## Trash, recycling changes coming

Westland moving to wheeled carts for trash collection, ending RecycleBank program

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer Newspapers, social media, cable teleevision and information packets sent to their may have a hard time avoiding news about changes to the
city's trash and recycling col-
lection. Those changes include a
move to wheeled carts for trash collection, the end of the RecycleBank incentive program and adjustments in curroutes. Westland's participation in
the RecycleBank will end July

1; residents who participate in the program will have a yea
use their incentive points. use their incentive points.
The ReycleBank program cost the city $\$ 175,000$ annually and had been offered for five years. The city found only 3 lizing the incentive program but 78 percent of residents are using the single Trash and compost hauler Midwest Sanitation will be taking over the recycling col-

## lection.

Garbage toters The new 96 -gallon toters used for tred carts that must be be delivered to the Departbe delivered to the Depart-
ment of Public Works in the next couple weeks. DPS work next couple weeks. DPS work
ers will assemble the black bins and deliver them to 28,000 single-family homes.
Since the bins are picked up by a one-man truck using an
containers or bags will be ac-
ceptable ceptable. "It's just like when we start ed recycling about five years ago. You won't use the toters
until Sept.1," Westland Deputy until Sept. 1," Westland Deputy
Mayor Jade Smith said. "We Mayor Jade Smith said. "re wints during the first couple of weeks in August."
The 96-gallon toters are
equivalent to three standar equivalent to three standar
trash cans, Smith said, but

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## 2014 FIRST CITIZEN

By Sue Mason
Lynette Hobyak isn't one to wait to be asked. If she sees a "She'll stop what she's doing, she doesn't wait to be asked," said friend Jamie "I've known her for 17 years and she's always been like that. If she can't do it, she sends out an email to get
help." Hobyak is the 2014 West

Hobyak tapped as Westland's top volunteer
land First Citizen, an award that recognizes the top volun teer in the community. Surprisingly, Hobyak
doesn't live in Westland, but doesn't live in Westland, but rather Canton Township.
However, growing up in the city and working for her father, Glenn Shaw Jr., at WCA Assessing has kept her feet clearly planted in Westland.
this," Hobyak said "It was the way I was brought up. When your parents do it, you just your parents in their footsteps. My dad is involved in so much
stuff and he gets me instuff and he gets me in-
volved."
Hobyak lived in Westland until sixth-grade, then moved to Okemos. After high school, she returned to Westland.
She's not sure when she start-
ed getting involved in the
Westland community, and While she feels gunity, and
whe doesn't do it for Canton, she acknowledges that "Westland
is where my roots are, I have is where my roots "I didn't really put my
hands into hands into things when I moved back, I got involved in
the Relay for Life because my the Relay for Liefe because $m$
mom had cancer," he said. "That was the way I got in"That was

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Johnston is Business Person of Year

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

Being named Westland 2014 Businessperson of the Year came as a pleasant surprise even know he was nominated for the award. "An employee submitted nice," said Johnston, owner of VR Metro, a Westland-based Internet marketing company project manager, nominated Johnston for the award, which is presented by the Westland Chamber of "As an employee of his for
two years, I have pwo years, I have
seen firsthand seen firsthand
the time and the time and
dedication he puts into VR
Metro to help
 Metro to help local small businesses grow
and achieve their business and achieve their business
goals," said Smith in her nomination.
Johnsto Johnston has also worked
with Wayne-Westland Commu nity Schools by having high school interns at VR Metro learn about the business,
Smith noted, adding that one was hired after she graduated. A Garden City native, Johnston's first business ventures were Video World stores in
Garden City and a Westland store that opened in 1984 on Wayne Road and Hunter. "It was one of the first
video rental stores in the I sold the Westland store in I sold the Westland store in
2001," said Johnston, a Garden City West High School graduate. In 1995, Johnston went back to school and earned a bachelor's degree in business from Cleary University.

See Johnston, Page AZ

Biggby Coffee moving; 2 new businesses receive approvals

| By LeAnne Rogers | proved a revised site plan and <br> Staff Writer |
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| special land use to allow the |  |
| A Ford Road fixture for | busins to relocate to the |
| north side of Ford just west of |  |
| seven years, the Westland | Central City Parkway. |
| It cis currently on the north |  |
| Bigby Coffee store will soon | relocate further east and add a |
| side of Ford just west of New- |  |
| drive-trough window. | burgh. |
| The council recently ap- | "I hope by fall to be moved |

over. For seven years, customers have wanted a drivethrough," said Biggby owne
Mo Elfakir whose current location can't accommodate a drive-through window. Biggby will move into a
1,700 -square-foot 1,700-square-foot space on the
buster store opposite the current City Hall. The rest of the building is occupied by a Ver Plans call for the drivethrough window to be located on the west side of the build-
ing. Council President James

Godbout thanked Elfakir for his continued business investthanked him for his regular community investment through donations for community events.

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Authorized Retailer GRAND OPENING

## HOBYAK

notorcycle rally for
everal years, taking
iders out North Territo-
ial and back to Joy Man
She also has done
lothing drives for Light
ouse Home Mission and
t. Mary Outreach Cen-
er, but much of what she
does comes under the
Community Foundatand
Community Foundation,
no organization that's
near and dear to my
heart."
Founded by her father
Founded by her father,
lenn Shaw Jr., she has

## JOHNSTON

"I transitioned. I saw
Internet thingss at a con-"
sumer electronics show,"
said Johnston, who
formed VRR (Virtual Real-
ity) Metro Mall to pro--
vide online marketing for
vide online marketing for
beginning, and her work
with organizations like with organizations like
the Wayne-Westland the Wayne-Westland
Salvation Army, Goodfellows and the city's new Compassionate City ini-
tiative, is an off-shoot tiative, is an off-shoot.
She loves the foundation because it gives back to the community through its many activities - and the opportu-
nity to work with other community organizations are like sprinkles on a cupcake.
Hobyak Hobyak is currently
helping pla helping plan the Wayne-
Westland Salvation Army's 25th anniversary She admits she's put in a
lot of time on it. "I hope lot of time on it. "I hope wide event," she said. Two Firsts Hobyak's recognition as First Citizen comes 18 years after her father
received the honor received the honor. He
will be at Joy Manor on area businesses. Smith noted nomination, ston has partnered with many local business. When VR Metro first
began, Johnston said most clients were from Westland but now come from the wider metro
area.
${ }^{\text {area. }}$ Now called VR Metro,


Hobyak's father, Glenn Shaw Jr., is no stranger to the
Westland First Citizen Award. He received it in 1996 .
Thursday evening to see Rohraff considers Thursday evening to see
his daughter receive the $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { Rohraff considers } \\ \text { Hobyak her best friend, }\end{gathered}$ honor that the believes is and said she's the type of
long overdue. long overdue. really should have gone it to her," he said. There's no deadline on
if or when Hobyak will if or when Hobyak will ease off on volunteering.
She'll "be doing this forever, it's just something 1 do," she said. "If someone needs help, I just
the business initially and said she's the type of
person "who is always nice to have as a friend
"She's so selfless," Rohraff said. "She is someone I look up to; ;'m proud to have her as a
part of my life. She can part of my life. She can in people."
smason@hometownlife.com

| the business initially | A longtime Westland |
| :---: | :---: |
| worked out of the back of | Chamber of Commerce |
| Johnston's video store. | member, Johnston will b |
| "We built a lot of web- | recognized at the cham- |
| sites, did Internet mar- |  |
| keting and web promo- | which is set for 5:30-8:30 |
| tions," said Johnston, | p.m. Thursday at Joy |
| who has six employees | Manor. |
| and works remotely with |  |
| a group of programmers | Irogersehometownilif.co |
| and server administra- | 313-222-5428 |
| tors. | Twitter: ©LRogersObserver |

A longtime Westland Chamber of Commerce recognized at the chamber awards program,
which is set for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Joy
ogers 13 home
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## TRASH

Continued from Page A1 residents can request an ditional cart for an , residents who don't xpect to need the 96 gallon cart can request a mhiler would be thert, dhich would be the dard trash cans. "People will have the ption of letting us know le, like condo residents who may not need the big cart or have room for it,"

Special pick-ups

> One change is that residents will be charge special pick-ups, includ-
ing overflow amounts of trash, carpet bundles,
bulk items that don't fit in the cart, appliances and furniture. four years, we have seen a trend upward of bulky items. Some things we saw were very concern-
ing," said Paul Ruthenberg of Midwest Sanitation. "We have seen three couches at the curb. That's something And other items dropped at the curb." ed that he would rather see couches recycled that is given to someone

| who needs a couch than left on the curb. |  |
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|  | 11 with an eye on making the routes more efficient. |
| "Couches last a long |  |
|  | "If residents have a |
| time in landfills. We want to get those items out of the waste stream," Ruth |  |
|  |  |
| the waste stream," Ruthenberg said. "Landfill costs are going up," |  |
|  | costs are going up." |
| Compared to Taylor |  |
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| ere he provides the |  |
| berg said Westland resi- |  |
| dents recycle at higher numbers. |  |
| "I think Westland has |  |
| taken a more aggressive approach to recycling," |  |
|  |  |  |
| approach to recycling," |  |
|  |  |
| To encourage recycling, residents can ob- |  |
|  |  |  |
| tain a second recycling |  |
| cart at no charge. | 3-222-5428 |
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## AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

At the pumps
How long has it been since you went to the gas station and someo pumped your gas, shield, or ran inside to pick up your items? John Glenn football
players do just that for donations from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the Shell Gas Station,
37400 Ford, at the cor 37400 Ford, at the
ner of Newburgh. Community Day Community Free Will Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland, is hol ing a Community Day at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 . bounce houses, games

## BUSINESS

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$\qquad$ also was approved by council to allow a nurse 4693 S. Middlenter at 4693 S. Middlebelt at the
southeast corner of An Southeast corner of An
napolis.
The training center would be located in a 6,708-square-foot unit in a commercial strip ce
There would be two classes Monday throug Thursday from $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to 2 p.m. and 3-9 p.m., eac
with a maximum of 15 students. The special
land use is needel land use is needed to school in the CB-3 busi ness district zoning. The approval was granted contingent on the removal of an RV,
boat and tires from the property along with
face painting and more. Everything is free Driving classes The Wayne Senior
Services Office will be Services office wil
offer AARP Smart Driver Course on 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 8-9. The cost is $\$ 15$ for AARP members and $\$ 20$ for non-members (age or residency
doesn't apply). Preresis ter by Tuesday, July 1, by calling 734-721-7460. Participants must
attend both days in or attend both days in 0
der to receive attendance certificate. Call or stop by the Senior Services Office located in Center on Annapolis a Howe in Wayne.

## landscaping maint

 nance and sidewalk re ${ }^{n}$ The council also approved a special land use for Greater BeginVenoy on the west side of the street south of Cherry Hill in the Cherry Hill Venoy Plaza.Plans call care center to be io 4,000-square-foot building. The day care center
would care for approxiwould care for approxi-
mately $70-80$ children from six months to 7 years old.
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The special land use for a day care center is
required under the CB-2 zoning.
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& \text { zoning. } \\
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$$ granted contingent on the parking lot being

cleaned, repaired and re-striped.

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CORRECTION
In Kurt Kuban's opinion column "Wayne
County executive candidates attempt to break County executive candidates attempt to break
through voter anger" that appeared in last week's paper should have referred to Warren Evans as former Wayne County Sheriff.

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Wayne Memorial graduate receives scholarship from Wayne Police


New trees help green Norwayne community

By LeAnne Rogers staff Writer If you're passing an eye out for new green ery. The eco-friendly reno
vation project of 120 newly planted trees is thanks to a recent grant awarded to Westland through the Alliance of The trees, planted by the Westland Department of Public Services, include red maples, sun-
set maples, sweet gums, swamp white oaks and little leaf lindens. "The trees are planted acquired some oddshaped lots where we tore down houses and they are un-buildable,"
Westland Mayor William Wild said. "You can see them on Venoy before you get to Dorsey."

Knezek seeks return of sentencing panel

State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Height
has introduced legislahai introduced legisla sentencing commission
responsible for propos ing reforms to the Legislature on the guidelines used by judges when determining prison sen"Michigan spends more than
$\$ 5$ million $\$ 5$ million each day on
corrections; corrections;
that's over
$\$ 2$ billion \$2 billion a
year," Kneyear," Kne "This legislation rein-
 states an- Knezek responsible for review ing our sentencing practices, so that Michigan ate balance between the crime, the punishment and the state's bill for incarcerating criminals. In 1998, after a sentencing commission, the Michigan Legislature enacted recommendations to reform the sentencing structure. The
recommendations were
made so that sentences
throughout the state were proportionate to the crime, while also taking into consideration a As of today, there has not been an organized effort to assess how the guidelines enacted 16
years ago are working in years ago are working in
practice. Over the past few years, the Legislature has changed multiple scoring and offense
classifications which have increased the ave age length of stay and thus led to skyrocketing
costs. As a percentage of costs. As a percentage of
a department's budget, the Michigan Department of Corrections receives the largest portion
of general fund dollars and constitutes one of the largest appropriations of money for corrections in money for co Bission reinstating a comshed in 2002 was abolcan assess 2 , Mrichigan sentencing practices and ensure that dangerous criminals stay behind bars. In states that formed sentencing con
missions, many have
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lengthened sentences for perpetrators of sex
crimes, while shortenin crimes, while shortening crimes," Knezek said. resources are stretched and spending more than $\$ 2$ billion each year on corrections prohibits us
from improving our from improving our
roads, public schools and investing in other important priorities for Michigan's future.
Accordin According to a 2012 Research Study, of the 35
states it reviewed states it reviewed, Michi-
gan has the longest aver age prison length stay and that Michigan's sentences of time served were 79 percent longer
than in 1990 . As a result, Michigan has seen an increase in its annual corrections cost by near
ly $\$ 492$ million ly $\$ 492$ million. length of stay is deter mined by sentencing and parole policies, the imtencing guidelines commission would help bring control to Michigan's spending on incarcer-
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## Westland senior says be wary of bogus PCH prize calls <br> By Sue Mason <br> prize patrol was coming to his <br> cash for the delivery and ser- <br> claiming to be from PCH, and tells you that you've won a <br> and in person by our Prize

A Westland resident thought Publishers Clearing House was coming to his door, but the $\$ 1$
million prize and a new vehicle was too good to be true. vehicle And the savvy senior citizen
knew it, although "she sounded knew it, although "she sounded very convincing, he said be identified, said he received a call Wednesday morning from a woman, identifying PCH, notifying him that the home with a new vehicle load ed on a flatbed trailer and a
check to be presented by three ${ }^{\text {women. }}$ She eve She even gave him her two phone numbers, an address on ington, N.Y. Thinking that PCH has its offices in Florida - they are actually in Port Wash-
ington, N.Y. - the man said he played along.
It was when the woman asked if he had $\$ 500$ cash in his why it was needed.

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

## Larceny from a vehicle

A Westland man told police that someone had broken a window on his 2011 Jeep while it was parked in the east side of Red Robin, 36350 Warren Road. Reported missing were an Apple MacBook lap-
top, Apple iPad, several schoo books, a graphing calculator and a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses.
raud
On June 18, a Westland man old police that he had been 7 and alerted that someone had opened credit cards using his personal information at Sears and Toys R Us. The man said, with $\$ 500$ charged to it.
Break-in
Police were called to a
home in the 33000 block of Harvard about a fight betwee two teenage girls. The fight unfounded but the homeowner reported the garage had been broken into.
A side door had been forced ppen on the garage. The owner
told police someone had made makeshift bed using a pool raft and clothing stored in the garage. suspect had also defecated on the garage floor. It

## Thear nothing was mis

## Vandalism

On June 19, a resident in the
7500 block of Cardwell told police that someone had slashed or let the air out of a tire on her 2003 Ford Ranger overnight. Both gates to the property had been opened.
The officer said he could find The off icer said he could find the tire, which was flat.

## Larceny

A resident in the 28000 block of Currier told police June 19 that he and his wife their teenage son sleeping. When the son woke up at noon the resident said he had noticed the garage door was open. Checking on the garage door, the teen reported it was off the track and wouldn't close properly. Reported sto-
len were two jack stands and assorted tools valued at \$210.
Fraud
A Detroit woman told police June 19 that on June 3 she had load Network prepaid debit card at CVS Pharmacy, 7250 N. Venoy. When she later wen
to use the card to pay tuition at her child's school, she said it was denied.
pany, the woman said she was told someone had used the
cash for the delivery and ser-
vice charge. When I asked her why I had to pay, if I won something, she hung up," $h$ said.
Out of curiosity, he tried to call the three phone numbers she had provided and found that none of them could re-
ceive incoming calls.
The clearing house website states that "at PCH the winning is always free and you never have to pay to claim a prize award." It also warns
that "if someone contacts you
tells you that you've won a
prize award - then asks you prize award - then asks you to
send a payment or money card n order to claim the prizestop! You have not heard from he real PCH."
"Publishers Clearing House does not operate this way and would never ask for money to claim a prize award. PCH emyou personally or in advance to notify you of a prize award. Our prize awards are present ed just the way you see in our
pagne and check in hand - an with no advance notification." The man is hoping to get the word out so others aren't taken in by the bogus prize patrol
and plans to contact PCH about it. As for spotting the phone
call as a scam, the man said it isn't the first time. "It happened before, that's why I was suspicious," he said
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## WAYNE COP CALLS

Break-in
A resident in the 4600 block
of Walker told police June 21
that he was gone for over three
hours and returned home to
find the door to the sun room had been kicked in. He said he was unsure if anyone had gotten into the house but nothin

## Ammo found

On June 19, a resident in the 35000 block of Elm called police to report her son had found a plastic container with two pistol magazines and several
The youngster told police he was going through a vacant lot at the southeast corner of Wayne Road and Ash when he ound the plastic container. H said he looked inside, then
checked the field but did not locate a gun.
The boy told police he then checked with the residents next to field but they said it wasn't their property. He then took the items home and turned them over to his mother. Pelican case, which contained two . 40 -caliber Smith and Wes son magazines and 25 bullets. field but finding no weapon.
Suspicious circumstances At 4 a.m. June 19 , a resident
in the 4500 block of Woodward told police she had just fallen
asleep when she suddenly woke
up. She said she saw someone in the window staring at her and a fan that had been in the vindow was now on the floor
The woman said she The woman said she father's room. She was unable to provide a description or say
which direction the fled. The father said he hect ha checked outside the home and found the screen on the windo to his daughter's room had $n$ lifted up.

## Larceny

A Detroit resident told po-
lice June 18 that somene stolen the bronze military had marker from his father's grav at Westlawn Cemetery, 31472 Michigan Ave. The man said his father was killed in Viet-
nam and the military had paid for the special grave marker. The man told police he had not visited the grave in three the marker was stolen. The cemetery had offered to re place the stolen marker but th man said he wanted an ex
replacement in bronze.

Vandalism
On June 21, a resident in the 5000 block of John told police that someone had smashed the 2005 GMC Canydow of her past hour. The vehicle was parked in the street.


Be sure to take advantage of all the great events we have planned for the month of fuly. foin in for fun, informative, and entertaining activities throughout the entire month!
Events At:

| Independence Village of Plymouth |
| :---: |
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Fourth of July Celebration Wednesday, July 2 | $1: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ Join your own Village Joy Singers as they help Independence Village celebrate Independence Day. Our thirty-voice choir will present a program of all your patriotic favorites. Light refreshments will be served.

## Art in the Park

 July 11 - 13Friday, II:00 am - 8:00 pm Saturday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Be sure to stop by our booth during Michigan's
second largest art fair. Located in downtown Plymouth, it's a great weekend of art, food and fun
you won't want to miss.
America the Beautiful
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Monday, July 30 | 1:30 pm
Celebrate America through song and story. "Suzanne and Jim" will inspire your patriotic pride with this star-spangled show.

## Sunday Brunch \& Open House

Sunday Brunch

## Sunday, July 20

Bring your family and friends and join us for a delicious chef-prepared brunch breakfast and lunch food be sure not to miss the fantastic desserts our chef has prepared especially for this event.
Cost $\$ 17.00$ adults, $\$ 13.00$ ages $6-12$, ages 4 and under are free.

Summer Celebration Open House

## Saturday, July 26

Join us for the July Open House and enjoy an old fashioned picnic with everything but the ants! It's a chance for us to get together
a community, tell a few stories,
and share a laugh and a meal.
Please Call for Details

Events At:
Independence Village of White Lake 935 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386 248-360-7235

## Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, July 9
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Two of our favorite things come together for this fun event-ice cream and being social. Create your own ice cream with a variety your friends and swap stories like you used to do at the local soda fountain.

Time to get Jazzy Thursday, July 31 | 6:00 pm What could be better than some cool jazz and an ice-cold martini? Idependence Vllage of White Lake proudly presents an evening of jazz with vocalist Sheella Landos. Enjoy exquisite appetizers and be part of the scene.

PLEASE RSVP THREE DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT

## A FINAL RESTING PLACE

Abandoned cremated remains given proper burial

By Kurt Kuban Staff Writer It may have been a
long time coming, but 59 long time coming, but 59
deceased individuals, including several military final resting place at Northville's Rural Hill Cemetery on Friday. mains, which had been left abandoned by family members over the years,
were put into one casket were put into one casket
and buried in a plot at the scenic cemetery off of Seven Mile. But not before a moving ceremony
attended by more than 100 people, including the Honor Guard from Amer ican Legion Post 32 in
Livonia The ce burial was set up by David Griffin of L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes. Griffin
recently purchased the recently purchased the
Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville and inherited the cremated remains, which had
been stored in a steel cas at the funeral home. Many of the remain came over from the Nor-
throp Funeral Home in throp Funeral Home in
Redford, and some dated back to the 1930s. Once he learned of their sad fate, Griffin said
he devised the idea for the burial. He approached Rural Hill, purchased a plot and everything else needed or the burta, that will be placed at the grave in the coming months. He said it will be
a black headstone, and include all the names and dates of the deceased. "We knew we had to do
something," Griffin said.


Members of the American Legion Honor Guard prepare to drape an American flag over a casket that contained the remains of several military veteran abandoned over the years. PHOTOS BY KURT KUBAN
"We did the right think to honor these folks, who were essentially forgot
Father St. Perpertack Baker of St. Perpetra Parish in f St. Mary in Wayne) and Pastor Rob Allen of Northville's First Presby eulogies for the individ uals, and the Honor Guard played taps and rovided a 21 -gun salut veterans, including Span ish-American War vet Norval Marlett, who John Sassaman, who sold his funeral home to Griffin, said the remains years. "They were left by families who used the ervices, ind aur uner
homes, and after the
service just left them
with us," with us," Sassaman said
"Many of the deceased had no children, which may explain why they were abandoned.
Most of the people wh attended Friday's service were quite moved, and many tears were shed even though nobody there that were being honore "We wouldn't have missed this for the worl We always support our
veterans. It was a beauti ful ceremony, and just took my breath away, member of the America Legion Post 32 Auxiliary "This was long overdue. Father Baker agreed. lay in peace," he said. kkuban@hom
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## Flea Circus brings animal rescue groups to Garden City

## By Sue Buck Staff Writer

Jen and Emma Ferris like their adopted rescue pug Cody
so much that they brought him to the Flea Circus to look for pug products. Jen Ferris. They snapped up Puddle Pug about Percy the Pug, a persistent pug who pur-
sues friendship in puddle para-
dise. The Garden City Downtown Development Authority reCircus in the Farmers Market area located near Ford and Middlebelt. There were differ-
ent animal activities and eight ent animal activities and eight
dog rescues on hand. dog rescues on hand. Jen Ferris said. Dog Aide rescue volunteer
Shelly Hlavati of Livonia Shelly Hlavati of Livonia
walked a one-year-old boxer-p wall ted a one--year-old boxer-German Shepherd. The rescue is based in Dearborn. about a year," Hlavati said. Foster moms and dads bring their dogs, or volunteers pick
them up for an event like this one. chance to visit with dogs b they couldn't be adopted that ed to be filled out and home visits scheduled. There also were educational
opportunities. Representatives of Keep Michigan Wolves Protected - a coalition of conservation groups, animal welfare organizations, Native Amer-
ican tribes, wildlife scientists, ican tribes, wildlife scientists
faith groups, veterinarians, hunters, farmers and concerned Michigan citizens
working to protect Michigan' working to protect Michigan's
wolf population - had a tent at the Flea Circus.
After 50 years on the protected list, wolves in Michigan are now starting to recover;
the current topulation estimate in Michigan is only 636 wolves, the group said. "Our current Michigan
wolves are small and limited, said Karl Fischer, adding that it's not right to spend decades bringing the wolf baek from the brink of extinction only to be hunted and trapped for
trophies.
Brian
Brian Walsh of Walsh's K-9 in wayne was there with his dog behavior problems. Jake, 9, accompanies Walsh everytations.
Behavior problems can develop quickly. He described what can happen when four
dogs from the same litter leave dogs rifom ent homes.
"When each of those dogs "When each of those dogs
leave the litter, one goes to the leave the litter, one goes to the
inner city, one goes to country, inner city, one goes to country,
one goes to a single family and one goes to a family of 10 . Within a short amount of time, you can have four different
dogs," Walsh said. "A dog is a dogs," Walsh said. "A dog is a
reflection of the owner." When other trainers can work with some dogs, Walsh steps in. A half day of training
that also involves homework can cost about $\$ 250$. Walsh works with dogs that haven't been trained to walk gressive and who bolt out the gressive and who
door:
'Avoid, avoid'
Charging dogs have been a
roblem in some Garden City neighborhoods. Some have bitten mail carriers. Walsh said its a common occurrence in
cities.
"F. "Every neighborhood we
to has the same issues," he to has the same issues," he
said. Walsh's primary advice to do owners who think there might be a problem in some areas
with dogs.
That might mean not walking dogs in some areas at all. Owners must be dog savvy and know their dogs. In the case of a dog attack, he said there are
different solutions, but the owner must be prepared and not allow himself to be caught ff guar dangerous situation with another dog might mean throwing their dog into the car or er, he said.
"If two dogs do lock on, pick up the aggressor's back feet,
Walsh said. But that means


Little puppy Carter has a new friend, as Lola wants to play. Garden City resident Jodi Bilak looks on at the Flea Circus. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN


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## Beaumont, Botsford, Oakwood agree to form new health organization

the region. "While Botsford and "While Botsford and ing names and brands in their primary communities, we chose the name Beaumont Health be-
cause of its recognition and strength throughout all of southeast Michigan and on a national level," said Oakwood Board who will be the future chair of the Beaumont Health board. "The new national model and the name paves the way for an even stronger nationa
voice in the future of health care delivery. And the word health represents our combined goal of improving the health
of individuals, families and employers in the communities we serve."

## Hard work

Beaumont President
and CEO Gene Michalski, who will serve as initial CEO of the new health system, heralded the collaboration that led to che agreement.
"This milestone
ter onstrates our mutual commitment to working together to improve qual ity, efficiency and value for our patients. Wellbe
able to share and build on our individual successes and will stand stronger together during a time of
major transformation in the health industry." As announced in March, the new health
system will be governed system will be governed
by a single board and by a single board and
executive leadership structure with repre-
sentation from the thre sentation from the three
organizations Michalski, organizations. Michalski,
Oakwood CEO Brian Connolly and Botsford CEO Dr. Paul LaCasse
will all serve on the CEO will all serve on the CEO transition and implementation of the new
system. Michalski will system. Michalski will
chair the CEO Council Connolly, LaCasse and Michalski will remain as president and CEO of their respective organi-
zations during the period zations during the period
of transition. Connolly is serving as chief transition executive and La-
Casse is serving as clin-
ical transition executive Casse is serving as clin-
ical transition executive on behalf of the CEO Council.
"The work to integrate
these three great organi zations, while challeng-
ing, is progressing well, ing, is progressing well
Connolly said. "We see the signs that we are
indeed creating the indeed creating the
health care system of the heath care system of the
uture-a system in which population health can truly be impacted in a very positive way while
increasing quality and ncreasing quality and
value for every family we are fortunate to
erve."
Physician collab
Physician collabora-
tion and integration is another key priority for the new health system. "We want to continue
to engage all our physicians in driving clinical standards, performance, programs and services, fies to partner with com munity physicians and ther care providers to etter serve patient future for our physi. ians," LaCasse said. This includes the physicians we are training
through our graduate medical education programs and medical
Final approvals The final steps in coming together are state and federal regulatory approvals. With these tions expect to close the Wransaction in the fall.
Work will also con. tinue to develop detailed ransition plans to bring the operations of the three organizations to-
gether and to finalize gether and to finalize
details, such as a location for executive offices and he appointments of board members and the
new health system's executive team. The new Beaumont Health organization will 3,337 beds, 153 outpatient sites, 5,000 physicians, 33,593 employees and 3,500 volunteers. Th
hospitals include: $\geqslant$ Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak; Beaumont Hospital, Troy; and Beau-
mont Hospital, Grosse mont Hospital, Grosse $\#$ Botsford Hospital,
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## PHYSICAL MEDICINE and REHABILITATION in Your Neighborhood



## Spree crowd fends off rain to kick off annual event

## By David Veselenak staff Writer <br> Staff Write

After winning arguably one of the Livonia prizes, 9 -yearst midway prizes, 9 -year-old Allie phrase heard Tuesday afternoon at Ford Field "Get your umbrella said to her mother, La a Avers. Laura and Allie Avers were two of the tured Tuesday to Ford Field as soon as the Livonia Spree grounds opened at 4 p.m. With mud throughout the field, some families and youngsters ventured to see what rides were were available to win. The Spree, which uns through Sunday, tractions for children and adults, with carnival rides, fair food and ive entertainment the week.
Laura Avers said the Spree is her daughter's nd event each summe hroughout the week Her daughter and friend spent the after grounds trying to figur out where to go next. She had already won one stuffed animal Fire Fly, a water race midway game that requires participants to
shoot water at a target shoot water at a targe "We go every day," she said. "It's the biggest thing to my daugh
Hazel Park resident Lorna Neiman came to he Spree with some of her grandchildren fro daughter is working the vent and thought their families would be able to enjoy some of the
rides for free, but found
case. case. Still, her group was able to find some things to do, including winning
at the fish bowl carnival game. "We'll be here until it closes," she said. "I enjoy going to these
things." Nine-y Nine-year-old Lily her family and rode on one of the roller coasters. She said she's com
every year since she every year since she
was little and wanted to see what was making its first appearance this year, though she said the Twister ride was her
favorite.
"I want to find the "I want to find the
new rides," she said. Take the shuttle Take the shuttle
The Spree committ is urging attendees to utilize the free shuttle
service being offerle service being offered Field because of the I-96 construction and some work being done at
Frost Middle Frost Middle School
that limits parking. that limits parking.
Shuttles were up and running to the field early Tuesday, though
some contained very some contained very
few passengers because of heavy rain in the area. The Spree fairgrounds will open at 2
p.m. Thursday. Other activities taking place Thursday include the Taste of Spree 6-8 p.m.
at Eddie Edgar Arena at Eddie Edgar Arena,
the petting zoo until 9 p.m., the Comedy Magic of Ken and Austin Dumm at 6 p.m. at the
Brighthouse Networks tent and the wacky rub ber duck races until 9
${ }_{\text {p.m. }}^{\text {The }}$ Spree will finish Sunday evening with fireworks, which will close Farmington Road between Schoolcraft
and Five Mile as well and Five Mile, as well
Schoolcraft near Farmington Road starting at 7 p.m. Laura Avers had to




Rides along the Spree midway. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER |STAFF



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## Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation offers summer fun

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and Recreation Depart ment is offering plenty of activities, including
July is National Parks and Recreation Month: Out is In. This year, the department is focusing on setting trends instead
of following them, making 2014 the year people go outside, change their
outlook, and get involved outlook, and get involved
in their community through parks and rec ation, Wayne-Westland
Parks and Recreation Parks and Recreation
Director Nathan Adams Director Nathan Adams
said.
Summer Day Camp is now underway for children ages 6-12. Enjoy swimming, physical education and nutrition and the weekly theme field
trip every Thursday trip every Thursday.
Camp is offered from 8:30 a.m. to $5: 30$ p.m. with extended care hours
from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and $5: 30-6$ p.m. Monday
through Friday. Fo Wayne-Westland residents the cost is $\$ 26$ dai-
ly/ $\$ 130$ weekly and for ly/ 1 130 weekly and for
non-residents it's $\$ 33$ daily/\$165 weekly. The Summer Lunch

the Wayne Community Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday ree nutritious meals for children 18 and under during the summer
The Kelly Miller Cir cus is returning to Attwood Park in Wayne for shows at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturaay, Aug. 9 .
Tickets are $\$ 10$ for adults 12 years and older and $\$ 6$ hildren under age 12 . ickets are on sale at th er, Mark Chevrolet, Professional Insurance Associates, Law Auto
Sale and the Wayne-West land Federal Credit nion. Tickets also ca be purchased at kellymilrcircus.com
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$\$ 12$ per month. The com munity center offers
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ty Center offers everything from fitness basics to world-class health club amenities, including: "A wide variety o
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and click Recreation or on Facebook at face-book.com/pages/City-of-
Wayne-Parks-Recreation.

## CITY OF WAYNE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
The City of Wayne will hold two public hearings as follows: 1) The Wayne Planning thereafter as may be heard, at the Wayne Poolice Station, 33701 M Michigan. Avenue, Wayne,
M1, and 2) the Wayne City Council will hold a public hearing, subject to receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission, on Tuesday, July 15,2014 at $8: 00$ P.M. or as soon there after as may be heard, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, MI. Both hearings are to consider a request from Jack Demmer Ford, Inc. to
rezone certain property, commonly known as 37458 and 37440 Michigan Avenue from B-4 rezone certain property, commonly known as 37458 and 37440 Michigan Avenue from B-4
Business Intensive to B-3 Business Extensive. Reference: $\# 55$-009-01-0190-001 (est.0.4 ac) and \#55-009-01-0190-002 (est. 0.3 acre), respectively.
The proposed text and any maps may be examined or written comments may be submitted
at the City Clerk's office during business hours (10:00A.M. to $4: 30$ P.M., Monday through Thursday). Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by
counsel. Inquiries: Peter J. McInerney. Community Development Director (734) 419-0118.

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Heroes of Hines wins NACo award

Wayne County's Department of Public Ser-
vices' Parks Division ha won two 2014 Achievement Awards rom the Counties.
The recently restored historic pedestrian
bridges in Elizabeth Park won in the category of Arts and Historic Preservation. The Heroes on Hines Half Mar-
athon and 5 K Run won in the category of Parks and Recreation. Wayne County Parks
recently completed the renovation and re-construction of its three historic pedestrian
bridges in Elizabeth bridges in Elizabeth
Park and had a dedicaPark and had a dedica-
tion ceremony in May. The project began in 2010. The bridge structures were completely along with the original iron railings which were restored to their origina
condition. The finished condition. The finished
bridges are near perfec replicas of their original
design and construction. They exude an elegance circa 1920s and enhance visitors' experiences at Elizabeth Park.
Wayne County Fxec. utive Robert Ficano directed Parks' leadership in February 2013 to
find a way to maintain find a way to maintain and upkeep the First
Responders Memorial in perpetuity. The memerial, which was dedicated October, is a permanent
tribute to first responders from Wayne County who lost their lives in the Parks' officials organized the Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5 K race, now an
annual event every fall. The proceeds go to maintain the memorial. Last year's inaugural race Oct. 5 drew more than
1,100 runners and raised after expenses, $\$ 21,000$ for the First Responders Memorial. Many of the participants in the race
were first responders who were organized into
team competitions. Oth-
ers were family members, relatives and friends of many of the names on the memorial.
It was a great communiy event. "We are proud that hese signature project hat Wayne County and dedication into were distinguished by the
National Association Cational Association of ment Award winners," Ficano said. "The Department of Public Sersion to provide excellent services to residents of Wayne County"
Registration Registration for the Heroes on Hines race ct. 4 is under way. Go to www.heroesonhines.com for more information.
NACo is a national organization representing the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and information, go to www.naco.org.

ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO.2014-17 June 17, 2014
A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday. June 17, 2014 at 8:00p.m. at Wayne
Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd. MEMBRS PRESENT: Haidous, Hawley. Rowe Monit, Khaesa. MEMBER Dent Scholarship: Certificate of Appreciation to the City from V of th Parade Council. APPROVED: minutes of special mtg. of June 2; minutes of reg. mtg. of June 3; first reading of Chapter 210.00 Uniform Fee Schedule; appointments, reappointments
and resignations to various Boards, Commissions and Committess, Study Session for June
25, 2014 at 7 .:00p.m. calling a Public Hearing for July 15, 2014 for rezoning west of Jack 25, 2014 at $7: 00$ p.m., calling a Public Hearing for July 15,2014 for rezoning west of Jack
Demmer; caling a Public Hearing for July 15,2014 for the vacation of a aprtion of Dearborn St., PSA with Stantec for the EQ basin; payment to Nankin Transit for $\$ 21,000.00$; PSA with
Stantec for storm water outfall; payment to ARC for $\$ 5,153.00$; $2^{n d}$ year with Du-All Cleaning for various bldgs.; Wayne County Storm Water Mgt. with Jack Demmer Ford; authorize the
millage of Public Act 359 of 1925 ; resignation of James Henley; request to fill City Council



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CITY OF WAYNE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Wayne City Council has scheduled the following public hearing for: Tuesday, July $115,2014,8: 00$ P.M.
Wayne Communit Center, 6355 Howe Road, Wayne, M148184
an application to vacate the portion of Dearborn Street which lies south of the


The application and proposed map may be examined or written comments submitted to the City Clerk during business hours (Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.). Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. Inquiries: Peter J.
Mcinerney, Community Development Director (734) 419-0118.

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- \& B Haunted House © 34043 Ford Rd. w/himited dates \& hrs. 9/26-11/2 Bid for calcium chloride to Suburban Calcium Chloride Sales; amt. \&0.49/gallon Appr. Workers Comp Agrmnt w/Willis of MI. Placement of summer hazard fees on 2011 summer tax bills.
Ext. deadline to pay 014 summer taxes to $8 / 29 / 14$. -Appr. to accept design/install proposal from Artman's Nursery \& Landscaping for Veteran Memorial Garden.
139: Appr. Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan application w/29th District Court.
140: Appr. spec. land use for prop. Greater Beginnings Child Care, 170 S. Venoy w 140:Appr. spec.
141: Appr. spec. land use for prop. Biggby Coffee w/drive-thru, 36640 Ford Rd. 142: Appr. rev, site plan for prop. Biggby Coffee w/drive-thru, 36640 Ford Rd.w/contingencie
143: Appr. spec. land use for prop. Nurse Aide Training Center, 4693 S. Middlebelt Rd.w/
contingencies.
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144: Conf. re-appt. of A. Martin to Library Bd. for 5 yr. term to exp. 6/20/19.
145: Conf. re-appt. of B. Bianconi to P \& F Retirement Bd. for 4 yr. term to exp. $71 / 18$.
146: Conf. re-appt. of W. Wild as Del to CWCSA term to exp $6 / 30 / 15$.
146: Conf. re-appt. of W. Wild as Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/15.
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Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.
James Godbout
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## Registration underway for

 Embrace Life 5K run/walkSt. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is hosting Life 5 K run/walk for cancer at 9 a.m. Sunday,
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Networks. More than 850 people participated in ast year's 5 K, raising nearly $\$ 41,000$. Proceeds
support Cancer Services support Cancer Services
at St. Mary Mercy Hospi-
${ }^{\text {tal. }}$ The 5 K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a cancer survivors, for those who have cancer and an opportunity for
family members and family members and
friends to honor or remember a loved one. To register, visit
stmarymercy.org/ mbracelifesk. Regis 22 and $\$ 30$ through race day. Mobile registration
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## Baracy's legacy: His leadership and vision for W-W

Much has been said by those who know him about the legacy of Greg Baracy, who retires
Monday after 17 years as Wayne-Westland Monday after 17 years as Wayne-Westland
school superintendent.
People have pointed to the millions of dollars People have pointed to the millions of dollars
he has brought into the district, others to building improvements and his ability to keep the district intact in tough financial times.
But his accomplishments are part of his pasBut his accomplishments are part of his pas-
sion for a district he grew up in and his vision to make it better, His legacy is not dollars and cents, but his leadership.
David J. Vaughan auth
David J. Vaughan, author of Give Me Liberty:
The Christian Patriotism of Patrick Henry, wrote that "A leader must lead. Where others see obstacles, he must see opportunities. When others see problems, he must see possibilities." That sums up what Baracy has
done over the past 17 years. He done over the past 17 years. He Lansing to replace money the dis-
trict lost when Proposal A changed how schools were fundconvince the state, and his persistence brought in some $\$ 80 \mathrm{mil}$ -
 lion. Baracy schools and a sinking fund millage that has raised another $\$ 20$ million that has been used to continue the renovations and to build new gym
nasiums and elementary media centers. nasiums and elementary media centers.
His focus has been laser sharp, and hi Hre has been all about the students and provid ing them with the tools and a talented staff to help them learn. He has hired administrators
who have helped restore quality and equity in all Wayne-Westland schools and lead the district in investing in the latest technology and retooling where necessary to keep school relevant. He has fostered partnerships that have proof the district, the latest an agreement with Westland to turn the former Jefferson-Barns Elementary into a community center in the Norwayne community.
Under his leade
worked hard to market the district to families It added all-day kindergarten, a talented and gifted program, elementary foreign language classes and a JROTC program at its two high
schools. Radio Disney events at Westland Shopping Center and several elementaries also have paid off with a rebound in enrollment last year.
President Ronald Reagan may have provided President Ronald Reagan may have provided
the best description of what Baracy has done for the best description of what Baracy has done for
the Wayne-Westland Community Schools: "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things
Back in 1997, he told the board he Back in 1997, he told the board he would take understand that what they saw is what they got They got a lot in Greg Baracy. He leaves the dis-
trict with a balanced budget, a full educational trict with a balanced budget, a full educational program and no privatization. He leaves Wayne-
Westland in better shape that when he took over and leaves it poised to become even better. His legacy is his leadership, his ability. to get
everyone to work together for the common everyone to work together for the common
good, and the beneficiary of that has been the good, and
students.

LETTERS
Illusions of charter schools As I begin this letter, let me
say that I may be perceived as biased since I serve on a local board of education. That being
said, I am calling the education that happens in charter schools an illusion.
Let's look at this illusion.
First: the secret "waiting list" that charter schools use to talk about their success. If it was a true waiting list, there should be students on it with high and low
grade-point averages not. This "waiting list" is actually an attempt by charter schools to hand-pick students with high GPAs.
Secondly, the languages are
taught through the Rosetta Stone, which is easily purchased in stores. Public high schools
cannot allow those credits to be transferred from charter schools.
Parents, do not be a part of the
illusion. Move your child back into public schools. In public education, your child will find a safe haven to improve their over all GPA.

Frederick Weaver

## Stop the killing

My mother-in-law is a caution feel I have done some good thing that is worthy of commendation, she will do something that resmall, quiet words and actions that can have the most impact. She has suffered several pain. A nurse needs to come and see her from time to time to help her. One of the caregivers came yesterday and they engaged in a
conversation. He told her that he was from Jordan.
She asked him why his people
were fighting. She said it doesn't were fighting. She said it doesn't make any sense. Killing is stu-
pid. Please understand that the word "stupid" is probably the whrshest word that could be spoken in our house, so this was harsh.
ratchinger why when I am watching the news on television
why we are not provided those why we are not provided those
words that this or that thing is bad, or ugly or even wrong War is destructive, is it not? Killing is bad, is it not?
We are told about "fighters" in Iraq murdering unarmed men,
women and children. Are they women and children. Ase
condemned in the press?
No. The press is waiting for a
"response."
My mother-in-law has made her response and I , for one, feel it could probably represent the sentiment of our entire nation
towards their actions over there. "Why are your people fight-
ing? It doesn't make any sense. Killing is stupid." "Stop it" only add one thing lowing volunteers who planted
annuals near the Garden City Community Center on May 28: Janet Smith of the Garden City Library Board, Darlene Reeser and Linda Noble of the Garden City Garden Club, Lynn Cox and
Paul Bailey from the Friends of the Garden City Library, and of Patricia Collins, a Garden City I woul. I would like to give a special
hank you to Linda Noble who came back two days later and helped me to cut down the many onger blooming. Also, I would like to thank husband Paul Bailey who helped me to prepare the
flower beds and large flower lower beds and large flower pots for planting before May 28 .
Paul also did most of the work o cut out the many dead branches on the large rose bush,
plus he has hauled the heavy hose out of our van each time we needed to water the flowers and was my helper in getting all the
flowers watered.

Garden City Public Library Board
Thanks for stories I would like to thank the new papers which took the time to or at the most spend time talking to me to get an interview. many people from around the U.S. and have gleaned about 50 stories from family members
who never knew that the stories were wanted. Every week I seem to get a Every week I seem to get a hand-written letter from some-
one who is in their 80 s and it's all ne who is in their 80 s and it's a story of their loved one, and everyone of them I read with enthusiasm.
Each of the
Each of these stories will go to
the cemeteries located overseas and people will know what it means to be from your state and what the men were like who died
for the freedom of others

Michael Beach
Maysville, OK
Flawed housing system Successful business leaders understand that innovation rreeds further success and is crucial to continually and effec-
tively meet customer needs. It's a concept that should be applied in other sectors as well. The nation's housing finance system Our current housing finance system was founded in 1938 during the Great Depression as part ernment's role in the market expanded in the 60 s and 90 s , it has been years since any system-
atic changes have been imple-
mented. Sadly, under Fannie Mae nd Freddie Mac, our system woefuily yails at its core purpose creditworthy buyers can obtain
home loans. home loans. disproportionately hurting first ime home buyers and younger households, effectively removing these new "customers" from What kind of business model is What
that?
How
tial ho However, it's not just potenare being affected. This uncertainty in the market is hampering a strong housing recovery
and hurting our economy and hurting our economy as a
whole. Those detrimental impacts, first seen with the housing
market collapse in 2008, continue market collapse Fortunately bipartisan legislaU.S. Senate to innovate and reform our flawed housing finance system. S. 1217 , the Housing and
Finance Reform and Taxpayer Protection Act of 2014, would gradually wind down Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into a private sector-oriented system, where
the federal government's role is clear, but exposurn is limited.
This legislation was recently This legislation was recently
approved by the Senate Banking approved by the Senate Banking
Committee and warrants further action. Now pending in the full Senate, Michigan Senators Car (D) have the opportunity to play (D) have the opportunity to play
a critical role in advancement of these long overdue innovations to our housing finance system.
Without their help this measure could suffer an untimely demise Essentially this legislation acts like a disaster insurance plan, providing a federal back-
stop that would only be triggered under extreme circumstances. It ensures the 30-year mortgagethe primary housing finance tool readily accessible and affordable. It also promotes investor confidence, provides incentives
to firms that buy and sell mortto firms that buy and sell mort-
gage securities to manage risk gage securities to manage risk-
more carefully, and limits taxpayer exposure.
Bringing long-term stability
to the nation's mortgage market to the nation's mortgage markets
will help unleash the economic power of the housing market and boost job and economic growth in the state and across the coun ty. As housing production re-
turns to normal levels, those added homes can produce tens of
thousands of additional jobs, thousands of additional jobs,
increase business activity increase business activity and added tax revenues for local schools, police and firefighters.
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## OUR VIEWS

## NO ROAD PLAN

Senate ignores will, business of the people

It would be considered poetic justice if state sena week hit giant, car-damaging without doing anything sub stantive about the condition of the state's roads. oh, sure, they adjourned Rick Snyder for the fiscal year that begins in October,
which includes $\$ 3.7$ billion which includes $\$ 3.7$ billion for the Michigan Department
of Transportation, but Snyder had sought an additional $\$ 1.2$ billion and the House had approved a package that
would have raised an estiwould have raised
mated $\$ 500$ million. But the Senate couldn't or wouldn't - reach consensus on new road revenue.
Instead, senators say, there' money in the budget to perform stop-gap work on roads
now and the Senate will deal now and the Senate will deal
with the need for a more with the need for a more
comprehensive plan when it reconvenes.
Of course, when it reconvenes, candidates who sur-
vive the Aug. 5 primary will vive the Aug. 5 primary will
be worrying about re-election. Even more likely,
they're worrying about reelection now, which is one ticular can down the divotfilled road. gan voters want better roads and they're willing to pay for them. Snyder and Senate Majority Leader Randy Rich-
ardville proposed a wholesale gas tax hike as a long-term solution to Michigan's constant under-funding of roads.
Voters are pounding legislators with complaints about the condition of the state's roads, which cost motorists money on a daily basis.
State Rep. Kurt Heise, Republican from Plymouth Township, said the House plan to raise an extra $\$ 500$ million would have earfor roads, increased the penalties for overweight trucks,
tied the gasoline tax to the tied the gasoline tax to the increased the diesel fuel tax. The wholesale gas tax hike is unquestionably a tough
sell, especially in an electid sell, especially in an election
year and when you consider the state already has the

fifth-highest gas tax in the country 19 cents per gallon
for gasoline, 15 cents per gallon for diesel fuel). But if voters are willing to pay the additional money--
and if even Republican lead ers think it's the may be bad the best of what may be bad options to get it
done - shouldn't senators have either considered it or come up with ideas of their
own?
Isn't it reasonable to ask the Senate to have gotten something - anything - done? ship is saying the road issue will be dealt with in lameduck session. That's the chosen way of dealing with tough, unpopular issues late-
ly (road plan, right-to-work, etc.) and it lacks a certain
level of accountability. Heise and others have said hey'd "be happy to come in place, but that's not going to happen. Legislators instead will spend the summer running for re-election, rath r than doing the business thould have been done in the first place.

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## Nedeljkovic is Whalers' top prospect <br> NHL team could pick Plymouth goalie

in first or second round of entry draft

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer Alex Nedeljkovic is a virtual lock to stand behind the podium this weekend at Wells wearing the colors of whichev er National Hockey League Several of his. Several of his teammates
on the Plymouth Whalers also could enjoy that careeraunching moment. The Plymouth Whalers whose spectacular perforwhose spectacular perfor-
mance throughout 2013-14 garnered him OHL Goaltender
of the Year honors - is rated
fourth overall among North American goalies by the NHL
Central Scouting Bureau and Central Scouting Bureau and
could hear his name called as soon as Friday's opening round. If Nedeljkovic is still avail-
able when the NHL entry draft continues Saturday morning with Round 2, it won't be for long. His new head coach with
the Whalers traveling to Don Elland, isn't traveling to Pennsylvania with the team's new general man--
ager (Mark Craig) and assisager (Mark Craig) and assis
tant GM (Joe Stefan). But Elland will be watching intently to see what transpires "Goalies are always tough
(to predict); you never know,"
said Elland, who is taking over said Elland, who is taking over Plymouth's head coaching
duties from Farmington Hills' Mike Vellucci (who will be at the NHL draft with his new team, the Carolina Hurrigoalie taken, then I don't know. "Usually one goes, then they all start to go. It just de
pends when that first one
Total package
Elland said the Parma, Ohio, native nicknamed "Ned" possesses the talent, work be a first- or second-round selection, but to someday be"He has the total package,

See Whalers, Page B4


Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljikovic is poised under pressure in this game from last year. He is expected to be drafted by an NHL team this weekend. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS


## MSU discovers diamond gem in freshman softball player

Farmington's Sarah Gutknecht adapts quickly to college game, leads Spartans at the plate


## Stewart's basketball dreams finally realized

Despite hard knocks, ex-C'ville standout signs pro deal in Finland

By Brad Emons
Staft Writer
Jamie Stewart had to take a long, hard look in the mirror. High grad appeared in only 21 gigmes during his only two seasons at Mon-
tana State tana State, squandering his
chance to play basketball at the NCAA Division I level with the
Bobcats becaus of academic and stewart
disciplinary disciplinary
issues.
Finding himself waylaid in Bozeman, Mont., and at a crossroads, the 6 -foot- 5 swing
man, a former NJCAA Diviman, a former NJCAA Divi
sion II All-American sion II All-American from
Henry Ford Community Col lege, decided he had to make


## Inks pro contract

"This opportunity came surprisingly" Stewart said. "It's all off film and off tape. I've been talking to coach (Heinamaki) Juri for two
months now. We built that relationship together. He expects good things from me, as well as I do. I had a few more
other options, but we decided to go to Finland. "It was a process for me,
especially being out an entire especially being out an entire
year. Essentially, I've only year. Essentially, r ve only playree years, so it was tough. I
was never letting tose was never letting those guys
sleep. I was always emailing sleep. I was always emailing
them back and forth, late at night, five in the morning. I kept talking to them and the kept me sane a little bit. Eve

See STEWART, Page B4


## Sorenson's no-hitter sparks Rams' DH sweep

Jeff Sorenson's noMichigan Rams' doubleheader Livonia Collegiate Baseball League sweep Sunday of the host Southrup High School. The redshirt junior
from Wayne State Unirom Wayne State Univenson High pitched a gem as the Rams took the opener, 2-0.
Record-
ing 21 -of-23

| first-pitch |
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| strikes, the | strikes, the

left-hander put on a display

Rams took just five innings to mercy the Light
ning, 14-1, as Weist went 3 -for-4 with pair of doubles and a grand slam inning. Also contributing offensively for the Ram was Johnny Slater (2-for-3, RBI, four runs), RBI, run), Harvey ( 2 -for-2, two runs), Hunter VanMaele and Conne
Fannon (RBI each). Winning pitcher Jake Semak, the starter, went the first two innings before reliever Brody
Harris finished up. The two combined on a fivehitter, while striking out four and not allowing a walk as the first-place
Rams improved to $12-2$ in the LCBL.
Losing pitcher Brent Marzion gave up five
runs on six hits and two walks for the Lightning ( $1-12$ R RAS .



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up allowing wwo walks while fanning thee
, wemative Lakers rule tourney






The 12 -and-under Livonia Lakers captured their age group recently in the Concord Start of summer Baseball Tournament. The Lakers were victorious in three straight games during the knockout round with wins over North Adams (15-1), the Battle Creek Shamrocks ( $6-1$ )
and Jonesville ( $6-2$ ) in the finals. Team members include (front row, from left): Jimmy Targosz, Zachary Allen, Andrew Poulos, Steven Champagne, Frank Pastula, Lucas Greener, Evan Beck; (back row, from left) Aaron Haist, head coach Aaron Rumberger, Cameron Greener, assistant coach Patrick Greener, Daniel Rumberger, Colin Sheahan, assistant coach
Dino Poulos and Jake Rechlin. AARON RUMBERGER DoPol

| a two-run homer and three runs scored. Also chipping in was Barron (2-for-5) and | Kyle Ussick added tw |  |
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| Sarel limy Town | anes (4-7-1) at Livon | Oamian borotussi |
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## Area golfers earn high marks with low scores



East Lansing, "Doll y-68-146 scoreline.
"Donnie handles the pressure of competition very well,"
coach Tom Alles said. "It seems better he plays. He has played in a variety of competitive golf events for a long time and his experience has been a huge
advantage for him." John Tatti, Plymouth: The
epitome of excellence and conepitome of excellence and con-
sistency throughout his fourcats, senior co-captain Tatti averaged 38.1 per nine holes
and 75.81 per 18 . "John had a great senior Dan Young said. "He was very
consistent and we could always
rely on him to rely on him to
(score) low for "He played
"Heam.
is best in the
 biggest tourname Tatti spearheaded Plymouth
othe Kensington Confy to the Kensington Conference
championship and made his championship and made his
fourth trip to the D1 finals at
Forest Akers East.
At the finals, he registered a 76 at the D1 regionals tat Lake a Forest Golf Club, good for ninth overall.
Chris Kozle Chris Kozler, Plymouth: One of the key spokes in Ply-
mouth's wheel of golfing excellence, the senior co-captain
averaged 37.2 per nine holes averaged 37.2
and 77 per 18.
His 74 at $D 1$ regionals tied
for fifth overall and proved
and
instrumental in instrumental in
Plymouth finishing second
with a 305 team score - wh
in turn qual
fied

fied the Wildcats for the finals. Kozler then tied for ninth
overall at Forest Akers East ith $71-72-143$ scoreline. program on and off the golf course," Young said. "He was a
golfer we could always count
"A top performer all year and finished his career in the top 10 at the state champion-
ship. Very good when the presship. Very good when the pres-
sure was at it highest."
Eric Attard Stevenson: The enior averaged 76.5 per 18 holes and 38.5 for nine en route all-KLAA honors.
was runner-up in the KLAA
Association Tournament, third
in the Northville fifthtational and chard Lake In-
vitational. vitational.
"Eric had a great senior yea
posting three top-fives in six
18-hole tournam 18-hole tournaments this year," is a great ball is a great ball striker, and whe take it low. Some college will, Austin Alexander, N. Far-
Aning mington: Alexander makes his
third straight appearance on third straight appearance on
the all-area team after a junior season in which he averaged 38.2 for nine holes and 76.9 in tournaments.
the district at Huron Meadows the district at Huron Meadows
and 75 in the Walled Lake Invite at Edgewood. two-time, team MVP and allOAA player. His 38.4 season average ranks fourth all time at North. "Austin is a
coach's dream,
and one day
soon Ithink a
college coach will sign him,
and he will mak an outstanding contribution to
that team as he that team as he
has done here at North Farmington," coach Bruce Sutton
said said. "He is an excellent student none on and off the course.
not "Many a time on our way home from a match or invita-
tional, Austin will self-analyze his round and figure out how to improve on his performance at the next event."
Moldi was one of four players Goldir was one of four players
on his team with a sub-80 tournament average, leading the Falcons with a 77.1. He averaged 39 strokes in nine-hole
matches and was the medalist matches and was the meda His best scores were 72 in
the district at Huron Mead and 75 in the Southern Wing at Locust Hills in Springfield, Ohio. He shot 76 twice. Goldi is the team MVP and a of the all-area team. He has been accepted
into the Profesinto the Profes-
sional Golf Management Program at Ferris
State University
 State University
"Matt is a "Matid player who made grea improvement every year," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "This year he improved his
average almost 2.6 strokes. He average almost 2.6 strokes. He
didn't have anything really low didn't have anything really low
and nothing really high. The strong point of his game is consistency.
"He was
jayvee; he was on varsity from jayve, he was on varsity from players that go four years on
varsity. I was real fortunate to varsity. I was real fortun
have him on the team."
SECOND TEAM Evan Chipman, Plymouth: Part of Plymouth's impressive
lineup of senior stalwarts Chipman once again was a key factor as the Wildcats won the conference and made another bid for a state championship.
Chipman, who averaged 37.2 per nine holes and 77.63 per 18 tied for fifth place overall at the D1 regional with a nifty 74 , heiping plymouth qualify for

At Forest Akers East, he

yery methodical play Heens, very methodical play. He puts
it in play and makes something
out of nothing sometimes. out of nothing sometimes.
"He had those great streak and it was just fun to watch him play. At any time, it was
amazing what he could do." amazing what he could do."
Jack Boczar, Plymouth: Th Jack Boczar, Plymouth: The
freshman broke onto the Plymouth golf scene like a seasoned veteran, averaging 39.5
strokes per 9 holes and 79.77 trokes per 9 holes and 79.77 "Jack had a solid year for us,
as a newcomer," as a newcomer,"
Young said "He Young said. "He spot right away
and played very well for us in all Boczar the big tourna-
"He has a bright future and
"He we look forward to seeing his game grow.
In his first state finals, Boc-
mat shot a respectable $78-82-$ zar sh
160.
Kyle Coscarelly, Harrison: A four-year varsity golfer, Cosca-
relly shot an average core of 80.5 for 18 holes and 42.5 for nine. He was the runner-up in
both OAA Gold Division tournaments and was fifth in the Berkley Invite. "Kyle demon-
strated all the strated all the
positive traits a positive trait
golf coach seeks," coach Ray Maleyko
said. "Our team said. "Our team
relied on Kyle every match and every tourna ment. He led by example and ook responsibility not only fo
himself on the course but the rest of the team. "The other golfers admired
Kyle and were Kyle and were inspired dy the way he conducted himself at
every practice, every match and every tournament. He wil be sorely missed on the Harrion golf team."
Brady Cole,
Brady Cole, Salem: Cole
admirably closed out his briliant, multi-sport career at Salem with a 14th-place finish He averaged 40.6 per nine holes and 80.8 per 18 .
"Brady is a "Brady is a
fierce competfierce competgives his best Ryan Nimmerguth said. "Here
scored well all

year on the golf course, even while focusing on his upcoming wood University. "Brady was a three-sport athlete at Salem (golf, soccer, basketball) and had a wonder
ful athletic career, he left his mark on all three programs." Connor Greenlee, Farmington: Greenlee averaged 81.1 in
18-hole events and 40.5 in duals. He shot 77 on three occasions in the Southern Swing, the
Jackson Invite Jackson Invite and the OAA
tournament at
Mystic Creek. tournament at
Mystic Creek.
"He has a solid game," Zaleski year varsity pear varsty "He gave
play good, solid us good, solid
scores. If we
ever had to use a fifth score, we were in good shape with him, because he was shooting in the 70s.
"He's a good overall player
nd you know he's going to get and you know he's going to get
better next year. You'll hear

more from him. gave me 110 percent 1 fortunate to have a fifth was just Noah Lind inm." Canton: Lindlbauer displayed a mix of talent and course savyy to nine holes and 81.4 per 18 for Canton.
The junior The junior
tallied 76 at the
Kensington Con Kensington Con-
ference tournament and 87 at the association
tourney, earning tourney, earning
all-conference honors. Other
highlights inhighlights in-
cluded scores of 83 at districts and 81 at regionals.
"Noah has improved a great deal since his freshman year," Alles said. "He has emerged as
our steady number two golfer. our steady number two golfer.
"He has a solid overall game and plays very intelligently.
His course management skills His course management skills
are excellent." COACH OF THE YEAR
Dennis Zaleski, Farming ton: Zaleski, who retired at the
end of this season after 14 end of this season after 14
years with the boys team, caps years with the boys team, caps
his career as the Observer's Coach of the Year. He led the Falcons to the
OAA White Division champ OAA White Division champi-
onship, winning both tourna-
ments and going undefeated in dual matches. Farmington
finished third in the Oakland
County Division 1 County Division 1 tournament at
Pontiac Country Pontiac Country
Club, and it was a regional qualifier
with a third-place with a third-plac finish in the dis-
trict at Huron Mead The Falcons also wer fourth in the Jackson Invite and the two-day Southern
Swing in Springfield, Ohio They were seventh in the eighth among 26 teams in the East Lansing tournament. with," Zaleski said. "I think
they worked a little harder this they worked a little harder this
year (knowing the team's potential). I worked harder at
getting them in some premier events.
"We were right there in the top five in almost every event.
If we played 18 holes If we played 18 holes, they
were eood; if we played nine holes, they were good. "They were easy to prepare
because they were so self-" becaisete. There so self-
motivated. ethic they had.'

Stevenson hockey
The Livonia Stevenson summer boys hockey camp begins
Monday, July 7 . For dates, times, application forms and other information,
email Stevenson head coach email Stevenson head coach
David Mitchell at dmitchel@li oniapublicschools.org.
Churchill hockey The Livonia Churchill sum11:20 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 7 -11a and July $14-18$,
at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon, at Edgar Arena, 33841 Lyndon,
Livonia. The cost is $\$ 175$ (checks
should be made payable to Churchill H.S.). For more information, email
Churchill coach Jason Reynolds at Jayrey48152@gmail.com or

Madonna volleyball Madonna University will offer a series of summer volle
ball camps for middle school and high
cluding: Setters - 8:30 a.m. to noon

Sunday through Wednesday,
June 29 through July 2 ; hitters (session I) - 14:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, June 29 II) $-8: 30 \mathrm{a}$.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, July 7-10; and defensive -1-4:30 p.m. Mon
day though Thursday, July $7-10$ day though Thursday, July 7-10
The cost for each camp is
$\$ 135$ For more information, call MU coach Jerry Abraham at ham@madonna.edu.

## Canton football

 A summer football camp runby the Canton Hieh Schol program is slated for July 14-17 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field.
The camp is for playe The camp is for players
entering grades $7-9$ in fall 2014 . Times are 5-7:30 p.m. Contact
Richard Mui at $248-229-2738$ Richard Mui at 248-229-2738.
Visit www.cantonchiefsfootVilisit www.cantonchiefsfoot
Churchill hoops
The Churchill girls 2014
summer basketball camp summer basketball camp
(grades 5-9 in the fall) will be

## SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

## 3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Fri- day, July 15-18, the high school. The cost is $\$ 50$. For more information, email coach Mart McCowan mmecown54@gmail.com or call mmecowns4@ <br> Summer camps <br> On tap this summer through Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by long- time coach Pat Watson. The camps will empha The camps will emphasize drils and skills that cover of fensive strategies fensive strategies and defen- sive plays in game situations sive plays in game situations. Mornings will be spent on drills focused on improving fundamentals, while afternoons will be used for scrimmages. Participants should pack a sack lunch <br> and a water bottle. Basketball: There will be three weekly basketball camps at Summit on the Park, 46000 at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Those sessions (for ages $7-14$ ) will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. as follows: July 21-25; Session 3, July 28 through Aug.1. The fee is $\$ 150$

for residents and $\$ 160$ for nonBaseball: The baseball camp p.m. July 14 -18 at Canton Sports p.m. July $14-18$ at Canton Sports
Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave. Ages 7-14.
To regis org, call Canton Sports Center n.org, call Canton Sports Center
at $734483-5600$ or visit either at 7 anton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire

## Churchill football

 $n$ The Livonia ChurchillTwilight football camp (grades 3-8) will be $7-9$ p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, July 23-24, at the
high school. The cost is $\$ 35$ if pre-registered by July 1 or $\$ 50$ after. You can register in person begin-
ning at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Wednesday July ning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July
23, at the football field pavilion " Churchill will also offer two camps for grades 9-12 in cluding basic offense and de-
fense techniques, $5-8$ p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, June 22-24, along with advanced offense and defense techniques,
$5-8$ p.m. Sunday through Thesday, July 27-29.

The cost is $\$ 100$. You can register in person at 4p.m.
Sunday June 22, at the football Sunday, June 22, at the football
field pavilion. Campers will need cleats, liability agreement. All checks should be made payable to Feigel, 8900 Newburgh Road Livonia, MI 48150. No refunds two weeks prior to start of
camp.

MU cross country Madonna University will
stage summer cross country stage summer cross country
base camps for serious high July 28 through Aug. 1. The cos
 orward Matt Mistele is one of several Plymouth Whale NHL draft. RENA LAVERTY P PIYMOUTH WHALLERS

## WHALERS

said Elland, who expects Nedelj kovic will go to a big-league training camp
in September and then return to Compuware Arena for another year
of seasoning in the OHL . Once he is drafted, Nedeljkovic will join a long list of Whalers goal-
ies selected in the NHL draft such as Matt Hackett, Justin Peters, Scott Wedgewood, Matt Mahalak and Garden City
native Jason Bacashih native Jason Bacashihua
In 2013-14, Nedelj. kovic posted a 2.88 goalsagainst average and. 925
save percentage in 61 save percentage in 61
games, stopping more games, stopping more
than 2,000 shots along the way. The Whalers, mean other players with good-to-excellent chances of being drafted. Right wing Connor rated skater (forwards defensemen) among North American prospects. He scored 13
goals and added 18 assists for 31 points last
season.
Rated 56th is defenseman Alex Peters, while left wing Matt Mistele
(18 goals, 19 assists) is (18 goals, 1
"Second- or third-
round pick for Chats well, so we're excited about that," Elland said. "And I think Alex Peters will go right aro
there as well." Defensemen Josh Wesley and Yannick Rathgeb are rated 111th
and 129th, respectively, among skaters.

## Honor roll

In recent seasons, Whalers drafted in the top rounds by NHL Ryan Hartman (2013, Chicago, 30th overall), ington, 16th overall),

## PRIMER

NHL DRAFT
What: National Hockey League Entry Draft. 1 (NBC Sports Network); 10 a.m. Saturday, Rounds $2-7$ (NHL Network).
where: Wells Fargo Center Where: Wellis fargo Center,
Philadelphia. Who: Several the Plymouth Whalers are rated by the NHL Central Scouting Bureau for the
draft, including goaltender Alex Nedelijkovic, forwards Connor Chatham and Matt Mistele and defensemen
Alex Peters, Josh Wesley and Yannick Rathgeb. Info: Follow the draft and the progress of the Whalers
at www.plymouthwhalers.com and look for continued coverage at
www.hometo

Mitchell Heard (2012, Colorado, 41st overall), Rangers 15 th overall), Stefan Noesen (2011, Ottawa, 21st overall), Rickard Rakell (2011, Anaheim, 30th overa11),
and Tyler Seguin (2010, Boston, second overall) The last Plymouth goalies to be drafted Carolina, 163rd overall), Wedgewood (2010, New Jersey, 84th overall) and Hackett (2009, Mi
ta, 77 th overall). According to Elland, hat NHL teams regular pick Whalers is a test ament that the organiza things the right way when it comes to developing talent.
eague: that's our jopme" said Elland, one of Vellucci's assistant coache he past four seasons. "The better job we do will want to come here and be a part of it, be-
cause they see what cause they see what
we're doing. It's a huge we're doing. It's a huge smith@hometownlife.com

## GUTKNECHT

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Gutknecht, who was a four-year starter at Far-
mington and a three-tim selection to the all- $O b$ server first team, added
everything is faster at everything is faster
the college level. The pitchers are bet ter and more experienced and they aren't
going to miss their spots, going to
But that didn't stop Gutknecht from leading the Spartans with a. 291
batting average. Her 40 batting average. Her 40
hits, 10 doubles, six home runs, 25 RBIs and 493 slugging percentage also
were team bests "The amount of work I put in in the off-season
really benefited me and really benefited me and
showed, I guess," Gut-
thecht said "D, knecht said. "During the
season, I was working more one-on-one with the
coaches and coming in to coaches and coming in to
hit. I wasn't going to back off. "I still want to do better than what I did, but Im very happy with how not expecting to play." It appears Gutknecht made a rapid and smooth level, but that wasn't apparent early. In the fall, she questioned her ability and whether or
not she belonged on the team.
"There was a lot of growing to do, not just in
my abilities," she said. "It's a huge mental game to begin with and it's so much more so in college. suess I did work really hard at it. I'm going to continue to work hard at it. I don't want to stay where $I$ am; I want to
keep getting better."
Opportunity knocks Gutknecht was read

came to show what she could do in a game situa-
tion, according to Joseph. "The great thing about
opportunities is it allows opportunities is it allows
for people to earn it and
shine" she said " shine," she said. "At our
level, there is no senlevel, there is no sen-
iority. It's who shows up ionty. tr's who shows up
and plays day-in and and plays.
day- .arah "Sarah Gutknecht
earned everything she earned everything she
got with her incredible work ethic and how quickly she took to the
adjustments that needed adjustments
to be made."
In an early game
against Oklahoma, Gut-
knecht helped rally the
Spartans to a $6-5$ lead with a lead-off homer an a two-run double in the same inning. Another highlight was her grand
slam at Ohio "It was one of the best feelings, because it was the first Big Ten weekend, the first Big Ten
game," Gutknecht said. game," Gutknecht said. "I
hate Ohio State, so it was even better.",
Gutknecht's goals for next season are to hit
over 300 and limit her
 she im have to work har
to improve at the plate. "People are going to have more scouts on me goxt year," she said. "It's going to be more but lill have more experience. "I know I gave away a
ot of at-bats, so I want to make more of them and that goes along with experience as well."

## Good on defense

After one game in right field, Gutknecht
moved to the more famil moved to the more familiar position of third base
and established herself. With the exception of a few games at first base,
she was a fixture at the she was a fixture at the
hot corner, the position she played as a high school senior after three years at shortstop.
She excelled in th She excelled in the
field, too, with a 962
fielding fielding percentage. She
had just five errors with had just five errors with
52 assists and 76 putouts.
"I
on my defense," Guton my defense," Gut-
knecht said. "' $\mathrm{I} v e$ always been focused on my hit-
ting. I want to be able to ting. I want to be able to
get more range. I wasn't get more range. I wasn't
upset with how I played defensively.
"Everything is hit at you so much harder and
you don't have as much time on the bunt. You have to be able to not just react to the ball, but forecast what's coming. You
have to do a lot more reading of the situation. "'ve been playing the sport long enough it's not
that big of a deal. It's jus that big of a deal. It's jus details and figuring those
out."

## Sky is the limit

 Gutknecht hasn'tcome close to realizing come close to reaizing to Joseph. She believes
Gutknecht can be a 350 to .450 hitter and has the ability to hit $15-20$ home runs in a season.
"Sarah is smart enough to know (2014) doesn't guarantee her anything for next year,"
Joseph said. "You have Joseph said. "You have to
continually show up and produce, but I'm confident Sarah will do that. "What's going to be is she's not going to be an unknown. As she saw later in the year, she struggled because people
knew she was a go-to knew she was a go-to
person and pitched around her.
"She knows she's going to sneak she's not anybody. She's going to need to be even better to have the same kind of
numbers. numbers.
"But I tell you what the kid has the mind-set for it. She takes a good approach an
coachable.
"She's eager to learn
and then eager to work and then eager to work
hard at it. That's a good combination for success."

Aggies rule 8U division


The Aggies won the championship game June 14 in the South Farmington 8 -and-under softball division, edging the Crimson Tide, 17 -16. Team members include (from left) Maddie LeMieux, Brenna Cavanaugh, Annie Ryall,
Hannah Kennedy, Claire Oliver, Josie Ruggirello, Meaghan Dick, Abby Maroun, Kate Coscarelli and Allie Surella and coaches Matt Surella, David Ryall, phil Kennedy and Aaron Dick. Also on the team are Sara Flynn, Samanth
Golobic Alana Harvill and coach Tim Golobic. The Golobics recently moved to Nevada. The other 12 players Golobic, Alana Harvill and coach Tim Golobic. The Golobis

## STEWART

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in the future. They're my rothers and I wish the pring practice," Stewart even condemplated transferring rom Montana State
after his junior year after his junior year. hard, because I was academically ineligible," would have been a prob lem in itself. It would have been a lot of hard work and I wouldn't have been able to get back to
the Division I level. I fought through it. I had to take 18 credits the next semester and had to
pass all those. And then I had to take another six in a short period of time just to get back on track to be eligible for the next
season."

## Back as senior

 Stewart returned for the 2012-13 season, but ames. He averaged 9 . points, scoring in double figures four times (ins. San Jose State) before being dismissed from the team by coach Brad Huse forfied reasons. Once again, he never




## NEW YOUTH THEATER WORKS MAGIC WITH ALADDIN STORY

By Sharon Dargay
staff Writer

Spotlight Players debuts its new
youth theater July 10 with an eye toward making the experi ormative for its actors, while giving the audience a musical twist on a
classic tale. classic tale.
Spotlight Players, Jr., will stage the
musical Aladdin and his Wonderful, Magical Lamp, 7 p.m. Thursday hrough Saturday, July 10-12 and 2 p.m illage Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are $\$ 15$ and available from spotlightplay"We're
incredibly proud of the cast. It takes a ot of commitment to put a show on," said Kristin Heitmeier, Aladdin direc r. "They've put so much heart and Cast members range in age from 5-17 and live throughout the Detroit pate in the show. The fee includes a costume and enables the actors to perfrm in two other upcoming shows for ree, if they are cast in them. sible as possible," Heitmeier said, adding that some youth theaters charge extra for the costume. "The great thin is that the $\$ 35$ goes even further. Poten shows for $\$ 35$."
But low cost doesn't mean the production has skimped on scenery or pecial effects. Heitmeier said the
show includes a dragon that reclaims his breath and a 25 -foot-tall water vapor and color effect that signals the

sorceress Canton. PHoto BY ASHLYN MCCANN
arrival of each genie on stage. "We've got a flying carpet and other make it an exciting, high energy show," she said. "The finale of the show is wonderful-a a treat for the audience and the cast.
Heitmeier also worked acting tips into the rehearsals. Cast members learned about characterization, blockscenes when a scene partner falters. "I wanted to help them understand why the director is telling you to do
this, or that," she said.

Challenging character
Although Evan Phillips, 17, who plays Aladdin, has performed in about dozen other youth theater shows, he
welcomed both Heitmeier's direction and the review of acting techniques. He said Spotlight Players, Jr.'s philosophy


Evan Philips portrays Aladin and Kayal Muthuraman is Jasmine in the Spotight Players, Jr. production, Aladdin and His Wonderful, Magical Lamp.
is "a lot different" from what he has xperienced while performing in some "One of the biggest things I like about this new company is the director. Kristin knows how to talk to kids, to encourage and motivate them," he said. T've done plenty of shows with (others)
when the director didn't give me a lot o direction. Aladdin is hands down the biggest role I've ever had. The challenge is to make him a confident, cocky never thought this much about a character before. Kristin has been giving me a lot of direction that I hadn't
Phillips, who is studying 3-D anima tion at Washtenaw Community College said he is having "tons of fun" rehears
ing for the show.
One lucky raff One lucky raffle winner, age 5-18,
will get a chance to join Phillips and his fellow actors during the final performance on July 13. The individual will get a backstage tour, a costume, learn some choreography, meet the cast and
appear on stage in a "walk-on" role "It's a great way to get people more interested in theater, excited about the arts," Heitmeier said. "It could be
someone who is seasoned or someon who had a conflict and couldn't audition for the show. It may be someone who never auditioned but has always secret ly wanted to. It will be a fun thing to For more information about Spot-
light Players, Jr., visit spotlightplayersmi.org

## ANIMALS

DETROIT $Z O O$
Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, August
Location:
Royal Oak
etails: Admission is $\$ 14$ for adults $15-61$, $\$ 10$ for 2-14; children under 2 are free Parkindren ages ans is 55 . Detroit 20 aregical Society members ant mission and parking
Wid Summer Nights: Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. Gove and are free with $Z$ ooo admission, which is duced to $\$ 6$ after 6 p.m. on concert nights. erformers are Julianne Ankley, country, July 2 ; Seley and the Troubliemakers, children's, uluy 16 . The Verve Pipe, children's, July 23; fill Jack, folk, Aug. 6; The Ragbirids, folk rock, Aug. 13; Candy and, children's, Aug. 20; and Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners, children's, Aug. 27

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

CITY GALLERY
Time/Date: $8: 30$ a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday day, through fuly 19
Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile,
Farmington Hills
armington Hills
Details: Clay and bronze sculptures by Berradette
Marcos, the 2002 Farmington Area Arts Commis
Marcos, the e 2002 Farm
sion Artist in Residence
Contact 248-473-1859

## JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5
.m. Monday-Wednesday
Thursday, July 17 -Sept. 11
Ocation: Jewish Community Center of Met
Details: "Daily Gratitudes: Art, Sport and Cupakes," "eatures the work of Jessica Kovan. Also poening Jull 17 are exhibitst by glass artists and
Teresa petersen who creates ant from thrift store and hardware shop finds

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE
Time/Date: Gallery hours, $1-5$ p.m. Wednesday-
Saturday, through june 28
Details: "West of Center" show is an eclectic, encaustic, acrylics, photography, mixed-media, encaustic, acrylics, photography, mixed-media, oil
watercolor, glasslceramic, found object and more Contact: 248-344-0497; http:/mww.northvil-

## VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF

VISUAL
LIVONIA
Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, through June 30 Location: Livonia Civic Center Library, second floor
Fine Arts Gallery, 33000 Civic Center Drive, off Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia Details: "Artistic Expressions" exhibit will feature work by association members in all media, inluding watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed
nedia. Work is available for sale Contact: 734-838-1204

GET OUT! CALENDAR


MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, June $26,9: 300$ p.m. Friday, June 27
urday, June 29
ocation: Fourth and Tor
ocation: Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown
Royal Oak:
Details: Mike Green is known for his clean, origi-
Details: Mike Green is known for
nal comedy. Tickets are $\$ 10-\$ 18$
Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com
DANCE
MUSIC HALL
Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 28
ocation: 350 Madison, Detroit
Details: Complexions Contemporary Ballet pro-
gram includes choreography to the works of
Nonder's music; $\$ 35$

## FILM

PENN THEATRE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. and $9: 05$ p.m. Friday-Saturday, ocation: 760 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: Heaven I 5 for Real, admission $\$ 3$
Coming up: Rio 2 , 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdayday , July $10.7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and $9: 25 \mathrm{pm}$ Friday-Saturday day, July 1,7 p.m.m. and $9: 25$ p.m. Friday-Saturday.
July $11-12$, and $4: 20$ p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 11 Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

## REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. June 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
une 2
Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River
Avenue, Detroit
etails: The Wizard of Oz , 55
Coming up. Vertigo, $\$ 5,8$ p.m. July 11 and 2 p.m. Contact: 313-537-2560

## HISTORY

KELSEY MUSEUM OF
ARCHAEOLOGY
Time/Date: al..... to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4
p.m. Saturday -Sunday,
p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 27 thro

Location: 434 state St., Ann Arbor Detais: The exhibit, "AncientModern: The Design
of Everyday Things," examines how inhabitants of he ancient Medititeranear and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Amer-
icans by juxtaposing ancient and modern objects of simila use and/or appearence. opening lecture
of
by Donna Braden of he Heny Ford is 6 p.m. June by Donna Braden of The Henry Ford is 6 p.m. June Contact: 734764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday Location: 1555 s. Main, Plymouth coming up: Ghosts of Plymouth walk is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, June 29, starting at the fountain in Kellogg Park in downtown Pymouth. This museu undraiser will consist of tales of early Plymouth
residents told by characters. Advance tickets are residents toid by hharacters. Advance tite tets are
$\$ 10 ; \$ 5$ for children, 9 and under, available at the museum or through its website, plymou
ry.org. Tickets at the door are $\$ 5$ more Contact: 734-455-8940

## MUSIC

BLUES@THE ELKS
Time/Date: $7-10$ p.m. the second Tuesday of the
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325,
41700 Ann Arbor Roadd Plymouth
41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth
Details: $\$ 5$ donation at
Contact: $734-453-1780$

## JAZZ@THE ELK

Time/Date: $7-10$ p.m. the last Tuesday of the
Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Ellks Lodge 325 Details: $\$ 10$ donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres Contact: $734-453-1780$ or email plymouth-
elks1780eyahoo.com

## ELVISFEST

Time/Date: 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday, July 11 and
noon to midnight, Saturday, July 12 Location: Riverside Park, 5 E. Cross Street, Ypsilanti Details: Elvis tribute artists perform Elvis Presley
songs. On Saturday only, bouncers, a magician Songs. On Saturday only, bouncers, a magician,
crats, face painting and other activities will be
available for caviliable for kids, , 22 and under. Ameriesc's Mos
Wanted Car Club als will display classic cars. Wanted Car Club also will display classic cars.
Advance tickets are $\$ 13$ Friday, 522.50 Saturday and $\$ 30$ tor a two-day ticket online; $\$ 15$ Friday and $\$ 25$ saturday at the gate
Contact: mielvisfest.com

GREENFIELD VILLAGE
Time/Date. 6p.m. gates open, 8:30 p.m. concert,
Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn Details: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs The Star Spangled Banner and other patri-
otic favorites. A fireworks display closes the pro gram. The ist Aicerigan Colonial Fife and Drum
Corps will parade the concert trounds at $6: 45$ p.m. followed by a prelude concert featuring the United States Army Field Band at 7:30 p.m. Tickets Contact: 313-576-5130

## MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28 Location: Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Details: The orchestra plays a free concert, "
American Salute" Contact: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org

## SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Monday, June 3 Location: VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty
Livonia
Details: Saxophonist Kirk Whalum performs with the college's student jazz bands. Tickets are $\$ 15$ for adults, $\$ 10$ for students and seniors, 55 for children
under 12 Available at the door, the college bookstore
Contact: 734-462-4409

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE
Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m.. doors ope Time/Date:
at 7 $7: 30$ p.m.
Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia
Details: The 77's, June 26; The Hackwells, June 27,
Wisaal with The Webbs, June 28; Open mic Wisaal with The Webbs, June 28; Open mic, July 1 ,
and 15 ; Hiroya Tsukamoto, July 19 , Jack Williams, and 15; Hiroya Tsukamoto, July 19 , Jack Williams.
July 25 . Most shows tickets are $\$ 15$, and $\$ 12$ for July 5 . W
subscribers. Only . subscribers. Only cash an
contact: $734-464-6302$


?ong hailed as sweetly satisfying, tasty fruit that comes be the first you're thinking nutrition. But in youre thinking nutrition. But in
fact, watermelon is not only a per-
fect fect on-the-go snack to satisfy your Watermelon contains higher levels of lyc pene, an antioxidant, than any other fresh fruit or vegetable. It's also is an excellent source of Vitamins A and C, as potassium Health benefits aside, the crisp, sugary flavor of watermelon makes it a favorite for kids and adults alike, especially during the warmer months. Its firm texture makes watermelon ideal for a variety of recipes, many of which are
a natural fit with today's busy households. Thinking beyond traditional chunks or balls, there are many ways to incorporate watermelon into your favorite grab-and-go foods, from
smoothies and breakfast push-up-pops to sandwiches and wraps to juicy, frozen desserts. To create your own watermelon snacks on the go, gather run wild Or get started wour imaginations run wild. Or, get started with these re
from the National Watermelon Promotion Board.
Add some sweetness to your morning and try will love. Watermelon Slice frozen treats are easy, fun take on a traditional watermelon slice es cleanup a breeze. Mix watermelon and strawberries into shake or frozen treat, skewer it or frost cut-out
for a new take on watermelon "crokies" for a new take on watermelon "cookies."

For more recipes visit www.watermelon.org Courtesy of Family Features

WATERMELON SLICE Watermelon slices, cut into triangular wedge shapes about
$1 / 2$ to 1 -inch thick $\underset{\text { Frozen treat sticks }}{1 / 2 \text { to } 1 \text {-inch thick }}$
Insert a frozen treat stick into each rind. Optional: Freeze the slices for a frosty, refreshing treat.


## WATERMELON KEBABS

Serves 6
181 -inch cubes of seediless watermelon
6 cubes of smoked turkey breast 6 cubes of smoked turkey breast
6 cubes of cheddar cheese 6 coffee stirrers or beverage straw Cut watermelon, turkey and cheese in cubes and skewer on stirrers or straws.


## FROSTED <br> FROSTED

 1 watermelol seedless, slices1 serving yogurt
1 serving granola or 1 serving granola or
similar cereal Using your favorite cookie cutter cut shapes out of a $1 / 2$ - to $1 / 2$-inch-thick slice of seedless watermelon. Or you prefer, use classic cut with vanilla or other flavor yogurt. Sprinkle with grano

KID'S WATERMELON STRAWBERRY SHAKE STRAWBERRY SHAI SMOOTHIE POP SMIOOTHIE POPS
Serves 4
Strawberry Shake:
1 container ( 8 ounces) lemon container (8 ounces) lem 2 nops cubed yogrt sediess watermelon
1 pint fresh strawberries, cleaned ind fint resh strawberries, clean
and hulled 1 banana medium, peele
sliced Trozen Smoothie Pops:
Strawberry Shake Strawberry Shake
Small paper cups Small paper cups
Frozen treat sticks
For Strawberry Shake, in blend er or food processor, process yo gurt, watermelon, strawberries and banana untiliately and froth For Frozen Smoothie Pops, pour prepared Watermelon Strawberry
Shake into small paper cuaps Shake into small paper cups. Freeze, inserting frozen treat stick
or platic spoons when mixture is partially frozen. Or, pour Watermelon Strawberry Shake into ice

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## HOME CONSTRUCTION MAY FALL SHORT OF NEEDS

New home construction activity is currently insufficient in most of the
U.S., and some states could face persistent housing shortages and affordability issues unless housing starts in-
crease to match up with local job c ation, according to new analysis by the National Association of Realtors. The labor market, which is a key to overall economic health, has recovere
all of the eight million jobs lost since the recession. NAR measured whether new home construction has kept up with job creation to determine the im-
pact of construction on housing supply pact of construction on housing supply. construction is underperforming in 32
states and the District of states and the District of Columbia. mist, says there's a strong relationship between new jobs and an increase in demand for housing. "Historically, there's one new home construction for "Our analysis found that a majority of states are constructing too few homes in relation to local job market conditions. This lack of construction has
sales." NAR analyzed jobs created in every state and the District of Columbia over a three-year period ending in the first
quarter of 2014 relative to new singlefamily housing starts over the same period. Indicating lagging new home construction, 33 states (including the
District of Columbia) have a ratio
"A persistent lag in new home construction will lead to faster home price growth, which will negatively impact housing affordability." AWRENCE YUN
greater than 1.5 -the long-term averThe disparity was the greatest in Morida, Utah, California, Montana an particularly strong. Yun cautions that hese states could face persistent hous ing shortages and affordability issues local job gains. "A persistent lag in new home contruction will lead to faster home price growth, which will negatively impact In addition, Realtors' home price growth expectations in the first quarte of 2014 was generally strongest in tates facing housing shortage cond-
ions. Lack of inventory has pushed prices up and put pressure on afforda bility - especially for first-time home-
"Realtors have an intuitive sense o
how fast prices are likely to rise from on-the-field observations," said Yun. gains to be the strongest in states with slow home construction in relation to On the contrary, home price growth looks to be manageable in states with strong job gains and near commensu-
rate increases in new home construc tion. Housing starts are seen as more than adequate to local job growth in Mississippi, Arkansas, Connecticut, Alabama and Vermont construction drives supply. Althoug the number of existing-homes for sale increased in April, it remains histori-cally-low, averaging six months or less
for 20 consecutive months. Looking ahead, Yun says homebuilders will have to produce amidst the current challenges facing the building
market. Limited access to credit for market. Limited access to credit for
smaller builders, rising construction costs, concerns about the re-emergence of entry-level consumers to the market in the face of student debt and a tight
credit box, and the general decline in affordability and purchase power over the last year is causing hesitation
among builders among builders.
starts in these states facing shortag conditions or else prospective buyers may struggle with options and affordability if income growth cannot compen-

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential rea estate closings recorded the wee
of March $3-7,2014$, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices

CANTON
4147 Hawksburry Ct
7773 NCanton Ctr Rd
7773 N Canton Ctr R
3944 Ravensfield Dr
41187 Southwind Dr
41187 southwind D
42114 Starlite Ct
433 Torrington Dr W
$\$ 239,000$
$\$ 140,000$
$\$ 187,000$ $\$ 180,000$
$\$ 177,000$
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$\$ 178,000$ $\$ 178,000$
$\$ 360,000$


 28319 Oakley St
32731 Oakley St
39209 Orangelaw 39209 Orange
NORTHVILLE
50960 Belmon 50960 Belmont Park Ct

18260 Blue Heron Pointe | Dr |
| :--- |
| PLYMOUTH | PLYMOUTH

166 Adams St
661 Adams St 661 Adams St
1149 Dewey

14934 nap 14934 Mayeplewood $\ln$
1403 9403 N Canton Cent
12401 NRidge Rd
1495 Penniman Ave

| 5,000 | 13572 Westbrook |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$144,000 | REDFORD |
| \$154,000 | 11330 Berwyn <br> 20457 Lexington |
| \$479,000 | 14224 San Jose |
| \$438,000 | 15091 Seneca |
|  | WESTLAND |
|  | 32161 Genessee St |
| \$245,000 | 29862 Lonnie Dr |
| \$284,000 | 244 S Marie St |
| \$297,000 | 1686 S Newburgh Rd |
| \$224,000 | 701 Summerfield Dr |
| \$103,000 |  |
| \$775,000 |  |
| \$365,000 |  |

$\$ 775,000$
$\$ 365,000$

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

| These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week |  | 860 Lone Pine Rd 5616 Pebbleshire Rd | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,150,000 \\ \$ 432,000 \end{array}$ | 25402 Wykeshire Rd FRANKLIN | \$218,000 | SOUTH LYoN <br> 411 Cambridge Ave | \$167,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| of Feb. 10-14, 2014, at the Oakland |  | 5540 Pine Brooke Ct | \$650,000 | 32625 Redfern St | \$390,000 | 61857 Fairland Dr | \$143,000 |
| County Register of Deeds office. |  | 1190 Rolling Hills Dr | \$118,000 | 32975 Romsey Rd | \$400,000 | 26690 Kentucky Ct | \$417,000 |
| Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices. |  | 859 Sunningdale Dr | \$1,075,000 | LATHRUP VILLAGE |  | 21710 Natasha Ln | \$232,000 |
|  |  | 1157 Timberview Tr | \$250,000 | 18791 San Quentin D | \$206,000 | 24476 Ravine D | \$2,000 |
| beverty hilus |  | 5275 Wing Lak |  | 267 |  |  |  |
| 31302 Churchill Dr | \$282,000 | 642 Andrews St | \$124,000 | 1953 Scenic Dr | \$370,000 | SOUTHFIELD |  |
| BINGHAM FARMS |  | 234 Arabelle St | \$65,000 | 1285 Yellowstone Valle | \$263,000 | 28710 Brooks Ln | \$150,000 |
| 23760 Overlook Cir | \$295,000 | 162 Cardinal St | \$70,000 | Dr |  | 29766 Fall River Rd | \$75,000 |
| BIRMINGHAM |  | 486 Charlevoix s. | \$177,000 | 1339 Yosemite V | \$319,000 | 17311 Goldwin Dr | \$187,000 |
| 222 Bird Ave | \$584,000 | 4494 Darlene Dr | \$365,000 | NORTHVILLE |  | 27675 Harvard Rd | \$120,000 |
| 648 Cherry Ct | \$545,000 | 8325 Dickert St | \$300,000 | 847 McDonald Dr | \$540,000 | 17040 Melrose St | \$40,000 |
| 2492 Dorchester Rd | \$230,000 | 3154 Edgewood Park Ct | \$280,000 | 22803 Poppleton Dr | \$100,000 | 17040 Melrose St | \$62,000 |
| 1863 E Lincoln St | \$200,000 | 4650 Newcroft St | \$63,000 | 38540 Rhonswood Dr | \$180,000 | 19665 Raleigh Cir S | \$49,000 |
| 535 N Old Woodward | \$215,000 | FARMINGTON |  | NOVI |  | 17277 Redwood Ave | 546,000 |
| Ave |  | 31831 Grand River Ave | \$25,000 | 22387 Carisise Ct | \$488,000 | 28651 Regent CtN | \$54,000 |
| 2253 Pembroke Rd | \$535,000 | Unit 77 |  | 22675 Colony Ct | \$390,000 | 25444 Southwood Dr | \$240,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD HILLS |  | FARMINGTON HILLS |  | 44721 Ellery Ln | \$140,000 | 29837 Spring Hill Dr | 597,000 |
| 450 Billingsgate Ct\# A | \$120,000 | 32847 Ardwick Rd | \$204,000 | 51161 Hallfield St | \$312,000 | 27745 Sutherland St | \$142,000 |
| BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP |  | 29731 Belfast St | \$229,000 | 27972 Hopkins Dr | \$220,000 | 24200 Wildbrook Ct \# | 552,000 |
| 2662 Bradway Blvd |  | 22126 Cape Cod Way | 570,000 | 27078 Ladbroke St | \$246,000 |  |  |
| 4251 Derry Rd | \$218,000 | 34054 Edmonton St | \$119,000 | 40504 Ladene Ln | \$240,000 | WHITE LAKE |  |
| 2980 E Bradford Dr | \$850,000 | 26583 Greythorne TrI | \$174,000 | 31156 Lagoon Dr | \$368,000 | 9144 Gladys Av | \$80,000 |
| 425 Fox Hills Dr N | 586,000 | 34021 Kirby St | \$80,000 | 23596 N Rockledge | \$93,000 | 10143 Mill St | \$165,000 |
| 1795 Golf Ridge Dr | \$278,000 | 28853 Nottoway Dr | \$275,000 | 21765 Siegal Dr | \$265,000 | 577 Rumson Ct | \$383,000 |
| 6121 Golfview Dr | \$332,000 | 29633 Pine Ridge Cir | \$135,000 | 47183 Sunnybrook L | \$570,000 |  |  |
| 5445 Lane Lake Rd | \$720,000 | 33635 Quaker Valley Rd | \$191,000 | 28502 Witherspoon Dr | \$140,000 |  |  |

Rezoning might be open to challenge
Q: Our township proposed the rezoning of certain propbut because of community pressure, the township reversed its position and adopt-
ed a zoning ordinance that limited construction to singlefamily units and prohibited multi-family ho
special permit. Our organization is a nonprofit commu-nity-based
developer of developer of
affordable
housing and housing and we wonder if
we have any we have any grounds to
chailenge the
 ownship's
sion?
A: I think you have a very
ood claim that the township violated the Fair Housing Act
by prohibiting the development by prohibiting the development
of low-income housing. If the community pressure was moti-
vated by racial animus or if the vated by racial animus or if the
prohibition had a significantly prohibition had a significante
adverse or disproportionate mpact on persons of a particular type, the zoning ordinance
would likely be found to be would likely be found to be
discriminatory under either the isparate treatment or disviolation of the Fair Housing Act. Recent case law supports
this position Q:Iama
ease agreement obligates the tenant to pay rent Jan. 1 in advance for the full year.
The lease also provides that if terminated early, I am not obligated to return any part of the rent already paid. 1 vance, but the tenant stopped payment, claiming that the check was sent in error. The enant then notified me that she was terminating the ten
ancy and sent only a partial payment for the month that she rented the premises. AmI
entitled to the balance of the rent for the entire year? A: Of course, each case de pends on the particular facts and the laws from state to state of New York, the Court of Appeals found that the tenant was iable because the lease reThe Court of Appeals pointed out that under common law, rent paid in advance is not re coverable if the lease is termihe term unless the lease provides otherwise. The fact that he tenant never actually paid he rent does not defeat its
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