo guys."
really gool Spalding also struck a
good relationship with

FINAL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD HONOR ROLL


## Jazz sax artist brings award-winning sound to Schoolcraft College

## 3y Sharon Dargay <br> staff Writer

Student jazz musicians at Schoolcraft College will rub lbows with a Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Monday, June 30 .
in the Presentation Room at the VisTaTech Center, on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. At 8 p.m., he'll perform with he college's jazz ensemble and jazz improv bands in the open to the public.
"He is at an international level of incredible achievement. He has performed with the most notable musicians. It's a pleasure to have someone of that caliber here," said
Riccardo Selva, Ph.D., director of jazz studies. "This is a gentleman of international reputation who also plays in nursing homes."
Whalum, an ordained minister who has a master of arts degree in religion, reads Scripture in his daily podcast,
Bible in Your Ear. In addition to playing at senior residences and nursing homes, he also works with schools and missions. He serves as the creative director of STAX Muic Academy and STAX Museum of American Soul Music Memphis, Tenn.
upport artists, but music is about touching lives and changing lives and making life richer ... music really has positive effect on people spiritually, physically and psy-

## Gospel roots

Whalum grew up in Memphis, Tenn., where he perTexas University, he formed a band and began playing clubs in Houston. One night, he opened for jazz pianist Bob ames, who invited him to tour and play on one of his recordings. That led to session and touring work with such and Quincy Jones. His sax solo is featured on Whitney Houston's I Will Always Love You. Whalum has earned multiple Grammy nominations for his own albums
throughout the past two decades. His song It's What ID throughout the past two decades. His song, t's what 1010, The tune; with Lalah Hathaway on vocals, is on his album, he Gospel Accoraing to Jazz Chapter IIT.
Selva interviewed Whalum while working on his Ph.D. way churches included saxophone into sacred music to connect with the current culture. While researching for the 2003 academic work, Selva discovered that Whalum, early in his career, had learned to model his playing on and Aretha Franklin.
"Mr. Whalum described the tone of the saxophone as a 'voice' rather than as a sound," Selva wrote in his paper
Whalum told Selva the more successful and celebrated saxophonists all demonstrate a "recognizable voice" when they play.
"I was once told by R\&B crooner Luther Vandross, with whom I have recorded many times, that I play like he ings. That's a very big compliment and Ibelieve a testaSelva during dissertation interviews.

## Familiar song

After earning his Ph.D. and while working in Chicago, Selva met Whalum again, when he visited the Windy City o play a church concert.
"We spent the day together and got to deepen our jazz festival in Detroit. I was at the jazz festival and heard im play a gospel tune I do myself," said Selva, who also is axophonist. The experience compelled Selva to invite halum to Schoolcraft College
he song, I Want Jesus To Walk With and Whalum in playing Admission to the clinic is free, although donations will ee accepted at the door for students scholarships and the $\$ 10$ for students and seniors and $\$ 5$ for children under 12. All tickets are general admission and are available at the door and at the Livonia campus bookstore or by calling 734-462-4409.


Kirk Whalum will perform with jazz students Monday, June 30, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

## Stretch, breathe, relax with yoga outdoors

By Diana Wing
Feeling stressed out? Find ranquility, improve your health, have fun and attempt to rd for the "Longest Yoga Chain," Sunda
Detroit Zoo.
Join The Yoga Movement at 8 a.m. in its attempt to create the longest sequence of poses wanted to do it," said Gabrielle Gagnon, of United Shows, a Pontiac-based company that puts on consumer shows, like This will be our first yoga event and the first at the Detroit Zoo. It's going to be very xciting."
the experience includes an hourlong yoga class led by Gagnon's friend Kacee Must, owner of Citizen Yoga in Royal
Oak, and two of Must's instruc ars-Ann Fancy and Todd Tesen. Must said they'll probably teach a Slow Burn class,
defined as "slowing down defined as "slowing down deeper into the muscular sys
"A " Slow Bum is " "A Slow Burn is completely ost. It will definitely be a challenging class," she said. "Because it's going to be such a big


Kacee Must willead participants in creating the worlas Longest Yoga Chain Sunday, June 29, at the
Kacee Mus
Detroit Zoo
crowd, we ll probably do a bit more playfulness, like some inversions or something that takes people out of their com-
fort zone and allows them see that they're more capable than what they think."
Practicing yoga for 20
years, beginning at age 10 , Must opened her Royal Oak studio nine months ago. "We love doing events that
are outside what are outside what a normal yoga
studio would do," Must said. "We like to participate with mass amounts of people, so
yoga at the zoo) really fits who Tickets for The Yoga Move ment are $\$ 30$ and include a -shirt, an event bag, zoo ad-Check-in is $6: 30-7: 45 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. You must register in advance at
www.TheYogaMovement.net.
Call $248-891-4393$ info. Visit www for more dio.com. The Detroit Zoo is located on 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woo
nue in Royal Oak. Looking for more outdoor
yoga? You won't have to trave yoga?
far:
Farmington Hills Bring a mat and blanket and for this series of one-hour classes in Heritage Park, locat ed on Farmington Road be
tween 10 Mile and 11 Mile tween 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Wednesday through Aug. 20 and is for adults of all skill levels. The series began June
18. The fee is $\$ 10$ per class. The class meets in front of the Heritage Park Visitor Center, For more information, call
Plymouth
Sun \& Snow offers yoga at
6:30 p.m. Wednesday June 25 , 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25,
July 23 and Aug. 20 in Kellogg Park, in downtown Plymouth. Refreshments and shopping follow the class until 8 p.m. at Sun \& Snow, 388 S. Main, PlyPlymouth downtown tree light ing project is suggested. RSVP at meetups@sunandsnow.com. more with the fresh, juicy vegetable.
"Sweet corn is a truly versatile ingredient," said Justin Timineri, executive chef and Culinary Ambassador of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida. "There are several ways to enjoy this healthy grain."

When buying corn on the cob, follow these tips from Timineri:
"Look for fresh sweet corn with husks. Ears should feel and look moist and thick, with fat and shiny beads of corn. Corn silk should be somewhat sticky, shiny, stiff and wet
" To peel, pull the husks down to see the grain. Continue to remove the husks and silk.
" To remove the kernels: Hold the tip of the corn, resting the thicker side firmly on the table. Take a sharp knife and cut downward, removing the corn kernels. Be careful not to cut too deep.

These recipes make the most of fresh, sweet corn and are sure to become family favorites. For more ideas about cooking with fresh corn, visit freshfromflorida.com/Recipes.

## FLORIDA SWEET CORN WITH SOUTHERN BARBECUE BUTTER

$y_{4}$ cup your favorite barbecue sauce
$y_{y}$ stick butter
4 ears fresh sw
4 ears fresh sweet corn, shucked
fresh ground pepper to taste
Preheat oven broiler on high. In small saucepan over low heat, combine barbecue sauce and butter until melted and smooth
pour barbecue mixture over sweet corn. Broil sweet
corn, 4 inches from broiler, being sure to watch the whole time.
Turn and baste the sweet corn until golden. Serve warm.
$n$ butter with basil and corn of the cob
" cilantro, lime and honey
"pesto sauce and Parmesan cheese

SWEET CORN AND BLACK BEAN ENCHILADAS
$1 /$ cup onion, chopped
1 cup fresh corn kernels
1 cup fresh corn kernels
2 bell peppers, diced
1 cup salsa, your favorite kind
1 can low-sodium black beans, rinsed and drained
10 ( 6 -inch) corn tortillas
2 (cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
1 can enchilada sauce
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
pan-release cosk salt to taste
kosher
freshly

freshly ground pepper to taste


Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly spray an 11-by-7-7inch (2-quart) baking dish with pan-release
cooking spray. Add vegetable oil to a medium pan cooking spray. Add vegetable oil to a medium pan. Cook onion, corn and bell peppers over medium
high heat for 3 minutes. Add cumin, salsa and black beans and continue to cook for two minutes, stirring occasionally. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove pan from heat and let cool slightly. Place an even amount of the filling mixture in each of the 10 tortillas. Using 1 cup of shredded cheese, evenly distribute it on top of each of the 10 tortillas. Carefully roll up each stuffed tortil la, and place them seam side down in the sprayed baking dish. Pour the enchilada sauce over Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until cheese is melted and sauce is bubbly around edges. Remove enchiladas from oven and let cool slightly. Serve enchiladas with diced avocado, sals
and sourcream. and sour cream.

SWEET CORN AND RICOTTA FRITTERS
2 ears fresh sweet corn, kernels removed $y$, bunch fresh cilantro, chopped fin 2 large eggs, beaten y, cups self-rising unbleached or whole-wheat flour
$\qquad$
kosher sall to taste
fresh ground pepper to taste
In a medium-sized bowl, combine corn, cilantro, ricot-

ta, eggs, flour and a pinch of salt and pepper.
Arn mixture to the hot pan. Carefully add spoonfuls of the seasoning with salt and pepper.

CREAMY CORN AND JALAPENO SOUP
6 ears sweet corn, cleaned
1 small onion, chopped
1 smal fresh jalapeño pepper, minced, seeds removed
4 cloves garlic, chopp
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 cups low-sodium vegetable broth
$11 /$ cups low-fat milk
fresh cilantro for gar
kosher salt to taste
fresh ground pepper to taste
Heat oil in heavy large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion, jalapeño, garlic and cumin; sauté broth. Cover and simmer over medium-low heat until corn is very tender, about 20 minutes. Transfer to processor or blender and carefully purée. Add enough milk to thin to desired consistency. Return to pot; stir to heat through. Don't boil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve in bowls and
garnish with cilantro.


## Survey: Realtor incomes on the rise, younger pros enter field



NAR members understand the
importance of a web presence and communicating with theiric clients
through several channels. More through several channels. More than
two-thirds have a personal websiteoperational for a median of eight years - and 91 percent report their
firm has an online presence. Sixtyfirm has an online presence. Sixty
one percent of the respondents use one percent of the respondents
social or professional networking
sites - an increase of 5 percent from sitas-an increase of 5 percent from
2012 -and 12 percent have a blog. 2012-and 12 percent have a blog.
Realtors use a variety of communica Realtors use a variety of communica-
tions methods when interacting with
current clients or customers, with 94 current clients or customers, with 94
percent preferring e-mail, followed percent preferring e-mail, followed
by telephone at 90 percent and text by telephone at 90 percent and text
messaging at 80 percent. Compensation structures for Rea
tors and firm affiliation remained mostly the same from 2012. Sixtycompensated through a split commis sion arrangement, 17 percent receive all of the commission and another 4 percent receive a commission plus a
share of profits; 11 percent received some other form of compensation. Eighty-two percent of members work as independent contractors for their
firms. The vast majority of Realtors firms. The vast majority of Realtors
receive no fringe benefits, although 33 percent are covered by errors and
omissions insurance. Only 5 percent omissions insurance. Only 5 percent
receive health insurance through receive health insurance through
their firm. their firm.
NAR me
(50 percent hold a bachelor's degree or higher), own a home ( 86 percent),
invest in at least one residential in invest in at least one residential in--
vestment property ( 39 percent), and vestment property ( 39 percent), and
bring a wide range of expertise, skill and experience to the profession.
Only 6 percent began their career in Only 6 percent began their career in
real estate, with the majority having real estate, with the majority having
previous full-time careers in manage ment, business or financial (19 percent) or sales and retail ( 15 percent).
Forty-one percent of those fluent in Forty-one percent of those fluent in
other languages speak Spanish and 96 percent are registered to vote.
Respondents worked for a firm typically with one office and had been
with that firm for six years. Fifty with that firm for six years. Fifty-
seven percent of members are affiliated with an independent firm, and 38 percent are with a franchised company; 5 percent are other. Nine percen
of Realtors report their firm was bought by or merged with anothe firm during the past two years, down for the second consecutive year and
from 11 percent in the 2012 stud from 11 percent in the 2012 study.
The 2014 National Association of Realtors Member Profile is based on a survery of 95,340 members, which generated 6,462 usable responses,
representing an adjusted response representing an adjusted response
rate of 6.8 percent. Survey response were weighted to be representative of state-level NAR membership. In
come and transaction data are for come and transaction data are for
2013, while other data represent member characteristics in early 2014 The study can be ordered by calling
$800-874-6500$, or online at www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research members and $\$ 149.95$ for nonmembers.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

| These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week |  | 5160 Provincial Dr | \$333,000 | 36585 Valley Ridge Dr | \$319,000 | 39763 Village Wood Ln | \$78,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 4531 Walden Dr | \$311,000 | 33780 Vista Dr | \$146,000 | 23138 W Le Bost | \$192,000 |
|  |  | COMMERCE TOWNSHIP |  | 25380 Wessex St | \$212,000 | 23392 W Le Bost | \$195,000 |
| of Feb. 3-7, 2014, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. |  | 9431 Arbor Way | \$411,000 | 27804 Westcott | \$196,000 | 24235 Weathervane | \$210,000 |
| Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices. |  | 2830 Augusta Dr | \$206,000 | Crescent Cir |  | 24156 Westmont Dr | \$477,000 |
|  |  | 5092 Carinas Way | \$295,000 | 27243 Winterset | \$280,000 | 28544 Witherspoon D | \$111,000 |
| beverty hils |  | 84420 ${ }^{8}$ |  | 26530 Meado | \$120,000 | 1023 Chestr |  |
| 32933 Long Bow Ct | \$360,000 | 1936 Golfcrest Dr | \$360,000 | MILFORD |  | 52645 Fremont Dr E | \$352,000 |
| 16997 Madoline St | \$203,000 | 2183 Palmetto | \$258,000 | 957 Deep Valley Dr | \$338,000 | 737 Knollwood Cir | \$173,000 |
| BIRMINGHAM |  | 4408 Philip | \$350,000 | 2931 Hiding P\| | \$399,000 | 1078 Paddock Dr | \$252,000 |
| 981 Ann St | \$875,000 | 2395 Solace Dr | \$55,000 | 2933 Hiding P1 | \$389,000 | 1190 Paddock Dr | \$273,000 |
| 655 Chester 5t | \$595,000 | 8656 War Bonnet Dr | \$165,000 | 3139 Katie L | \$348,000 | 1050 Paddock Ln | \$235,000 |
| 2450 Cole St | \$575,000 | FARMINGTON |  | 3654 Lake Vista Ct | \$827,000 | 28405 Pontiac Tri | \$150,000 |
| 2109 Dorchester Rd | \$200,000 | 24074 Colchester | \$131,000 | 654 Summit Ridge Dr | \$158,00 | 22270 Quail Run Cir | \$120,000 |
| 1248 Emmons Ave | \$492,000 | 31923 Lamar Dr | \$136,000 | NorthVille |  |  |  |
| 1146 Henrietta St | \$451,000 | 31952 Marblehead Rd | \$140,000 | 52975 Nine Mile Rd | \$270,000 | 52437 Trailwood Dr | 2,00 |
| 1011 Kennesaw St | \$620,000 | FARMINGTON HIL |  | 22121 Cumberland D | \$294,000 | SOUTHFIELD |  |
| 1823 Pembroke Rd | \$745,000 | 33542 Argonne Rd | \$225,000 | 52347 Ferndale Dr | \$100,000 | 20930 Avon Ln | \$60,000 |
| 1410 Yorkshire Rd | \$370,000 | 22099 Boulder Dr | \$395,000 | 22384 Insbbrook Dr | \$210,000 | 21055 Concord St | \$160,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS |  | 25327 Chapelweigh Dr | \$195,000 | 21481 Woodfarm Dr | \$370,000 | 29858 Fall River Rd | \$140,000 |
| 5017 Dianna Dr | 400,000 | 29211 Chestn | \$340,000 | Novi |  | 23580 Plumbroo | \$125,000 |
| 5307 Echo Rd | \$190,000 | 20956 Gill Rd | \$900,000 | 25000 Delmont D | \$305,000 | 29861 Rambling Rd | \$120,000 |
| 1667 Fairford Dr | \$275,000 | 30300 Gladstone St | \$192,000 | 22468 Havergale St | 5377,000 | 25322 Saint James | \$117,000 |
| 644 Rudgate Rd | \$1,200,000 | 31167 Harmony Ln | 570,000 | 50436 Langley Dr | \$636,000 | 25039 Sherwood Ci | 53,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP |  | 29805 Hemlock Ave | \$145,000 | 50458 Langley Dr | \$587,000 | WHITE LAKE |  |
| 150 Billingsgate Ct | \$130,000 | 21728 Man | \$315,000 | 23582 N Rockledge | \$80,000 | 685 Oxbow Lake | \$318,000 |
| 1617 Franklin Rd | \$425,000 | 29606 M | \$101,000 | 24603 Olde Orchard | \$101,000 |  |  |
| 2550 Lamplighter | 35,000 | Gar105 |  | 24415 Perceval Ln | \$471,000 |  |  |
| 755 Oakleigh Dr | \$825,000 | 21769 S Brandon St | \$128,000 | 47690 Rochester Dr | \$500,000 |  |  |
|  |  | 30567 Sequoia Cir | $\$ 265,000$ | 24685 Venice Dr | \$324,000 |  |  |

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

| These are the arear | tial real | 42238 Saratoga Cir | \$159,000 | 28643 Terrence St | \$187,000 | 13568 Woodbine | ,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| estate closings record | Week | 41462 Strawberry Ct | \$209000 | 9608 Westmore St | \$140,000 | 15719 Wormer | \$68,000 |
| of Feb. 24-28, 2014, at | Wayne |  |  | NORTHVILLE |  |  |  |
| County Register of De | office. | 28820 Beechwood St | \$48,000 |  | \$4147,000 | 35726 brush st 34305 Glover St | \$423,000 |
| and sales prices. |  | 322 | \$75,00 | 46099 Neeson St | \$54,000 | WESTLAND |  |
|  |  | 29149 James St | \$83,000 | 16745 Northville Rd | \$120,000 | 37631 Beechwood St | \$130,000 |
| CANTON |  | 33021 Sheridan St | \$90,000 | 311 Saint Lawrence | 25,0 | 8228 fremont | \$87,00 |
| 1960 Brookfield St | \$159,000 | LIVONIA |  | PLYMOUTH |  | 8166 Huntington St | \$23,000 |
| 156 Cherry Hill Pointe | \$181,000 | 9910 Arden St | \$149,000 | 45931 Amesb | \$415,000 | 1700 N Carison St | \$137,000 |
| Dr |  | 15068 Berwick St | \$114,000 | 13275 Cambridge Ct | \$354,000 | 815 N Hix Rd | \$58,00 |
| 44997 Coachman Ct | \$156,000 | 15196 Berwick St | \$137,000 | 635 Jener PI | \$180,000 | 32018 Ottawa St | \$14,000 |
| 41445 Copper Creek Dr | \$125,000 | 14183 Cardwell St | \$120,000 | 44700 Joy Rd | \$270,000 | 810 Patricia Place Dr | \$195,000 |
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## Midtown booms, but do homework

 Q: I am thinking about buying acondominium in Midtown Detroit. Do you have any suggestions?
A: Just as with any other purA: Just as with any other pur-
chase, find out as much as you can chase, find out as much as you can
about the developer. Some developers use different
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ability to complete and/or otherwise develop a condo in a proper fashion.
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sion, the better prepared you are to make a wise investment.
Q: I am a new developer trying
to build in a subdivision in to build in a subdivision in a municipality where they are requiring
me to make all kinds of improveme to make all kinds of improve-
ments to the subdivision which I never contracted to do. Is there
any recourse the any recourse that I have?
A: It may well be that the municipality is trying to "exact" unreasonable concessions from you. There is a legal term called "exaction" that
basically means that the municipalbasicaly means that the municipa
ity, as a condition of permitting you
to develop your property is unrea sonably trying to make you do things that are not reasonably related to the you legally do not have an obligation to do. Such conditions can be deemed to be a taking of property
without providing just compens without provicing just compensa-
tion, which is unconstitutional. You should see an experienced real estate lawyer at your earliest convenience to both advise you on your
rights and to assist you in negotiarights and to assist you in ne
tions with the municipality.

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tion of Realtors (GMAR) and has a background as a loan officer. degree from Henry Forsciatemmuni-
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    the ball hard off me gave me a little bit of confidence because I knew my team could get it under
    control." And when she took the mou in the seventh, the intensity heightened.
    "I was praying the whole time, hoding back so many emotions,"
    she said. "After that strikeout, the second out, I had to hold it together because I was about to lose it. make some slight adjustments at
    the plate. thinking themselves at the plate, to tell them to cut the plate in half Go inside or outside because I watched her (Thibeault) pitch and
    that's really what her game plan that's really what her game plan
    was, to go either in or go out. I was, to go ether in or go out. too much instead of relaxing than going one side or the other." but couldn't find the holes against Thibeault.
    "We hit off her pretty well," "We hit off her pretty well,"
    said Lawrence, who will play next
    season season at Hillsdale College. "I think we were just in our own heads today a little bit. We just didn't come up with the one. It
    was just unlucky. We knew what we had to do. It's just unlucky that we didn't come up with what we
    wanted." wanted."

