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Trash, recycling changes coming

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

By LeAnne Rogers

Newspapers, social media, cable television and information packets sent to their homes ... Westland residents may have a hard time avoiding news about changes to the city's trash and recycling col-

Those changes include a move to wheeled carts for trash collection, the end of the RecycleBank incentive program and adjustments in current trash/recycling collection routes.

Westland's participation in the RecycleBank will end July 1; residents who participate in the program will have a year to

use their incentive points. The RecycleBank program cost the city \$175,000 annually and had been offered for five years. The city found only 3 percent of residents were utilizing the incentive program but 78 percent of residents are using the single-stream recycling program.

Trash and compost hauler Midwest Sanitation will be taking over the recycling col-

Garbage toters

The new 96-gallon toters the wheeled carts that must be used for trash collection - will be delivered to the Department of Public Works in the next couple weeks. DPS workers 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 automated arm, no other trash

containers or bags will be ac-

"It's just like when we started recycling about five years ago. You won't use the toters until Sept. 1," Westland Deputy Mayor Jade Smith said. "We will put the toters out to residents during the first couple of weeks in August."

The 96-gallon toters are equivalent to three standard trash cans, Smith said, but

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Lynette Hobyak will have another award to hang on the wall of her office at WCA Assessing, that of Westland's First Citizen for 2014.

2014 FIRST CITIZEN

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

Lynette Hobyak isn't one to wait to be asked. If she sees a

need, she jumps in and helps. "She'll stop what she's doing, she doesn't wait to be asked," said friend Jamie Rohraff.

"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

Hobyak is the 2014 West-

Hobyak tapped as Westland's top volunteer

land First Citizen, an award that recognizes the top volunteer in the community.

Surprisingly, Hobyak 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.

"It's an honor to receive

this," Hobyak said. "It was the way I was brought up. When your parents do it, you just follow in their footsteps. My

stuff and he gets me involved." 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-

dad is involved in so much

ed getting involved in the Westland community, and while she feels guilty she doesn't do it for Canton, she acknowledges that "Westland is where my roots are, I have a business here."

"I didn't really put my hands into things when I moved back, I got involved in the Relay for Life because my mom had cancer," he said. "That was the way I got involved."

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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 for Randy Johnston, who didn't even know he was nominated for the award.

"An employee submitted the entry - that was pretty nice," said Johnston, owner of VR Metro, a Westland-based Internet marketing company.

Robin Smith, VR Metro project manager, nominated Johnston for the award, which is presented by the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

"As an employee of his for two years, I have seen firsthand the time and dedication he puts into VR



Metro to help local small businesses grow and achieve their business goals," said Smith in her nomination.

Johnston has also worked with Wayne-Westland Community 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 area. I sold the Westland store in 2001," said Johnston, a Garden City West High School gradu-

In 1995, Johnston went back to school and earned a bachelor's degree in business from Cleary University.

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Biggby Coffee moving; 2 new businesses receive approvals

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

A Ford Road fixture for seven years, the Westland Biggby Coffee store will soon relocate further east and add a

drive-through window. The council recently ap-

proved a revised site plan and special land use to allow the business to relocate to the north side of Ford just west of Central City Parkway.

It is currently on the north side of Ford just west of New-

burgh.
"I hope by fall to be moved

over. For seven years, customers have wanted a drivethrough," said Biggby owner Mo Elfakir whose current location can't accommodate a

drive-through window. Biggby will move into a 1,700-square-foot space on the west side of the former Blockbuster store opposite the current City Hall. The rest of the building is occupied by a Verizon store.

Plans call for the drivethrough window to be located on the west side of the build-

Council President James

Godbout thanked Elfakir for his continued business investment in Westland and also thanked him for his regular community investment through donations for community events.

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Relay for Life

She served as co-chair of the Relay event with Dennis LaMaitre and her sister, Pam Shaw, and in doing so organized a motorcycle rally for several years, taking riders out North Territorial and back to Joy Manor for a spaghetti dinner.

She also has done clothing drives for Lighthouse Home Mission and St. Mary Outreach Center, but much of what she does comes under the umbrella of the Westland Community Foundation, an organization that's "near and dear to my heart."

Founded by her father, Glenn Shaw Jr., she has been a part of it since the

beginning, and her work with organizations like the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army, Goodfellows and the city's new Compassionate City initiative, is an off-shoot.

She loves the foundation because it gives back to the community through its many activities - and the opportunity to work with other community organizations are like sprinkles on a cupcake.

Hobyak is currently helping plan the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army's 25th anniversary. She admits she's put in a lot of time on it. "I hope it becomes a communitywide event," she said.

Two Firsts

Hobyak's recognition as First Citizen comes 18 years after her father received the honor. He will be at Joy Manor on



Hobyak's father, Glenn Shaw Jr., is no stranger to the Westland First Citizen Award. He received it in 1996.

Thursday evening to see his daughter receive the honor that he believes is long overdue.

When I won in 1996, it really should have gone to her," he said.

There's no deadline on if or when Hobyak will ease off on volunteering. She'll "be doing this forever; it's just something I do," she said. "If someone needs help, I just jump in."

Rohraff considers Hobyak her best friend, 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; I'm proud to have her as a part of my life. She can always bring out the best in people."

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AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

At the pumps

How long has it been since you went to the gas station and someone pumped your gas, cleaned your wind-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 corner of Newburgh.

Community Day

Community Free Will Baptist Church at 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland, is holding a Community Day at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. There will be hot dogs, bounce houses, games,

face painting and more. Everything is free.

Driving classes

The Wayne Senior Services Office will be offering the AARP Smart Driver Course on 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, July 8-9. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members (age or residency doesn't apply). Preregister by Tuesday, July 1, by calling 734-721-7460.

Participants must attend both days in order to receive attendance certificate. Call or stop by the Senior Services Office located in the Wayne Community Center on Annapolis at Howe in Wayne.

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"I transitioned. I saw Internet things at a consumer electronics show," said Johnston, who formed VR (Virtual Reality) Metro Mall to provide online marketing for area businesses.

In her nomination. Smith noted that Johnston 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.

Now called VR Metro,

the business initially worked out of the back of Johnston's video store.

"We built a lot of websites, did Internet marketing and web promo-tions," said Johnston, who has six employees and works remotely with a group of programmers and server administra-

A longtime Westland Chamber of Commerce member, Johnston will be recognized at the chamber awards program, p.m. Thursday at Joy Manor.

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which is set for 5:30-8:30

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TRASH

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residents can request an additional cart for an annual charge. Conversely, residents who don't expect to need the 96gallon cart can request a smaller 64-gallon cart, which would be the equivalent of two standard trash cans.

People will have the option of letting us know. There may be some people, like condo residents, who may not need the big cart or have room for it, Smith said.

Special pick-ups

One change is that residents will be charged special pick-ups, including overflow amounts of trash, carpet bundles, bulk items that don't fit in the cart, appliances and furniture.

"Over the last three or four years, we have seen a trend upward of bulky items. Some things we saw were very concerning," said Paul Ruthenberg of Midwest Sanitation. "We have seen three couches at the curb. That's something we haven't seen before. And other items dropped

at the curb.' Ruthenberg commented that he would rather see couches recycled that is given to someone

who needs a couch than left on the curb.

"Couches last a long time in landfills. We want to get those items out of the waste stream," Ruthenberg said. "Landfill

costs are going up." Compared to Taylor, where he provides the same services, Ruthenberg said Westland residents recycle at higher numbers.

"I think Westland has taken a more aggressive approach to recycling," he said.

Extra carts

To encourage recycling, residents can obtain a second recycling cart at no charge.

Trash collection route

changes will begin Aug. 11 with an eye on making

the routes more efficient. "If residents have a pick up on Friday and are moving to Tuesday, we will do two collections on the new and old dates, Ruthenberg said. "As long as people can get rid of the trash. It's a oneweek event. Residents figure it out.

Informational meetings are being scheduled in July at the Dorsey Center on Dorsey, the Friendship Center on Newburgh and the Church of the Latter Day Saints on Hix.

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BUSINESS

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» A special land use also was approved by council to allow a nurse aide training center at 4693 S. Middlebelt at the southeast corner of Annapolis.

The training center would be located in a 6,708-square-foot unit in a commercial strip cen-

There would be two classes Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3-9 p.m., each with a maximum of 15 students. The special land use is needed to permit a vocational 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

landscaping maintenance and sidewalk repairs.

» The council also approved a special land use for Greater Beginnings Child Care, 170 S. Venoy on the west side of the street south of Cherry Hill in the Cherry Hill Venoy Plaza.

Plans call for the day care center to be in a 4,000-square-foot building. The day care center would care for approximately 70-80 children from six months to 7 years old.

The special land use for a day care center is required under the CB-2

The approval was 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 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

Recent Wayne Memo-rial High School graduate Joseph Wellinski is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Wayne Police Department.

The scholarship is awarded to a student graduating from Wayne Memorial who wants to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Listed on the honor roll, Wellinski graduated with a 3.38 grade-point average and was involved in the JROTC along with the school Senate and volunteering his time to build parade floats and other activities, Police Chief Jason Wright said.



Wayne Memorial High School graduate Joseph Wellinski (center) is the recipient of a Wayne Police Department scholarship. With him is Chief Jason Wright (left) and Mayor Al Haidous.

"Our citation board reviewed his essay and awarded the scholarship," said Wright, who presented the scholarship at a recent Wayne City Council meeting.

"We're very proud of you. One day we may see you in the chief's seat," Mayor Al Haidous said.

Wellinski is planning to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

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New trees help green Norwayne community neighborhood," Wild said.

By LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

If you're passing through Norwayne, keep an eye out for new green-

The eco-friendly renovation project of 120 newly planted trees is thanks to a recent grant awarded to Westland through the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

The trees, planted by the Westland Department of Public Services, include red maples, sunset maples, sweet gums, swamp white oaks and little leaf lindens.

"The trees are planted on city property. The city acquired some odd-shaped 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."

Trees were also planted on cleared corner lots that the city kept to create more green space, Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell said.

"It's really just to bring more nature into the community, and that is a wonderful thing,' said Campbell, noting other efforts, including the community garden.

The Restoring Trees in an Urban Watershed grant funding came from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forestry Service Division and the **Great Lakes Restoration** Initiative. ARC is a nonprofit organization that includes Westland and 34 other municipalities, in addition to Wayne, Macomb and Oakland coun-

"These 120 new trees are a symbol of the rebirth of Westland's oldest

"As we collectively work with the community groups within Norwayne to return the neighborhood to a 'community of choice,' additional trees and green space will play a pivotal role in the future livability of the

Constructed in 1942, the Norwayne neighborhood was added to the National Register of Historic Places in July 2013. It was built during World War II for \Willow Run Bomber Plant workers. At its peak, Norwayne had more than 20,000 residents.

In recent years, Westland has focused on removing blighted housing and improving infrastructure in Norwayne.

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Knezek seeks return of sentencing panel

State Rep. David Knezek, D-Dearborn Heights has introduced legislation that reinstates a sentencing commission responsible for proposing reforms to the Legislature on the guidelines used by judges when determining prison sentences for criminals.

"Michigan spends more than \$5 million each day or corrections; that's over \$2 billion a year," Knezek said. "This legis-



lation reinstates a commission, responsible for reviewing our sentencing practices, so that Michigan can strike the appropriate balance between the crime, the punishment and the state's bill for

incarcerating criminals." In 1998, after a lengthy analysis by 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 criminal's prior offenses.

As of today, there has not been an organized effort to assess how the guidelines enacted 16 years ago are working in practice. Over the past few years, the Legislature has changed multiple scoring and offense classifications which have increased the average length of stay and thus led to skyrocketing 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

the country. "By reinstating a commission that was abolished in 2002, Michigan can assess our current sentencing practices and ensure that dangerous criminals stay behind bars. In states that formed sentencing commissions, many have

lengthened sentences for perpetrators of sex crimes, while shortening sentences for nonviolent crimes," Knezek said.
"Michigan's financial resources are stretched, and spending more than \$2 billion each year on corrections prohibits us from improving our roads, public schools and investing in other important priorities for Michigan's future.

According to a 2012 Pew Charitable Trust Research Study, of the 35 states it reviewed, Michigan has the longest average 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 nearly \$492 million.

While a prisoner's length of stay is determined by sentencing and parole policies, the implementation of a sentencing 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

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

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.

And the savvy senior citizen knew it, although "she sounded

very convincing," he said. The man, who asked not to be identified, said he received a call Wednesday morning from a woman, identifying herself as Darlene Hilliard of PCH, notifying him that the

prize patrol was coming to his home with a new vehicle loaded on a flatbed trailer and a check to be presented by three

She even gave him her two phone numbers, an address on Winners Circle in Port Washington, N.Y. Thinking that PCH has its offices in Florida they are actually in Port Washington, N.Y. — the man said he played along.

It was when the woman asked if he had \$500 cash in his house. He replied no and asked why it was needed.

"She said I had to have \$500 cash for the delivery and service charge. When I asked her why I had to pay, if I won something, she hung up," he

Out of curiosity, he tried to call the three phone numbers she had provided and found that none of them could receive 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

claiming to be from PCH, and tells you that you've won a prize award - then asks you to send a payment or money card in order to claim the prize stop! You have not heard from the real PCH."

"Publishers Clearing House does not operate this way and would never ask for money to claim a prize award. PCH employees would never contact you personally or in advance to notify you of a prize award. Our prize awards are presented just the way you see in our popular TV commercials, 'live

and in person' by our Prize Patrol, with balloons, champagne and check in hand - and 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

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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WESTLAND COP CALLS

Larceny from a vehicle

A Westland man told police that someone had broken a window on his 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee on June 17 while it was parked in the east side of Red Robin, 36350 Warren Road. Reported missing were an Apple MacBook laptop, Apple iPad, several school books, a graphing calculator and a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses.

Fraud

On June 18, a Westland man told police that he had been contacted by Life Lock on May 7 and alerted that someone had opened credit cards using his personal information at Sears and Toys R Us. The Sears card had been used, the man said, with \$500 charged to

Break-in

Police were called to a home in the 33000 block of Harvard about a fight between two teenage girls. The fight complaint turned out to be unfounded but the homeowner reported the garage had been broken into.

A side door had been forced open on the garage. The owner told police someone had made a makeshift bed using a pool raft and clothing stored in the

The suspect had also defecated on the garage floor. It

appeared nothing was missing. 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 no cut or puncture mark on the tire, which was flat.

Larceny

A resident in the 28000 block of Currier told police June 19 that he and his wife left for work at 9 a.m., leaving their teenage son sleeping. When the son woke up at noon, the resident said he had noticed the garage door was

Checking on the garage door, the teen reported it was off the track and wouldn't close properly. Reported stolen were two jack stands and assorted tools valued at \$210.

A Detroit woman told police June 19 that on June 3 she had loaded \$500 on a Vanilla Reload Network prepaid debit card at CVS Pharmacy, 7250 N. Venoy. When she later went to use the card to pay tuition at her child's school, she said it was denied.

Calling the debit card company, the woman said she was told someone had used the

card in Idaho.

Larceny from a vehicle A Westland woman told police she had her left her Pontiac G5 for ignition recall repairs at Red Holman, 35100 Ford, on April 9. When she retrieved the car June 20, she said the stereo equipment and CDs valued at \$820 had been stolen and the trunk lock cylinder was damaged.

Attempted break-in

On June 20, a resident in the 32000 block of Ogemaw told police she was visiting her grandmother when a neighbor called to alert her that a man was walking around in her backyard.

When she returned home, she said a baby stroller had been moved from the front porch onto the lawn. She also noted markings on a window air conditioning unit. No entry appeared to have been made.

Traffic hazard

Officers came across a 2001 Olds Silhouette minivan disabled on Henry Ruff just north of Van Born block traffic just after 10:30 p.m. June 19. The front tire was missing and there was also front end damage. The vehicle, which was impounded, was registered to a 93-year-old Westland

By LeAnne Rogers

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 nothing appeared to be missing.

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 bullets inside.

The youngster told police he was going through a vacant lot at the southeast corner of Wayne Road and Ash when he found the plastic container. He 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.

The officer took the plastic Pelican case, which contained two .40-caliber Smith and Wesson magazines and 25 bullets. He also reported checking the 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 window was now on the floor.

The woman said she screamed and ran into her father's room. She was unable to provide a description or say which direction the suspect had fled. The father said he checked outside the home and found the screen on the window to his daughter's room had been lifted up.

Larceny

A Detroit resident told police June 18 that someone had stolen the bronze military marker from his father's grave at Westlawn Cemetery, 31472 Michigan Ave. The man said his father was killed in Vietnam and the military had paid for the special grave marker.

The man told police he had not visited the grave in three years so he was unsure when the marker was stolen. The cemetery had offered to replace the stolen marker but the man said he wanted an exact replacement in bronze.

Vandalism

On June 21, a resident in the 35000 block of John told police that someone had smashed the driver's side window of her 2005 GMC Canyon within the past hour. The vehicle was parked in the street.

By LeAnne Rogers

Jump into Iuly!

Be sure to take advantage of all the great events we have planned for the month of July. Join in for fun, informative, and entertaining activities throughout the entire month!

Events At:

Independence Village of Plymouth 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-2600

Fourth of July Celebration

Wednesday, July 2 | 1:30 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 - 13 Friday, 11:00 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 Patriotic Presentation

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.

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Sunday Brunch & Open House

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, July 20

Bring your family and friends and join us for a delicious chef-prepared brunch buffet. In addition to the delicious 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 as 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 of flavors and toppings, then sit down with 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? Independence Village of White Lake proudly presents an evening of jazz with vocalist Sheila Landos. Enjoy exquisite appetizers and be part of the scene.

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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 deceased individuals, including several military veterans, at last found a final resting place at Northville's Rural Hill Cemetery on Friday.

Their cremated remains, which had been left abandoned by family members over the years, 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 American Legion Post 32 in Livonia

The ceremony and burial was set up by David Griffin of L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes. Griffin recently purchased the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville and inherited the cremated remains, which had been stored in a steel case at the funeral home. Many of the remains came over from the Northrop 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 for the burial, including a headstone 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 veterans abandoned over the years. PHOTOS BY KURT KUBAN

"We did the right think to honor these folks, who were essentially forgotten.'

Father Jack Baker of St. Perpetra Parish in Waterford (and formerly of St. Mary in Wayne) and Pastor Rob Allen of Northville's First Presbyterian Church offered eulogies for the individuals, and the Honor Guard played taps and provided a 21-gun salute for the seven military veterans, including Span-ish-American War vet Norval Marlett, who passed away in 1955

John Sassaman, who sold his funeral home to Griffin, said the remains had accumulated over the years.

"They were left by families who used the services in our funeral homes, and after the

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service just left them with us," Sassaman said. "Many of the deceased had no children, which may explain why they were abandoned.

Most of the people who attended Friday's service were quite moved, and many tears were shed, even though nobody there knew any of the people that were being honored.

"We wouldn't have missed this for the world. We always support our veterans. It was a beautiful ceremony, and just took my breath away,' said Linda Shirkey, a member of the American Legion Post 32 Auxiliary. "This was long overdue."

Father Baker agreed. "It is time to let them lay in peace," he said.

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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.

"We found a pug book," said Jen Ferris. They snapped up Puddle Pug about Percy the Pug, a persistent pug who pursues friendship in puddle paradise

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority recently held its second Flea Circus in the Farmers Market area located near Ford and Middlebelt. There were different animal activities and eight dog rescues on hand.

dog rescues on hand.
"There is so much to see,"
Jen Ferris said.

Dog Aide rescue volunteer Shelly Hlavati of Livonia walked a one-year-old boxer-pit bull terrier-German Shepherd. The rescue is based in Dearborn.

"I've been with this group about a year," Hlavati said.

Foster moms and dads bring their dogs, or volunteers pick them up for an event like this one.

Potential owners had a chance to visit with dogs but they couldn't be adopted that day because applications needed 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 American tribes, wildlife scientists, faith groups, veterinarians, hunters, farmers and concerned Michigan citizens 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 population 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 back from the brink of extinction only to turn around and allow them to be hunted and trapped for trophies.

Brian Walsh of Walsh's K-9 in Wayne was there with his dog, Jake to talk about solving dog behavior problems. Jake, 9, accompanies Walsh everywhere he goes to give presentations.

Behavior problems can develop quickly. He described what can happen when four dogs from the same litter leave for different homes.

"When each of those dogs leave the litter, one goes to the 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 reflection of the owner."

When other trainers can't 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 with their owners, can be aggressive and who bolt out the door.

'Avoid, avoid'

Charging dogs have been a problem in some Garden City neighborhoods. Some have bitten mail carriers. Walsh said it's a common occurrence in cities.

"Every neighborhood we go to has the same issues," he said.

"Avoid, avoid, avoid," is Walsh's primary advice to dog 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 off guard.

off guard.

To protect their dog in a dangerous situation with another dog might mean throwing their dog into the car or over a fence to create a barrier, 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



Karen Zale gets kisses from Herbie, who is from Last Day Dog Rescue in Livonia. He wants to be adopted to a new home.

that the person must now be prepared to handle aggression against him.

"It's one way to break it up, but now that dog might come back at you," Walsh said. Another option is to get

Another option is to get between the aggressive dog and the dog being attacked as a way to distract the aggressive dog, he said.

The owner has to always be able to control his dog. Carrying an animal repellant that can be sprayed in a dog's mouth, a walking stick to strike a dog on the back area where there are a lot of nerves, and even taking garbage can lid on a walk can help, he said. The idea is to place the lid in front of the aggressive dog to distract him.

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Livonia-based Pet-A-Pet therapy dog Casey shows off his decorated stars and stripes costume.



Garden City Garden Club members came out to support the Flea Circus and raise money for their club.



Sandy Ostrander and dog Ruby and Michelle Doucette and Lokie are with Providing for Paws, a foster-based organization in Garden City.



Retired blood donor Lurch from Garden City checks out the people as they walk by. Lurch donated at least 50 times to the Red Cross and received the Everyday Hero Award for his blood donations.

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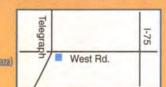


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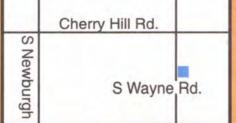
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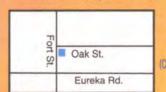


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IKEA expansion comes with road work gift

By Darrell Clem

IKEA's plan to expand its Canton store comes with a \$250,000 gift for improving traffic-snarled Ford Road and the potential for new jobs at the 300-employee site, a company spokesman said Friday.

The expansion also means Canton is expected to remain IKEA's only Michigan store for the foreseeable future, spokesman Joseph Roth

"That's not going to change anytime soon," he said. "By expanding in Canton, we are ensuring that it will be the only IKEA store in Michigan for a longer time now. We think it's a great location and a great community. That's why we're making an additional investment

His remarks came as the Canton Township Board of Trustees is expected Tuesday to amend IKEA's site plan and planned development district to accommodate a 42,826-square-foot expansion of the store that opened eight years ago at Ford and Hagger-

Fall plans

IKEA, billed as the world's largest home furnishings retailer, hopes by early fall to demolish the former ABC Warehouse store to the west. An expansion of the 311,000-square-foot IKEA store is expected to start by late fall and possibly be complete next spring.



This is an architectural rendering of what the expanded Canton IKEA store will look like. IKEA

Bryan Amann, a local attorney representing IKEA, has called the store "a significant economic engine for Canton and the entire region.'

IKEA already has become a destination for shoppers from southeast Michigan, other states and Canada. The area could draw even more business if Paragon Outlet Partners builds a 357,000-square-foot outlet mall with as many as 100 stores by 2016 on the south side of Ford Road, between I-275 and Lotz. Canton residents are divided over the possible uptick in development, with some fearing more traffic congestion.

Roth declined to say how many shoppers

IKEA already draws.
The project comes amid plans to ease Ford Road traffic congestion by paving Lotz between Ford and Cherry Hill and tweaking the Ford/I-275 interchange. The longterm goal is to transform Ford into a boulevard from the interstate to west of Sheldon.

Better roads

IKEA plans to give \$242,000 to Canton to designate solely for road improvements and another \$8,000 in so-called in-kind services. The latter portion involves reworking the IKEA site so customers from KFC and other businesses have better access to the traffic light on Ford in front of the IKEA proper-

"We felt this was the right thing to do and the right time to do it," Roth

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy welcomed IKEA's gift as Canton seeks money to improve Ford Road.

"That's being a good neighbor," LaJoy said. "They certainly didn't have to do that."
The township board's

vote Tuesday comes after the Canton Planning Commission already approved IKEA's plans.

"I think it's good for IKEA," LaJoy said, adding the expansion will give the company more room to house merchan-dise on-site. "If they thrive and make money and stay there and help the community, I think that's good for every-

Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, who also serves on the planning commission, said she's glad to see an existing business grow.

More jobs

"The negative for Canton is the loss of the building where ABC Warehouse used to be," she said. "We will lose some taxable value there for now. Down the line, it should balance itself out (with IKEA's expansion). We were glad ABC Warehouse was able to find another home and stay in Canton and use a building that was empty.

ABC Warehouse moved to the former Borders bookstore at Ford and Morton Taylor.

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Beaumont, Botsford, Oakwood agree to form new health organization

Beaumont Health System, Botsford Health Care and Oakwood Healthcare have reached a definitive agreement to combine their operations into a new \$3.8 billion health care organization following unanimous approval by their boards Monday.

Beaumont Board Chair Stephen Howard, Botsford Trustee Chair Gerson Cooper and Oakwood Board Chairman John Lewis said the agreement reflects their organizations' common vision to remain leaders in providing high-quality, high-value, not-for-profit health care and their mission of community service

Under the terms of the definitive agreement, the three organizations are creating a new, not-for-profit Michigan health system called Beaumont Health. The Beaumont Health name was chosen to demonstrate the new system's focus on health and wellness and was based on independent market research showing the regional and national strength of the new name. The name also has historical ties to pioneering Michigan physician and medical researcher Dr. William Beaumont,

The three organizations announced a letter of intent March 21 to integrate their combined eight hospitals and 153 other patient care sites into a new comprehensive, collaborative health system focused on advancing quality and access to care throughout

whose medical research

and innovations are rec-

ognized globally.

"While Botsford and Oakwood have outstanding names and brands in their primary communities, we chose the name Beaumont Health because of its recognition and strength throughout all of southeast Michigan and on a national level," said Oakwood Board Chairman John Lewis, who will be the future chair of the Beaumont Health board. "The new health system will be a national model and the name paves the way for an even stronger national 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 hard work, respect and collaboration that led to the agreement.

"This milestone demonstrates our mutual commitment to working together to improve quality, efficiency and value for our patients. We'll be 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 by a single board and executive leadership structure with representation from the three organizations. Michalski, Oakwood CEO Brian Connolly and Botsford CEO Dr. Paul LaCasse will all serve on the CEO Council, overseeing the transition and implementation of the new system. Michalski will chair the CEO Council. Connolly, LaCasse and Michalski will remain as president and CEO of their respective organizations during the period of transition. Connolly is serving as chief transition executive and La-Casse is serving as clinical transition executive on behalf of the CEO Council.

"The work to integrate

zations, while challeng-ing, is progressing well," Connolly said. "We see the signs that we are indeed creating the health care system of the future — a system in which population health can truly be impacted in a very positive way while increasing quality and value for every family we are fortunate to serve."

Physician collaboration 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, and to expand opportunities to partner with community physicians and other care providers to better serve patient needs and secure the future for our physicians," LaCasse said.
"This includes the physicians we are training through our graduate medical education programs and medical school relationships."

Final approvals

The final steps in coming together are state and federal regulatory approvals. With these approvals, the organizations expect to close the transaction in the fall.

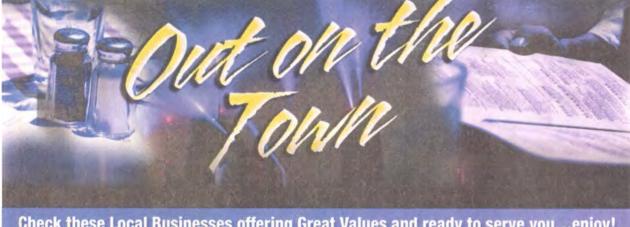
Work will also continue to develop detailed transition plans to bring the operations of the three organizations together and to finalize details, such as a location for executive offices and the appointments of board members and the new health system's executive team.

The new Beaumont Health organization will have eight hospitals with 3,337 beds, 153 outpatient sites, 5,000 physicians, 33,093 employees and 3,500 volunteers. The hospitals include:

» Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak; Beaumont Hospital, Troy; and Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

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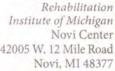
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Spree crowd fends off rain to kick off annual event

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

After winning arguably one of the Livonia Spree's first midway prizes, 9-year-old Allie Avers said a common phrase heard Tuesday afternoon at Ford Field.

"Get your umbrella out!" the Livonia girl said to her mother, Lau-

ra Avers. Laura and Allie Avers were two of the few people who ventured Tuesday to Ford Field as soon as the Livonia Spree grounds opened at 4 p.m. With massive puddles and mud throughout the field, some families and youngsters ventured to see what rides were open and what prizes were available to win.

The Spree, which runs through Sunday, has a multitude of attractions for children and adults, with carnival rides, fair food and live entertainment scheduled throughout the week.

Laura Avers said the Spree is her daughter's big event each summer and insists on going throughout the week. Her daughter and friend spent the afternoon circling the grounds trying to figure out where to go next.

She had already won one stuffed animal while competing in the Fire Fly, a water race midway game that requires participants to shoot water at a target to move a racer.

"We go every day," she said. "It's the biggest thing to my daugh-

Hazel Park resident Lorna Neiman came to the Spree with some of her grandchildren from St. Clair Shores. Her daughter is working the event and thought their families would be able to enjoy some of the rides for free, but found out that was not the case.

Still, her group was able to find some things to do, including winning at the fish bowl carnival

"We'll be here until it closes," she said. "I enjoy going to these things.

Nine-year-old Lily Bourgeois came with her family and rode on one of the roller coasters. She said she's come 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 new rides," she said.

Take the shuttle

The Spree committee is urging attendees to utilize the free shuttle service being offered from city hall to Ford Field because of the I-96 construction and some work being done at Frost Middle School that limits parking.

Shuttles were up and running to the field early Tuesday, though some contained very few passengers because of heavy rain in the

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, 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 rubber duck races until 9

The Spree will finish Sunday evening with fireworks, which will close Farmington Road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile, as well as Schoolcraft near Farmington Road starting

at 7 p.m. Laura Avers had to

limit the activities Tuesday because of all the rides and other attractions she knows her daughter will want to experience throughout the week. While the Spree offers somewhat unlimited fun for her daughter, her wallet has to tell her to slow down to make it through the

"You have to spread out the money," she said with a smile.

More information regarding the Spree can be found on the event's website, livonia spree.com.

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Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation offers summer fun

It's summer, and the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department 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 in their community through parks and recreation, Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Adams said

Summer Day Camp is now underway for children ages 6-12. Enjoy games, playground fun, swimming, physical education and nutrition and the weekly theme field 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. For Wayne-Westland residents the cost is \$26 daily/\$130 weekly and for non-residents it's \$33 daily/\$165 weekly.

The Summer Lunch Program has returned to



the Wayne Community Center, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Wayne County sponsors free nutritious meals for children 18 and under during the summer months.

The Kelly Miller Circus is returning to Attwood Park in Wayne for shows at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. Tickets are \$10 for adults 12 years and older and \$6 children under age 12. Tickets are on sale at the Wayne Community Center, Mark Chevrolet, Professional Insurance Associates, Law Auto Sale and the Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union. Tickets also can be purchased at kellymillercircus.com

Take in the "Best Part of Your Day" at the Wayne Community Center. Memberships start at \$12 per month. The community center offers convenient hours and is open seven days per week.

The Wayne Community Center offers everything from fitness basics to world-class health club amenities, including:

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along with youth classes. Membership options include monthly payment, pay for the membership up front or Family Passes for those who wish not commit full-

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More than 1,100 runners turned out for the inaugural Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K Run last year. FILE PHOTO

Heroes of Hines wins NACo award

Wayne County's Department of Public Services' Parks Division has won two 2014 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties.

The recently restored historic pedestrian bridges in Elizabeth Park won in the category of Arts and Historic Preservation. The Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K 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 Park and had a dedication ceremony in May. The project began in 2010. The bridge structures were completely renovated and replaced, along with the original iron railings which were restored to their original condition. The finished bridges are near perfect replicas of their original

design and construction. They exude an elegance circa 1920s and enhance visitors' experiences at Elizabeth Park. Wayne County Exec-

utive Robert Ficano directed Parks' leadership in February 2013 to find a way to maintain and upkeep the First Responders Memorial in perpetuity. The memorial, which was dedicated October, is a permanent tribute to first responders from Wayne County who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Parks' officials orga-nized the Heroes on Hines Half Marathon and 5K 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

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team competitions. Others were family members, relatives and friends of many of the names on the memorial. It was a great community event.

"We are proud that these signature projects that Wayne County Parks put such effort and dedication into were distinguished by the National Association of Counties as Achievement Award winners," Ficano said. "The Department of Public Services continues its mission to provide excellent services to residents of Wayne County."

Registration for the upcoming second annual Heroes on Hines race Oct.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 boroughs. For more information, go to www.naco.org.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Wayne will hold two public hearings as follows: 1) The Wayne Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 7:00P.M., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Wayne Police Station, 33701 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, Ml, and 2) the Wayne City Council will hold a public hearing, subject to receiving 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 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 (1 0:00A.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.

> Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monday, July 7, 2014 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

Candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in the County of Wayne:

Governor of the State of Michigan United States Senator

United States Representative in Congress - 13th District State Senator - 6th District

State Representative - 11th & 16th District County Executive

County Commissioner - 11th & 12th District Delegates to County Convention

PROPOSALS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN: PROPOSAL 14-1

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS

PROPOSAL

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A sample ballot of the ballot may be obtained at the City of Westland City Clerk's Office or on

the internet at Michigan.gov/vote

Registrations to vote will be accepted in the following locations:

City or County Clerk's offices during normal business hours.

Secretary of State Offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

EILEEN DeHART, CMC Westland City Clerk

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 8:00p.m. at Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Haidous, Hawley, Rowe, Monit, Rhaesa. MEMBER ABSENT: Damitio, Henley, PRESENTATIONS: to Joseph Wellinski of the 2014 Wayne Police Dept. Scholarship; Certificate of Appreciation to the City from Veterans 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 Committees; Study Session for June 25, 2014 at 7:00p.m.; calling a Public Hearing for July 15, 2014 for rezoning west of Jack Demmer; calling a Public Hearing for July 15, 2014 for the vacation of a portion 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; 2nd 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 vacancy candidates to apply to City Clerk by June 30, 2014 at 4:00p.m.; Study Session for July 8, 2014 at 6:00p.m. to fill vacancy; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned to Closed Session to discuss labor negotiations at 10:15: Adjourned at 10:55 p.m. Matthew K. Miller

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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 15, 2014, 8:00 P.M. Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, M148184

to consider an application to vacate the portion of Dearborn Street which lies south of the



alley south of Michigan Avenue (approximately 178.83 feet) to the railroad right-of-way.

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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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 13 6/16/14

Presiding: President Godbout Present: Coleman, Hammons, Kehrer, Reeves

137: Appr. minutes of regular meeting held 6/2/14

- E & B Haunted House @ 34043 Ford Rd. w/limited dates & hrs. 9/26-11/2. - Bid for calcium chloride to Suburban Calcium Chloride Sales; amt. &0.49/gallon.

- Appr. Jefferson-Barns Schools Co-op Agrmnt. w/.WWCS. - Appr. Workers Comp Agrmnt w/Willis of MI.

- Placement of summer hazard fees on 2014 summer tax bills.

Ext. deadline to pay 2014 summer taxes to 8/29/14. Appr. to accept design/install proposal from Artman's Nursery & Landscaping for Veteran's

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/

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/contingencies.
143: Appr. spec. land use for prop. Nurse Aide Training Center, 4693 S. Middlebelt Rd.w/

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. 7/1/18. 146: Conf. re-appt. of W. Wild as Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/15.

147: Conf. re-appt. of S. Smith as Alt. Del. to CWCSA, term to exp. 6/30/15.

148: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,407,625.48.

Mtg. adj. at 7:52 p.m. Minutes available in the Clerk's Office.

James Godbout

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Tina M. Stanke, CMC Deputy City Clerk

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MONEY

MATTERS

Registration underway for Embrace Life 5K run/walk

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is hosting its eight annual Embrace Life 5K run/walk for cancer at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, with presenting sponsor Bright House Networks. More than 850 people participated in last year's 5K, raising nearly \$41,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy Hospi-

The 5K run/walk is for cancer awareness. It is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, for those who have cancer and an opportunity for family members and friends to honor or remember a loved one.

To register, visit stmarymercy.org/ embracelife5k. Registration is \$25 before Aug. 22 and \$30 through race day. Mobile registration is also available.

New this year, teams can register online - all you need is a team captain and name. Once the team is set up, direct members to the online registration found at stmarymercy.org/

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

The Walter J. Gates, Jr. Revocable Living Trust u/a/d August 5, 1999,

Date of Birth: February 6, 1955

TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Settlor, Walter J. Gates, Jr., who lives at 8088 War Road, Newport, Michigan 48166, died February 12, 2014. Ther is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Walter J. Gates, Jr. Revocable Living Trust usual August 5, 1999, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Clark Gates, 8088 War Road, Newport, Michigan, 48166, the Trustee, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: June 26, 2014 Cortney S. Danbrook P69347 Stephen & Anderson, PLC 812 S. Garfield Ave., Suite 3 Traverse City, MI 49686 (231) 947-4050 Clark Gates, Trustee 8088 War Road Newport, MI 48166

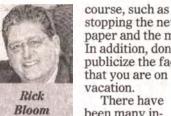
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Financial preparation advice for travelers

just got back from vacation, and I recommend it to everyone. Getting away from your daily grind and doing something totally different in a different environment gives you an opportunity to recharge and put things into per-

spective. However, vacation doesn't mean you can afford to let your guard down. Travelers are easy prey for con artists. In particular, when you travel abroad, you must be even more on guard.

When away from home, certain things should be a matter of



stopping the newspaper and the mail. In addition, don't publicize the fact that you are on

been many instances where people have posted on Facebook or on Twitter that they will be out of town

and break-ins have occurred. Your house or apartment can be broken in to at any time, but there is no reason to increase the odds.

Travelers today rely on ATMs rather than cash or traveler's checks. However, not all ATMs are the same. There have been all sorts of scams where ATMs have been set up

merely as a way of getting your financial information.

When traveling, it's always a good idea to have some cash in the local currency. If you are going to rely on ATMs, be careful. I generally prefer ATMs at financial institutions such as banks.

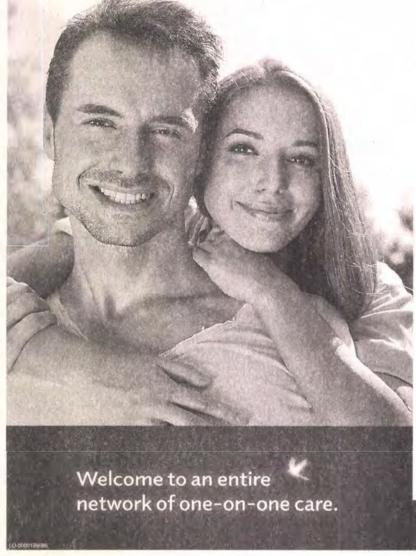
In today's world, evervwhere is wired for technology. If you're accessing financial records online, you have to be careful as to the Wi-Fi you use. Lowlifes have been positioning themselves in coffee shops, restaurants and other places that offer free Wi-Fi and have been using that to tap into accounts.

When you travel, there is no reason to take every

charge card you own. The more charge cards you take, the more risk. Two charge cards are more than enough for most people.

Before you go, make sure to have copies of your charge account numbers, expiration dates and security codes for the cards you are taking. Leave one copy at home and take the other. In addition, take the phone numbers of the card companies in case of a lost or stolen card. Keep this information separate from the credit cards.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomasset management.com.



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OUR VIEWS

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 school superintendent.

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 passion 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, 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 championed the school district in Lansing to replace money the district lost when Proposal A changed how schools were funded in 1994. It took three years to convince the state, and his persistence brought in some \$80 million



Baracy

He also garnered the support of voters in approving a \$108 million bond issue that renovated schools and a sinking fund millage that has raised another \$20 million that has been used to continue the renovations and to build new gymnasiums and elementary media centers.

His focus has been laser sharp, and his tenure has been all about the students and providing 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 provided opportunities for students and residents of the district, the latest an agreement with Westland to turn the former Jefferson-Barns Elementary into a community center in the Nor-

wayne community.

Under his leadership, administrators have 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 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."

the people to do the greatest things."

Back in 1997, he told the board he would take the position of superintendent but they had to understand that what they saw is what they got. They got a lot in Greg Baracy. He leaves the district 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 good, and the beneficiary of that has been the 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. There are
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 overall GPA.

Frederick Weaver

Stop the killing

My mother-in-law is a caution to me. When I feel puffed up and feel I have done some good thing that is worthy of commendation, she will do something that reminds me that it is often the small, quiet words and actions that can have the most impact.

She has suffered several strokes and must deal with daily 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 make any sense. Killing is stupid. Please understand that the word "stupid" is probably the harshest word that could be spoken in our house, so this was harsh

I wonder why when I am watching the news on television 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 condemned in the press? No. The press is waiting for a

"response."
My mother-in-law has made

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 fighting? It doesn't make any sense. Killing is stupid."

I will only add one thing —

"Stop it."

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Thank you, volunteers

I would like to thank the following volunteers who planted annuals near the Garden City
Public Library at the Maplewood
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
Patricia Collins, a Garden City
resident.

I would like to give a special thank you to Linda Noble who came back two days later and helped me to cut down the many stems on the irises that were no longer blooming. Also, I would like to thank husband Paul Bailey who helped me to prepare the flower beds and large flower pots for planting before May 28.

Paul also did most of the work to 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.

Nancy Bailey Garden City Public Library Board

Thanks for stories

I would like to thank the newspapers which took the time to either, at the least run my article or at the most spend time talking to me to get an interview.

I have been contacted by so 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 hand-written letter from someone who is in their 80s and it's all they can do to write down the story of their loved one, and everyone of them I read with enthusiasm.

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 breeds further success and is crucial to continually and effectively meet customer needs. It's a concept that should be applied in other sectors as well. The nation's housing finance system immediately comes to mind.

Our current housing finance system was founded in 1938 during the Great Depression as part of the New Deal. While the government's role in the market expanded in the 60s and 90s, it has been years since any systematic changes have been imple-

mented. Sadly, under Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, our system woefully fails at its core purpose as it is unable to ensure that creditworthy buyers can obtain home loans.

Today's tight credit market is disproportionately hurting firsttime home buyers and younger households, effectively removing these new "customers" from the marketplace all together. What kind of business model is that?

However, it's not just potential home buying customers that are being affected. This uncertainty in the market is hampering a strong housing recovery and hurting our economy as a whole. Those detrimental impacts, first seen with the housing market collapse in 2008, continue to be felt by all.

Fortunately bipartisan legislation has been introduced in the U.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 exposure is limited.

This legislation was recently approved by the Senate Banking Committee and warrants further action. Now pending in the full Senate, Michigan Senators Carl Levin (D) and Debbie Stabenow (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 backstop that would only be triggered under extreme circumstances. It ensures the 30-year mortgage — the primary housing finance tool for most Americans — remains readily accessible and affordable. It also promotes investor confidence, provides incentives to firms that buy and sell mortgage securities to manage risk more carefully, and limits taxpayer exposure.

Bringing long-term stability 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 county. As housing production returns to normal levels, those added homes can produce tens of thousands of additional jobs, increase business activity and generate millions of dollars in 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 senators leaving Lansing last week hit giant, car-damaging potholes after adjourning without doing anything substantive about the condition of the state's roads.

Oh, sure, they adjourned having sent a budget to Gov. Rick Snyder for the fiscal year that begins in October, 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 estimated \$500 million.

But the Senate couldn't – or wouldn't – reach consensus on new road revenue. Instead, senators say, there's money in the budget to perform stop-gap work on roads now and the Senate will deal with the need for a more comprehensive plan when it reconvenes.

Of course, when it reconvenes, candidates who survive the Aug. 5 primary will be worrying about re-election. Even more likely,

they're worrying about reelection now, which is one reason they kicked this particular can down the divotfilled road.

Surveys show most Michigan voters want better roads and they're willing to pay for them. Snyder and Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville 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, a Republican from Plymouth Township, said the House plan to raise an extra \$500 million would have earmarked more existing money for roads, increased the penalties for overweight trucks, tied the gasoline tax to the wholesale price of gas and increased the diesel fuel tax.

The wholesale gas tax hike is unquestionably a tough sell, especially in an election year and when you consider the state already has the



The state Senate adjourned last week without a plan to deal with roads. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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 leaders think it's 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?
Apparently, Senate leadership is saying the road issue will be dealt with in lameduck session. That's the chosen way of dealing with tough, unpopular issues lately (road plan, right-to-work, etc.) and it lacks a certain

level of accountability. Heise and others have said

they'd "be happy to come back" to Lansing to get a plan in place, but that's not going to happen. Legislators instead will spend the summer running for re-election, rather than doing the business of the people, business that should have been done in the first place.



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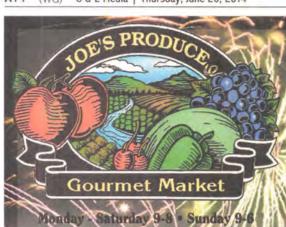
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SECTION B (W)

Nedeljkovic is Whalers' top prospect

NHL team could pick Plymouth goalie in first or second round of entry draft

By Tim Smith

Alex Nedeljkovic is a virtual lock to stand behind the podium this weekend at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, wearing the colors of whichever National Hockey League team drafts him.

Several of his teammates on the Plymouth Whalers also could enjoy that careerlaunching moment.

The Plymouth Whalers' 18-year-old goaltender — whose spectacular performance 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 could hear his name called as soon as Friday's opening round.

If Nedeljkovic is still available when the NHL entry draft continues Saturday morning with Round 2, it won't be for

His new head coach with the Whalers, Don Elland, isn't traveling to Pennsylvania with the team's new general manager (Mark Craig) and assistant 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 Plymouth's head coaching duties from Farmington Hills' Mike Vellucci (who will be at the NHL draft with his new team, the Carolina Hurricanes). "If he's not the first goalie taken, then I don't know.

"Usually one goes, then they all start to go. It just de-pends when that first one goes.'

Total package

Elland said the Parma, Ohio, native nicknamed "Ned" possesses the talent, work ethic and mind-set to not only be a first- or second-round selection, but to someday become an excellent NHL goalie.

"He has the total package," See WHALERS, Page B4



Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic 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

Sarah Gutknecht makes contact with a pitch against Michigan in April at MSU's Secchia Stadium. REY DEL RIO

MSU discovers diamond gem in freshman softball player

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

> By Dan O'Meara Staff Writer

When coach Jacquie Joseph recruited Sarah Gutknecht to play softball at Michigan State University, she did so with a

long-term perspective. She thought the former Farmington High School star would develop into a good college player one day and be able to help the Spartans.

That day arrived much sooner than either Joseph or Gutknecht thought it would and the result was an outstanding rookie season for Gut-

knecht. She not only worked her way into the starting lineup at third base, but she ended up being MSU's best hitter this year, leading the team in every major offensive category.

"I recruited Sarah as an athlete I thought had a big upside down the road," Joseph said. "I did not expect her to be able to make as big a contribution as she did as early as she

"Sarah took the right approach from day one - 'I'm going to work hard and I'm going to give it my all' - and when she had an opportunity,

she never let go. She never turned back.

Even when she struggled, she kept working hard and persevered. It's a great story and she should be proud."

Being a freshman and hav-

ing had an undistinguished fall season, Gutknecht didn't expect to play in the spring.

She was called on to pinch hit in the first game, then she got her first collegiate hit in the second as the designated hitter. She started the third game in right field.

"I was expecting the worst and just kept working to become better and I ended up earning a spot," Gutknecht said. "It was definitely better than I expected.

"I just played my game all year. Obviously, I was looking at stats, but it wasn't what I was focused on. I was focused on improving and tying to help the team.

"I was just playing how I play. As the year went on, I got more experience and began to figure out the college softball game, because it's so much different than what I was used

Equal to the task

See GUTKNECHT, Page B4

Stewart's basketball dreams finally realized

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

By Brad Emons

Jamie Stewart had to take a long, hard look in the mirror. The Livonia Clarenceville

High grad appeared in only 21 games during his only two seasons at Montana State, squandering his

chance to play basketball at the NCAA Division I level with the Bobcats because of academic and disciplinary

issues. Finding himself waylaid in Bozeman, Mont., and at a crossroads, the 6-foot-5 swingman, a former NJCAA Division II All-American from Henry Ford Community College, decided he had to make

Stewart

some changes in his life.

The good news is Stewart graduated last month from Montana State with a degree in sociology and signed a professional contract Monday to play for Forssan Koripojat, a First Division club team in

Although he never suited up this past season, Stewart continued to work on his game and stay in shape. He also got hooked up with an agent out of Rome, Italy, Giorgio Zambellis of Omnia Sports, who also represents former Michigan State standout Aloysius Anagonye and Marcus Hatten, once an all-Big East selection from St. John's.

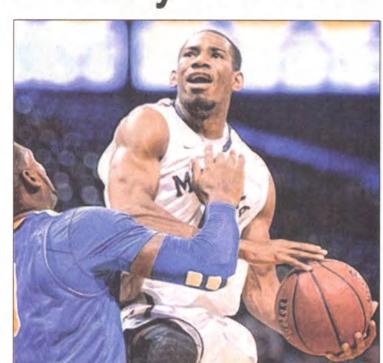
Stewart, a high riser and explosive dunker, worked both the phones and the Internet while looking for any type of response.

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 year. Essentially, I've only played one season in about three years, so it was tough. I was never letting those guys sleep. I was always emailing them back and forth, late at night, five in the morning. I kept talking to them and they kept me sane a little bit. Even

See STEWART, Page B4



Clarenceville grad Jamie Stewart played in only 21 games during his two-year career at Montana State. BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE

Sorenson's no-hitter sparks Rams' DH sweep

Jeff Sorenson's nohitter highlighted the Michigan Rams' doubleheader Livonia Collegiate Baseball League sweep Sunday of the host Southfield Lightning at Lathrup High School.

The redshirt junior from Wayne State University via Livonia Stevenson High pitched a gem as the Rams took the opener, 2-0.

Recording 21-of-23 first-pitch strikes, the left-hander put on a dominating display over seven

innings,



Sorenson

striking out 13 and allowing just two walks. Mark Weist, who went

2-for-3, drove in both runs for the Rams with a single in the fifth inning scoring Trent Drumheller and Travis Harvey.

Losing pitcher Pat Monahan, plagued by control problems, allowed just two hits but walked eight before Christin Bilkovic finished up.

In Game Two, the

Rams took just five innings to mercy the Lightning, 14-1, as Weist went 3-for-4 with pair of doubles and a grand slam homer in the second inning.

Also contributing offensively for the Rams was Johnny Slater (2-for-3, RBI, four runs), Drumheller (2-for-4, two RBI, run), Harvey (2for-2, two runs), Hunter VanMaele and Conner 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

RAMS 5, BULLS 0: The Michigan RAMS 3, BOLLS U: The WICHIGHT RAMS (13-2) got another strong pitching performance Monday from starter Jake Balicki and reliever Connor Fannon en route to the shutout in an LCBL victory over the Michigan Bulls (7-6-1) at Livonia's Ford

Balicki went the first five innings to pick up the victory. He struck out three, walked one and struck out three. Fannon finished up allowing two walks while fanning three.

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Trent Drumheller and Mark Weist each added an RBI for the Rams, who scored four times in the second inning and one in the

Bulls starter Jake Lee, who gave up five runs on six hits and two walks in five

innings, took the loss.

LIGHTNING 5, HURRICANES 2:

Kevin Karsnick and A.J. Garza-Hill combined on a three-hitter Monday as the Southfield Lightning (2-12) upended the Michigan Hurricanes (6-8-1) in LCBL action at Ford

Karsnick allowed two earned runs on three hits in three innings, while Garza-Hill pitched four scoreless innings in relief to pick up the victory. The two combined for six strikeouts and three walks.

Christopher Thomas and Brett Ramirez (Salem/Madonna University) each collected two RBI for the Lightning, while Dan Cameron went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the

Hurricanes. Jon Targus, the first of four Hurricane pitchers, went four innings and took the loss. He allowed four runs on six hits.

HURRICANES 5-7, BULLS 4-6: On Sunday, the Michigan Hurricanes (6-7-1) captured both ends of a double-header gainst the Michigan Bulls (7-5-1) at Ford

The Hurricanes won the opener 5-4 as Tyler Keeter's seventh-inning RBI single scored Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill/ Madonna University) to break a 4-4

Jose Salinas went 3-for-4, including a solo homer, while Matigian went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Hurricanes. Dan Cameron added John Szymanski, who went the final two

John Szymanski, who went the final two innings in relief of starter Demitrius Bryant, got the victory, while Brian McClelland took the loss for the Bulls.

Victor Barron (Madonna University) went 3-for-3 with an RBI in a losing cause. In Game Two, Jake Weshalek went 3-for-3 and scored twice, while Cameron and Matigian each added two hits in a 7-6 Hurricanes win. Alex Olezkowicz also contributed two RBI in the victory.

Matigian, the fourth of five Rams pitchers, earned the victory, while Szymanski got credit for the save. credit for the save.

Offensive leaders for the Bulls included Maverick Pine, who went 3-for-3, including

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

a two-run homer and three runs scored. Also chipping in was Barron (2-for-5) and Jeremy Shay (2-for-4, RBI). Bulls starter Jimmy Townsend-Chase, who allowed six runs (three earned) on five hits and four walks in 4½ innings, suffered the

RAMS 6. HURRICANES 4: On Friday

and RBI, while Kyle Jusick added two RBI as the Michigan Rams (10-2) downed the Michigan Hurricanes (4-7-1) at Livonia's Ford Field.

Ford Held.
Adrian Morales, Randy Kuzdak and Travis
Harvey also knocked in runs for the Rams.
Jake Balicki, who pitched the final 2½
innings in relief of starter Hunter VanMaele, got the victory. The University of Michigan

right-hander allowed just one hit and struck out five.
Damian Bortolussi, who came on middle relief of starter Josh Lockwood, suffered the

Jose Salinas collected two RBI for the

Young grapplers learn new moves at RU camp

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

Judging by the scene in the Redford Union High School gymnasium Sunday afternoon, wrestling is never out of sea-

Under the direction of a trio of current collegiate grapplers - including former RU standout Collin Rankin - close to 20 young wrestlers spent four hours learning some of the finer points of one of the most demanding sports known to man.

Assisted by current Alma College wrestling teammate Ali Avache (Dearborn Heights Crest-

Primary Care



Former RU wrestler Collin Rankin (standing) gets ready to time a drill during the youth wrestling camp. ED WRIGHT

wood) and Olivet College matman Youssef El-Sayed (Crestwood), Rankin shared his knowledge of his favorite sport to an enthusiastic group of up-and-comers who ranged in age from 6-16.

"One of our goals was to teach these kids techniques that they could eventually use at the upper levels," said Rankin, who recently completed a solid freshman season at Alma while

crafting a 3.6 grade-point average.

"We taught them basic stuff - no fancy, highflying moves - like how to hit a move the right way. We wanted to teach them the minor details that can make a big difference in how they do.

'Overall, I thought it ran really well. We were hoping for a few more people, but it was easier to work with smaller groups like we had.

"We were able to give the kids more one-on-one time. We had a good age range and a good size range, which was nice."

Emanuel Rankine, a junior-to-be at Lutheran Westland, said he garnered several tips that will help him once he hits the mats for the Warriors this coming season.

"I learned a lot of basics, but I also learned more about the knee slide, which I will use more now," said Rankine, a Detroit resident. "I learned stuff I'll be able to use in every match.'

The inaugural RU wrestling camp ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and cost each participant \$10.

Rankin said a second summer offering is in the works and tentatively set for August at Livonia Clarenceville High School.

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Area golfers earn high marks with low scores

Donnie Trosper, Canton: Already one of the best golfers in the state, Trosper played his best when it counted most and still has one more season left to add to his impressive resume with the Chiefs.

He averaged 35.8 per nine holes and 74.9 per 18 and was medalist in all four dual matches he played in.

But there were many other achievements, including comedalist at the Kensington Conference tourney (71) and M&M Invitational at Hudson Mills (68) and tying for first at the district tournament with a

Trosper followed that up with a 71 at the regional, earning him second place and a spot in the Division 1 state finals at Forest Akers East in East Lansing,



where he overcame the flu to tally a 78-68-146 scoreline. "Donnie handles the pres-

sure of competition very well," coach Tom Alles said. "It seems the tougher the competition the 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 consistency throughout his fouryear prep career with the Wildcats, senior co-captain Tatti averaged 38.1 per nine holes and 75.81 per 18.

"John had a great senior season," coach Dan Young said. "He was very consistent and we could always rely on him to (score) low for our team. "He played

his best in the biggest tournaments."

Tatti spearheaded Plymouth to the Kensington Conference championship and made his fourth trip to the D1 finals at Forest Akers East. At the finals, he registered a

73-73-146 scoreline. He tallied a 76 at the D1 regionals at Lake Forest Golf Club, good for ninth overall.

Chris Kozler, Plymouth: One of the key spokes in Plymouth's wheel of golfing excellence, the senior co-captain averaged 37.2 per nine holes and 77 per 18.

His 74 at D1 regionals tied for fifth overall and proved instrumental in Plymouth finishing second with a 305 team score - which in turn qualified the Wildcats for the finals.



Kozler then tied for ninth overall at Forest Akers East with 71-72-143 scoreline.

"Chris was a leader in our 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 championship. Very good when the pressure was at it highest.'

Eric Attard, Stevenson: The senior averaged 76.5 per 18 holes and 38.5 for nine en route to all-KLAA honors.

Attard, a two-year captain, was runner-up in the KLAA Association Tournament, third in the Northville Invitational and fifth in the Orchard Lake Invitational.

"Eric had a great senior year, posting three top-fives in six

Attard 18-hole tournaments this year," coach Dave Higham said. "Eric is a great ball striker, and when his short game is on, he will take it low. Some college will get a great player next year."

Austin Alexander, N. Farmington: Alexander makes his 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.

He shot season bests of 74 in the district at Huron Meadows and 75 in the Walled Lake Invite at Edgewood.

The regional qualifier is a two-time, team MVP and all-OAA player. His 38.4 season average ranks fourth all time at North.

"Austin is a coach's dream, and one day soon I think a college coach will sign him, and he will make an outstanding contribution to that team as he has done here at North Far-



Alexander

mington," coach Bruce Sutton "He is an excellent student and his work ethic is second to

none on and off the course. 'Many a time on our way home from a match or invitational, Austin will self-analyze his round and figure out how to improve on his performance at

the next event. **Matt Goldi, Farmington:** Goldi 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 in three tournaments.

His best scores were 72 in the district at Huron Meadows and 75 in the Southern Wing at Locust Hills in Springfield, Ohio. He shot 76 twice.

Goldi is the team MVP and a repeat member of the all-area team. He has been accepted into the Professional Golf Man-

agement Program at Ferris State University.

Goldi "Matt is a solid player who made great improvement every year," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "This year he improved his average almost 2.6 strokes. He didn't have anything really low and nothing really high. The strong point of his game is consistency.

"He was never a day on jayvee; he was on varsity from day one. You don't have many players that go four years on varsity. I was real fortunate to 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, helping Plymouth qualify for the finals.

At Forest Akers East, he

chimed in with solid 74-77-151 showing. "A big reason for our team

success was Evan's consistent play and team attitude," Young said. "He could have been most teams No. 1 golfer and played 3

for us.



"We were fortunate to have his scores all year long."

Nick Heffron, Farmington: Heffron earned a place on the all-area team again after a senior season in which he averaged 77.8 strokes in tournament play and 38.75 in dual events.

His best score was a 70 in the district at

Huron Meadows. He also had a 73 in the East Lansing tournament and a 75 in the Oakland County tournament at Pontiac CC.



A captain on Farmington's state championship hockey team, Heffron plans to play hockey at Grand Valley State University. Heffron is another four-year

varsity player and a repeat member of the all-area team. He was a team medalist in five tournaments.

"He helped the team in so many aspects," coach Zaleski said. "When he did go low, we did really well. When he didn't, it wasn't a real high score. He had shades of greatness there.

"Nick has a lot of confidence. Every time he goes out there, he thinks he can do it. He believes he can make things work for him.'

Matt LeGault, Farmington: LeGault was a four-year varsity player for the Falcons, too. He averaged 37 in nine-hole matches and 78.1 in tourna-He shot 75 in the Southern

Swing at Locust Hills in Ohio and 76 in the district at Huron Meadows. He shot 77 twice. LeGault has been accepted

into the PGM Program at Ferris State University. He is a repeat member of



real steady player." coach Zaleski said. "He has a great work

ethic. His claim this year was he had some really great ninehole scores. He had a 34 and a 35; he was solid.

"His putting and short game kept him in it when he wasn't hitting the ball real well. I was real happy with the way it turned out for him.'

Kitwana Ashford, Farmington: Ashford averaged 79.3 strokes in tournaments and just under 38 in nine-hole matches. He was a medalist in two duals

naments. His best score was 73 at the Southern Swing in Ohio. He also shot 75 in an OAA tournament at Pontiac CC and 76 twice.

and three tour-



"He was a great addition to our team," Zaleski said. "He's a great team player. His score was always used. He put up some great numbers.

"When he was playing well,

it was fairways and greens, very methodical play. He puts it in play and makes something out of nothing sometimes.

"He had those great streaks, and it was just fun to watch him play. At any time, it was amazing what he could do."

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 per 18.

"Jack had a solid year for us as a newcomer," Young said. "He earned a varsity spot right away and played very well for us in all the big tournaments.



He has a bright future and we look forward to seeing his game grow.'

In his first state finals, Boczar shot a respectable 78-82-

Kyle Coscarelly, Harrison: A four-year varsity golfer, Coscarelly shot an average score 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 Berk-

ley Invite. "Kyle demonstrated all the positive traits a golf coach seeks," coach Ray Maleyko said. "Our team relied on Kyle



Coscarelly

"The other golfers admired Kyle and were inspired by the way he conducted himself at every practice, every match and every tournament. He will be sorely missed on the Harrison golf team."

Brady Cole, Salem: Cole admirably closed out his brilliant, multi-sport career at Salem with a 14th-place finish of 78 at the D1 regional. He averaged 40.6 per nine

holes and 80.8 per 18

"Brady is a fierce competitor who always gives his best effort," coach Ryan Nimmerguth said. "He scored well all



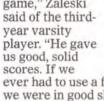
year on the golf course, even while focusing on his upcoming college soccer season at Northwood University.

Brady was a three-sport athlete at Salem (golf, soccer, basketball) and had a wonderful 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 and the OAA

Mystic Creek. "He has a solid game," Zaleski said of the thirdyear varsity

tournament at



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

Greenlee

and you know he's going to get better next year. You'll hear

ALL-OBSERVER

Donnie Trosper, jr., Canton John Tatti, sr., Plymouth Chris Kozler, sr., Plymouth Eric Attard, sr., Liv. Stevenson Austin Alexander, jr., N. Farm. SECOND TEAM

Evan Chipman, sr., Plymouth Nick Heffron, sr., Farmington Matt LeGault, sr., Farmington Kitwana Ashford, jr., Farmingto Jack Boczar, fr., Plymouth Kyle Coscarelly, sr., Harrison Brady Cole, sr., Salem Connor Greenlee, jr., Farmington Noah Lindibauer, jr., Canton COACH OF THE YEAR HONORABLE MENTIONS

Churchill: Alec Kondrath, Chris Massa, Chad Macorkindale, Sam Spayd; Franklin: Greg Bo, Matt Wiebelhaus, Tyler Gerhard; Stevenson: Alex Cleaver, Hyder Mansour, Ben Zammit; John Glenn: James Hartman; Ben Zammit, John Glenn: James Hartman; Huron Valley Lutheran: Jeremy Thomp-son; Canton: Chris Dooley, Suhas Potluri; Plymouth: Kyle Melnick, Alex Decker; Salem: Nick Danis, Connor Cole; North Farmington: Austin Bottrell; Farming-ton: Joe Majoros, Harrison: Landon Tucker; Garden City: Chad Berger Justin Swisher Garden City: Chad Berger, Justin Swisher, Joe Pummill; Redford Union: Ryan Ruffner, Thurston: Joe Beauchamp, Logan Charlton.

more from him.

Every time he played, he gave me 110 percent. I was just fortunate to have a fifth golfer like we had in him.'

Noah Lindlbauer, Canton: Lindlbauer displayed a mix of talent and course savvy to register averages of 39.8 per nine holes and 81.4 per 18 for Canton.

The junior tallied 76 at the Kensington Conference tournament and 87 at the association tourney, earning all-conference honors. Other highlights 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. "He has a solid overall game and plays very intelligently. His course management skills

are excellent. COACH OF THE YEAR Dennis Zaleski, Farmington: Zaleski, who retired at the end of this season after 14 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 championship, winning both tournaments and going undefeated in

dual matches. Farmington finished third in the Oakland County Division 1 tournament at Pontiac Country Club, and it was a regional qualifier with a third-place

finish in the dis-

Zaleski

trict at Huron Meadows. The Falcons also were fourth in the Jackson Invite and the two-day Southern Swing in Springfield, Ohio.

They were seventh in the regional at Mystic Creek and eighth among 26 teams in the East Lansing tournament.

"I had great kids to work with," Zaleski said. "I think 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, they were good; if we played nine holes, they were good. "They were easy to prepare

because they were so selfmotivated. That was the work ethic they had.'

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

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 David Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublicschools.org.

Churchill hockey

The Livonia Churchill summer hockey came will be 10-11:20 a.m. Monday through Friday, July 7-11 and July 14-18, 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 call 734-788-0447.

Madonna volleyball

Madonna University will offer a series of summer volleyball camps for middle school and high school players including:

Setters - 8:30 a.m. to noon

Sunday through Wednesday, June 29 through July 2; hitters (session I) -1-4:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, June 29 through July 2; hitters (session II) - 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, July 7-10; and defensive - 1-4:30 p.m. Monday though Thursday, July 7-10. The cost for each camp is

For more information, call MU coach Jerry Abraham at 734-432-5612 or email jabraham@madonna.edu.

Canton football

A summer football camp run by the Canton High School program is slated for July 14-17 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity field. 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. Visit www.cantonchiefsfoot-

Churchill hoops The Churchill girls 2014 summer basketball camp (grades 5-9 in the fall) will be

ball.com to download a flier.

3-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, July 15-18, the high school. The cost is \$50. For more information, email coach Matt McCowan at

mmccown54@gmail.com or call 248-761-9201. Summer camps On tap this summer through

Canton Leisure Services are basketball and baseball summer camps instructed by longtime coach Pat Watson.

The camps will emphasize drills and skills that cover offensive strategies and defensive 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 and a water bottle.

Basketball: There will be three weekly basketball camps 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: Session 1, July 7-11; Session 2, July 21-25; Session 3, July 28 through Aug. 1. The fee is \$150

for residents and \$160 for nonresidents. Baseball: The baseball camp

is slated to run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 14-18 at Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave.

To register, visit cantonfun.org, call Canton Sports Center at 734-483-5600 or visit either Canton Sports Center or Summit on the Park and inquire.

Churchill football

» The Livonia Churchill Twilight 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 beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the football field pavilion

» Churchill will also offer two camps for grades 9-12 including basic offense and defense techniques, 5-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, June 22-24, along with advanced offense and defense techniques, 5-8 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday, July 27-29.

The cost is \$100. You can register in person at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at the football field pavilion.

Campers will need cleats, running shoes and a signed liability agreement. All checks should be made payable to Churchill High School: Allen Feigel, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150. No refunds two weeks prior to start of camp.

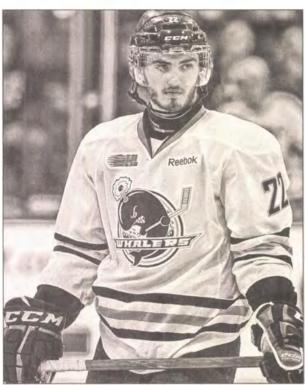
MU cross country

Madonna University will stage summer cross country base camps for serious high school runners 8:45-9:45 a.m. July 28 through Aug. 1. The cost is \$75

MU will also hold long runs 7:30-9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2, at Cass Benton Park.

The cost is a \$2 donation each long run.

For more information, email Pat Daugherty at pdaugherty@madonna.edu. Daugherty can also be reached during the evenings at 734-658-0226 (cell) or 734-432-5634 (office).



Forward Matt Mistele is one of several Plymouth Whalers with a good shot to be selected during this weekend's NHL draft. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

WHALERS

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said Elland, who expects Nedeljkovic 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 goalies selected in the NHL draft such as Matt Hackett, Justin Peters, Scott Wedgewood, Matt Mahalak and Garden City native Jason Bacashihua.

In 2013-14, Nedeljkovic posted a 2.88 goalsagainst average and .925 save percentage in 61 games, stopping more than 2,000 shots along the way

The Whalers, meanwhile, also have five other players with goodto-excellent chances of being drafted.

Right wing Connor Chatham is the 46thrated skater (forwards, defensemen) among North American prospects. He scored 13 goals and added 18 assists for 31 points last

Rated 56th is defenseman Alex Peters, while left wing Matt Mistele (18 goals, 19 assists) is rated 88th.

"Second- or thirdround pick for Chats as well, so we're excited about that," Elland said. "And I think Alex Peters will go right around 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 teams included forwards Ryan Hartman (2013, Chicago, 30th overall), Tom Wilson (2012, Washington, 16th overall),

NHL DRAFT PRIMER

What: National Hockey League Entry Draft. When: 7 p.m. Friday, Round 1 (NBC Sports Network); 10 a.m. Saturday, Rounds 2-7 (NHL Network) Where: Wells Fargo Center,

Philadelphia. Who: Several players from the Plymouth Whalers are rated by the NHL Central Scouting Bureau for the draft, including goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, 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 www.plymouthwhalers.com

and look for continued coverage at www.hometownlife.com.

Mitchell Heard (2012, Colorado, 41st overall), J.T. Miller (2011, N.Y. Rangers, 15th overall), Stefan Noesen (2011, Ottawa, 21st overall), Rickard Rakell (2011 Anaheim, 30th overall) and Tyler Seguin (2010, Boston, second overall).

The last Plymouth goalies to be drafted were Mahalak (2011, Carolina, 163rd overall), Wedgewood (2010, New Jersey, 84th overall) and Hackett (2009, Minnesota, 77th overall).

According to Elland, that NHL teams regularly pick Whalers is a test ament that the organization continues to do things the right way when it comes to developing talent.

"We're a development league; that's our job, said Elland, one of Vellucci's assistant coaches the past four seasons.

"The better job we do with that, the more kids will want to come here and be a part of it, because they see what we're doing. It's a huge deal for us.

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Gutknecht, who was a four-year starter at Farmington and a three-time selection to the all-Observer first team, added everything is faster at the college level.

The pitchers are better and more experienced and they aren't going to miss their spots, she said.

But that didn't stop Gutknecht from leading the Spartans with a .291 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 showed, I guess," Gutknecht said. "During the season, I was working more one-on-one with the coaches and coming in to hit. I wasn't going to back off.

"I still want to do better than what I did, but I'm very happy with how I did my freshman year, not expecting to play."

It appears Gutknecht made a rapid and smooth transition to the next 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.

"It wasn't easy, but I guess 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 ready when the opportunity

and plays day-in and day-out. "Sarah Gutknecht

against Oklahoma, Gutknecht helped rally the Spartans to a 6-5 lead a two-run double in the same inning. Another highlight was her grand slam at Ohio State.

'It was one of the best feelings, because it was the first Big Ten weekend, the first Big Ten



Farmington's Sarah Gutknecht is ready to play defense at third base. MSU SPORTS

came to show what she could do in a game situation, according to Joseph.

"The great thing about opportunities is it allows for people to earn it and shine," she said. "At our level, there is no seniority. It's who shows up

earned everything she got with her incredible work ethic and how quickly she took to the adjustments that needed to be made.

In an early game with a lead-off homer and

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 strikeouts. She knows she'll have to work hard to improve at the plate.

"People are going to have more scouts on me next year," she said. "It's going to be more difficult that way, but I'll have more experience.

'I know I gave away a lot 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 familiar position of third base and established herself.

With the exception of a few games at first base, 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 the field, too, with a .962 fielding percentage. She had just five errors with 52 assists and 76 putouts.

"I want to work more

on my defense," Gut-knecht said. "I've always been focused on my hitting. I want to be able to 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.

"I've been playing the sport long enough it's not that big of a deal. It's just a matter of those fine details and figuring those

Sky is the limit

Gutknecht hasn't come close to realizing her potential, according 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 to continually show up and produce, but I'm confident Sarah will do that.

"What's going to be difficult for her next year 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 person and pitched around her.

"She knows she's not going to sneak up on anybody. She's going to need to be even better to have the same kind of numbers

"But I tell you what the kid has the mind-set for it. She takes a good approach and is very coachable.

"She's eager to learn 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, Samantha Golobic, Alana Harvill and coach Tim Golobic. The Golobics recently moved to Nevada. The other 12 players attend Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School in Farmington.

STEWART

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though it was a tough year, they said every thing was going to be all right. I met some good guys.

After averaging nearly 28 points his senior year and earning Class B all-state honors at Clarenceville, Stewart played two seasons and thrived at Henry Ford Community College under coach Abe Mashhour (now at Schoolcraft College). It also helped that Stewart's former high school coach at Clarenceville, Corey McKendry, was there as an assistant coach to provide a safety net for a player that could be immature and a prima donna.

In his second season at Henry Ford (2010-11), Stewart averaged 17.1 points, 8.1 rebounds and 4.0 assists per game, leading the Hawks to a No. 1 ranking in the country and earning All-America recognition for the second straight vear.

Stewart considered several NCAA Division I schools, but settled on Montana State, following former Henry Ford teammate Christian Moon.

Abbreviated stint

But in his first season in Bozeman (2011-12), Stewart never made it past December. He averaged 9.1 points in only 12 games before being sacked with academic issues. He averaged 23 minutes per outing and scored in double figures five times, including a season-high 21 against San Jose State.

"In the past, I had some great coaches that I built a relationship with over time, so it was hard to make an adjustment by coming here," Stew-art said. "And I always thought it would be like that between the coach and the player. Things were kind of different here. It took me a while to get adjusted to it."

And Stewart admitted to the Bozeman Daily Chronicle in January 2012: "I made some poor decisions, I made some poor choices over the year and I'm reaping the consequences right now. I wish my team success

in the future. They're my brothers and I wish them well. I look forward to spring practice.'

Stewart even contemplated transferring from Montana State after his junior year.

'I knew it would be hard, because I was academically ineligible," Stewart said. "That would have been a problem 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 this time lasted just nine games. He averaged 9.4 points, scoring in double figures four times (including a career-high 22 vs. San Jose State) before being dismissed from the team by coach Brad Huse for unspec-

ified reasons. Once again, he never made it past December. "We were just on two

different pages as I saw it and things just didn't work out," Stewart said of Huse and his staff. "But honestly, I have respect for those guys. They were just doing what they thought was best for the team. Some of it was on the court and some of it was off the court. We had our differences and things like that. I made my mistakes and I've said from day one I take accountability

for my actions. "Do I think things could have been different? Yes. Do I think I could have handled the situation differently? No doubt. Like I said, they did what they thought was best for the team. And the team came first, so they felt that was the next step. I take accountability and I have respect for the decisions they made.

After being dismissed, Stewart thought about going back home to Detroit.

"It was definitely hard," he said. "It was tough for me and tough to be around (Bozeman) that year. I had to make

some changes and had to make an adjustment. I started back second semester, went back home in the summer, re-evaluated my situa-

But Stewart decided to stick it out and stay in school for yet another year, while blending in with the rest of the MSU student body as a nonbasketball player.

Learning curve

"I learned from all these mistakes and, honestly, it made me a better person on and off the floor," he said. "Ideally, that's what is making me the person I am today. And so I have a totally different perspective on things. At the end of the day, I feel like good things happen to good people. This is why I feel like I'm getting this opportunity. It's a lot of work and a higher pow-

Through his agent Zambellis, along with another Omnia representative based in Greece, Stewart's dream to play professionally has been realized.

"I'm staying ready, I'm still conditioning, I'm still working out," Stewart said. "I'll go back to Detroit a little bit in August, see family and friends before I take off. Ideally, I want to be there before training camp starts Sept. 1.

"When you look at my situation, you can't really explain it. I've played only one season in three years. A lot of it is through hard work and God, just keeping my faith. It's hard to explain, but this is all God's work and it's meant to be. I've been through a lot these last three years.

Going to an unfamiliar country, in the southern city of Forssa (population 17,000), Stewart said he can help the Finnish First Division team, which finished 11-17 and in fifth place last season.

But there's one caveat. He'll have to adjust to another new culture.

Stewart, however, will not look in the rear-view mirror.

"I'm ready and prepared to make that adjustment," he said. "Growing up in the Detroit ... I feel you can make it anywhere."

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JUNE **CHURCH CLOSING**

Time/Date: 10 a.m. Mass, Sun-

day, June 29 Location: St. Hilary Catholic Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford

Details: A reception and tour of the church buildings will follow the service. The church is closing after 60 years

Contact: 313-533-1560; sthilaryredford.org

SERMON SERIES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday through sum-

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: Sermon series on The Lord's Prayer

Contact: 734-968-3523 or 313-532-8655

JULY **DVD SERIES**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, beginning July 2

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: View a 36-part series, "Holy Land Revealed" on Biblical archeology by Jodi Magness, a professor in the Department of Religious Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Free

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net

FILM

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 and 16 Location: St. Aidan, 17500

Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Free movies are The NeverEnding Story, on July 9 and Gravity on July 16. Refreshments provided and a brief discussion will follow the screen-

Contact: RSVP to 734-425-5950 **MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 26

Location: Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Free festival with Christian music performances by This Fire Within, The Repeat Offenders, Bekah Greenman, Aaron Lucas and Co., Connor Roy, Heavenly Embers and more. Crafters and vendors will be on site 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food concessions will be available Contact: 313-937-2424;

www.HosannaTabor.org **RUMMAGE SALE**

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16 Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road,

Details: Bag sale, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday; scrap metal collection runs July 14-18

Contact: 734-427-2290 VACATION RIBLE

SCHOOL Time/Date: 9 a.m. to noon, July

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia Details: The "Workshop of

Wonders" is open for pottytrained 3-year-olds through students entering sixth grade. Includes songs, crafts, snacks, science, recreation and interactive Bible stories. Cost is \$10 per child; \$30 for families of 4 or

Contact: 734-422-6038 **VACATION BIBLE** SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. July 21-25

RELIGION CALENDAR

and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at 734-464-9491

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. July 28-31 Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday. **Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth

Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author Gary Michuta leads a study of Acts of the Apostles.

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org **Ward Presbyterian**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township Details: Learner's Bible study is

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY MEAL Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers

of infants through kindergart-Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at

734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first

and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 W. Chicago

Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support,

practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service

Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER Nardin Park United Method-

ist Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: 248-476-8860 St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri

at 734-464-8906 St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-

Friday Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

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Location: St. Michael Lutheran

Time/Date: 10:30-11:30 a.m. July

Location: St. John Neumann,

44800 Warren Road, Canton

a Tuesday yoga class. Walk in

Details: Lauren Burtell teaches

Contact: Burtell at 313-671-7909

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m.

Church, 3003 Hannan, Wayne

Church, 28680 Cherry Hill,

Contact: 734-427-3660;

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BUSSART, ROBERT

"BOB" EUGENE Was called to heaven on June 22, 2014. Born in Logan Ohio on February 23, Bobs' career in the Finance business brought him to Michigan where he met and married his wife, Jeannine Marie Leroux. They were happily married for 47 years. They resided in Livonia and Garden City where they raised their daughters Cheryl and Cindy. He is preceded in death, by his wife Jeannine, his parents Carl and Anna Bussart, and his brother Carl Bussart of Columbus Ohio. Bob served in World War II.

During his life, he enjoyed golfing, reading, fishing, gardening, and vacationing with his family at beach houses. He was an active member of the Warren Road Light & Life Free Methodist Church where he served The Lord Jesus faithfully and lead Bible studies often. Thank you to Mel Leivdal and all from his church who have remained dedicated friends. Also, thank you to the teams at The American House in Westland and Angela Hospice in Livonia for your work and care. He is survived by two daughters, Cheryl A. Lundin and her husband Don, of York-town, Virginia and Cindy M Jury and her husband Jim of Plymouth, Michigan. He was a loving grandpa of six grand children: Jeannine Whitehead and her husband Greg, Jason Banwart and his wife Dana, Christin Jury, Bethany Jury, Sarah Jury and Hayley Jury. Along with four great grand chil-Courtney, Christopher, Ryan and Andrew. In honor of Bob's devotion and caring of his wife Jeannine during her battle with Alzheimer's disease, please make donations to the local Alzheimer's Association. Viewing and prayer will be at L.J.Griffin Funeral home Thursday, June 26 2-7 p.m. in West-land. The Funeral Service is Friday at 12 p.m. at Light & Life Church on Warren Rd.



CULOTTA, CAROLYN "LYNN" RUNDELL

A memorial service for Carolyn (Lynn) Rundell Culotta is sched-uled for June 30, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.





THOMAS F. (12/21/29 - 6/21/14) Of Rochester Hills, formerly of

Allen Park and Detroit. Loving husband and personal chef to wife, Dolores (DeLucia), for over 61 years. Incredible father Laura Kuczajda (Richard Hayes), Lynn Kuczajda (Robert Steil), Leslie Mihalak (Joseph J.), Lois Hennessey (Joseph), and his favorite son, Thomas A. Loving Papa to Lauren and Lilli-an Mihalak and to Meaghan, Michael, Matthew and Mary Grace Kuczajda. Survived by dear siblings Leona (Jerry DaPra, deceased), Ernest (wife Barbara), and Rita (George Rozum, de-ceased). Devoted brother to dearly departed Irene, Florence (Jo-seph Smutek) and Leonard (wife Rose). A favorite uncle and cousin to many. Retired as a Detroit News pressman after 43 years of dedicated service, and, with his children, owned down-town Rochester's historic Home Bakery. Self-taught harmonica virtuoso, recording artist, and all-around entertainer; his endless wit and amazing cooking made him the perfect host to countless parties for family and

friends over the years. SERVICES: All are welcome to celebrate Tom's amazing life. Visitation at Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Rd., Rochester: Thursday June 26, 2014, 5pm - 8pm (Rosary at 6pm) and Friday June 27, 2014, 4pm - 8pm (prayer services and sharing memories at 7pm). His life of devoted faith will be celebrated at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch Rd., Rochester Hills, on Saturday, June 28,2014 with an in state time of 9:30 am and a 10:00 am Mass, followed by interment at Van Hoosen Jones Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Memorial contri-butions may be made to the family which will be used for a future scholarship in Thomas'

name. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



LENNIS. JOAN HEILMAN Passed from this world on June

22, 2014 at the great age of 88. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Ralph Lennis, and infant grandson, Evan Lennis Gunther. moved through life with elegance, grace and a great sense of Unlike many as they humor. age, she became a staunch progressive and deeply believed in the inherent worth of all human beings. Joan worked as a realtor for many years and was the first woman to be appointed to the Farmington Hills Assessing Board of Review, serving six terms. She loved her Farmington Hills home, friends and community. She was an avid bridge player, golfer, bowler, loved to garden and tenderly cared for her roses. She was gifted musically and cultivated that in her three daughters: Laurel Flaccavento, Barbara Glassman and Marilyn She adored her two grandchildren: Caroline Lennis Gunther and Alexander Lennis Schlegel. They will miss their Gramma. And she admired her sons-in-law: Anthony and Stuart

Flaccavento Glassman. A Celebration of her Life will be held in August in Farmington Hills and her ashes will be interred at Napoleon, Ohio, the town of her birth.



ROSS, DOUGLAS S.

A resident of Whitmore Lake and formerly of Sterling Heights, died peacefully on June 22, 2014 surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his beloved bride of nearly 53 years, Anne P. Ross and siblings, Nancy, Daniel and Richard. He is survived by children, William (Jennifer), Anne (R. McDonald, Margaret Daniel) Margaret (Shawn) Agbay, Kalma Ross; grandchil-Daniel and Andrew McDonald, Rachel and Rebecca Agbay, Nancy, Douglas James "DJ", Julie and Mary Ross; brother, William E. Ross and many extended family and dear friends. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 200 W. St. Paul St, Brighton on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 1 p.m. with gathering beginning at noon. The Reverend Deon K. Johnson to officiate. Memorial Contributions may be made in his name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brighton, to Michigan Parkinson Foundation or to Hospice of Michigan. For further information phone 810-229-2905 or visit www.LynchF uneralDirectors.com

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NEW YOUTH THEATER WORKS MAGIC WITH ALADDIN STORY

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

potlight Players debuts its new youth theater July 10 with an eye toward making the experi-ence fun, affordable and informative for its actors, while giving the audience a musical twist on a classic tale.

Spotlight Players, Jr., will stage the musical Aladdin and his Wonderful, Magical Lamp, 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, July 10-12 and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 12-13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Tickets are \$15 and available from spotlightplay-

"We're excited to debut the show and incredibly proud of the cast. It takes a lot of commitment to put a show on," said Kristin Heitmeier, Aladdin director. "They've put so much heart and spirit into the show."

Cast members range in age from 5-17 and live throughout the Detroit metro area. Each paid \$35 to participate in the show. The fee includes a costume and enables the actors to perform in two other upcoming shows for

free, if they are cast in them.

"We wanted to make this as accessible as possible," Heitmeier said, adding that some youth theaters charge extra for the costume. "The great thing is that the \$35 goes even further. Potentially this year you could be in three shows for \$35."

But low cost doesn't mean the production has skimped on scenery or special 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



Cameron Denby portays an evil sorceress in Spotlight Players, Jr.'s upcoming musical in Canton. PHOTO BY ASHLYN MCCANN

arrival of each genie on stage.

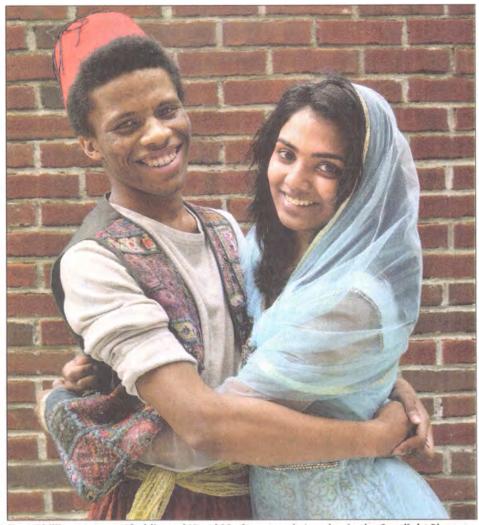
"We've got a flying carpet and other fun things that Aladdin needs to do to make it an exciting, high energy show," she said. "The finale of the show is wonderful — a treat for the audience and the cast."

Heitmeier also worked acting tips into the rehearsals. Cast members learned about characterization, blocking, articulation, projection and saving scenes 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 a 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 Phillips portrays Aladdin and Kayal Muthuraman is Jasmine in the Spotlight Players, Jr. production, Aladdin and His Wonderful, Magical Lamp.

is "a lot different" from what he has experienced while performing in some other youth shows.

"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. "I've done plenty of shows with (others) when the director didn't give me a lot of direction. Aladdin is hands down the biggest role I've ever had. The challenge is to make him a confident, cocky guy, but still likeable and relatable. I've never thought this much about a character before. Kristin has been giving me a lot of direction that I hadn't

thought of doing." Phillips, who is studying 3-D animation at Washtenaw Community College, said he is having "tons of fun" rehearsing for the show.

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 someone who had a conflict and couldn't audition for the show. It may be someone who never auditioned but has always secretly wanted to. It will be a fun thing to

For more information about Spotlight Players, Jr., visit spotlightplayersmi.org.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day, with closing time at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in July and

Location: 1-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$10 for senior citizens 62 and older, and for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking.

Wild Summer Nights: Concerts run 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 2-Aug. 27, in the Main Picnic Grove and are free with Zoo admission, which is reduced to \$6 after 6 p.m. on concert nights. Performers are Julianne Ankley, country, July 2; The Sun Messengers, Motown, R&B, July 9; Mr. Seley and the Troublemakers, children's, July 16; The Verve Pipe, children's, July 23; Jill Jack, folk, July 30; Billy Brandt and the Sugarees, Americana, Aug. 6; The Ragbirds, folk rock, Aug. 13; Candy Band, children's, Aug. 20; and Joe Reilly and the Community Gardeners, children's, Aug. 27

Contact: 248-541-5717

ARTS AND CRAFTS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday, and 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, through July 19

Location: The Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Clay and bronze sculptures by Bernadette Marcos, the 2002 Farmington Area Arts Commission Artist in Residence

Contact: 248-473-1859

JANICE CHARACH GALLERY

Time/Date: Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 17-Sept. 11

Location: Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield Details: "Daily Gratitudes: Art, Sport and Cupcakes," features the work of Jessica Kovan. Also opening July 17 are exhibits by glass artists and

Teresa Petersen, who creates art from thrift store

and hardware shop finds Contact: 248-432-5448

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 28 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "West of Center" show is an eclectic, contemporary exhibit that includes sculpture, encaustic, acrylics, photography, mixed-media, oil, watercolor, glass/ceramic, found object and more Contact: 248-344-0497; http://www.northvillearts.org

VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF 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, including watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. Work is available for sale

Contact: 734-838-1204



Country music singer Julianne Ankley kicks off the Detroit Zoo's summer concert series Wednesday July 2.

AUDITIONS BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., June 30-July 1 Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: The theater will stage Southern Hospitality, by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, in August. Roles are available for eight women and five men. Mike Cuba of Livonia will

Contact: Mike at 734-812-0102; www.justgobarefoot.com

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. July 8-9

Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti

Details: Auditions for the drama *Adopt A Sailor* by Charles Evered, will be by cold reading from the script, which is on-line at http://www.broadwayplaypubl.com/ADOPT A SAILOR.pdf.

Contact: 734-408-1592

COMEDY **EMERGENT ARTS**

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday Location: The Mix Studio Theater, 8 N. Washing-

ton St., Ypsilanti

Details: Comedian Chili Challis coaches new and experienced standup comics at weekly workshops. An open mic show follows the class

Contact: info@emergentarts.com; www.chil-

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 26, and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 27-28

Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Featured comedian is Frank Roche, a Detroit native who fuses rapid-fire antics with celebrity impressions. Tickets are \$12 Thursday and

\$16 Friday-Saturday Contact: joeyscomedyclub.net; 734-261-0555

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 27, and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, June 29

Location: Fourth and Troy Streets in downtown

Details: Mike Green is known for his clean, original comedy. Tickets are \$10-\$18

Contact: 248-542-9900; info@ComedyCastle.com

DANCE MUSIC HALL

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 28

Location: 350 Madison, Detroit

Details: Complexions Contemporary Ballet program includes choreography to the works of Rachmaninoff and a special tribute to Stevie Wonder's music; \$35

Contact: 313-557-2143

FILM

PENN THEATRE Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 27-28; 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, June 29

Location: 760 Penniman, Plymouth Details: Heaven Is for Real, admission \$3

Coming up: Rio 2, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, July 5-6; Million Dollar Arm, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 7 p.m. and 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 11-12, and 4:20 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 13 Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. June 27 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 28

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue, Detroit

Details: The Wizard of Oz, \$5

Coming up: Vertigo, \$5, 8 p.m. July 11 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 12

Contact: 313-537-2560

HISTORY **KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 27 through Sept. 7 Location: 434 State St., Ann Arbor

Details: The exhibit, "Ancient/Modern: The Design of Everyday Things," examines how inhabitants of the ancient Mediterranean and Near East both resembled and differed from contemporary Americans by juxtaposing ancient and modern objects of similar use and/or appearance. Opening lecture by Donna Braden of The Henry Ford is 6 p.m. June 27. Admission is free Contact: 734-764-9304

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday-Sunday Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-17

Coming up: Ghosts of Plymouth walk is set for 7 p.m. Sunday, June 29, starting at the fountain in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. This museum fundraiser will consist of tales of early Plymouth residents told by characters. Advance tickets are \$10: \$5 for children, 9 and under, available at the museum or through its website, plymouthhistory.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 Road, Plymouth

Details: \$5 donation at the door. Contact: 734-453-1780

JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the

Location: Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors

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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, crafts, face painting and other activities will be available for kids, 12 and under. America's Most Wanted Car Club also will display classic cars. Advance tickets are \$13 Friday, \$22.50 Saturday and \$30 for a two-day ticket online; \$15 Friday and

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

\$25 Saturday at the gate

Contact: mielvisfest.com

Time/Date: 6 p.m. gates open, 8:30 p.m. concert, July 2-5

Location: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn

Details: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs The Star Spangled Banner and other patriotic favorites. A fireworks display closes the program. The 1st Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Corps will parade the concert grounds at 6:45 p.m. followed by a prelude concert featuring the United States Army Field Band at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$12.75-\$60

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, "An American Salute"

Contact: 734-451-2112; michiganphil.org

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Monday, June 30 Location: VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty,

Details: Saxophonist Kirk Whalum performs with the college's student jazz bands. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, \$5 for children under 12. Available at the door, the college book-

Contact: 734-462-4409

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: The 77's, June 26; The Hackwells, June 27; Wisaal with The Webbs, June 28; Open mic, July 1 and 15; Hiroya Tsukamoto, July 19, Jack Williams, July 25. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

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ong hailed as sweetly satisfying, watermelon may not be the first tasty fruit that comes to mind when you're thinking nutrition. But in fact, watermelon is not only a perfect on-the-go snack to satisfy your sweet tooth, it's also incredibly healthy.

Watermelon contains higher levels of lycopene, an antioxidant, than any other fresh fruit or vegetable. It's also is an excellent source of vitamins A and C, as well as providing vitamin B6 and 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 the kids and let your imaginations run wild. Or, get started with these recipes from the National Watermelon Promotion Board.

Add some sweetness to your morning and try Breakfast Push Pops for a hands-on treat kids will love. Watermelon Slice frozen treats are an easy, fun take on a traditional watermelon slice, and the built-in "handle" makes cleanup a breeze. Mix watermelon and strawberries into a shake or frozen treat, skewer it or frost cut-outs 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 Frozen treat sticks

Insert a frozen treat stick into each rind.

Optional: Freeze the slices for a frosty, refreshing treat.



WATERMELON KEBABS

Serves 6

18 1-inch cubes of seedless watermelon 6 cubes of smoked turkey breast 6 cubes of cheddar cheese 6 coffee stirrers or beverage straws

Cut watermelon, turkey and cheese in cubes and skewer on stirrers or straws.



FROSTED WATERMELON

- 1 watermelon seedless, cut into ½- to ¾-inch-thick
- 1 serving yogurt 1 serving granola or similar cereal

Using your favorite cookie cutter cut shapes out of a ½- to ¾-inch-thick slices of seedless watermelon. Or, if you prefer, use classic cut watermelon wedges. Frost with vanilla or other flavor yogurt. Sprinkle with granola.

KID'S WATERMELON STRAWBERRY SHAKE AND FROZEN SMOOTHIE POPS

Serves 4

Strawberry Shake: 1 container (8 ounces) lemon

- nonfat yogurt 2 cups cubed, seedless
- 2 cups cubed, seedless watermelon
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, cleaned and hulled 1 banana medium, peeled and

For Strawberry Shake, in blend-

sliced Frozen Smoothie Pops:

Strawberry Shake Small paper cups Frozen treat sticks

er or food processor, process yogurt, watermelon, strawberries and banana until smooth and frothy. Serve immediately. For Frozen Smoothie Pops, pour prepared Watermelon Strawberry Shake into small paper cups. Freeze, inserting frozen treat sticks

Shake into small paper cups.
Freeze, inserting frozen treat sticks or plastic spoons when mixture is partially frozen. Or, pour Watermelon Strawberry Shake into ice cream machine. Set and enjoy.

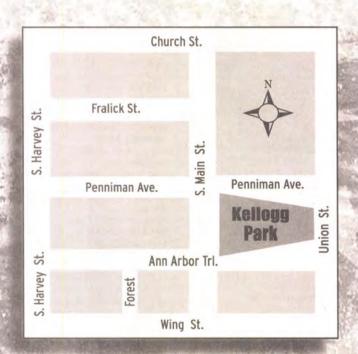
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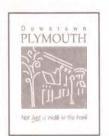
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A housing shortage is possible in the U.S., some experts predict. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

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 increase to match up with local job creation, according to new analysis by the National Association of Realtors.

The labor market, which is a key to overall economic health, has recovered 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 impact of construction on housing supply. The findings reveal that new home construction is underperforming in 32 states and the District of Columbia.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says there's a strong relationship between new jobs and an increase in demand for housing. "Historically, there's one new home construction for every one-and-a-half new jobs," he said. "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 hamstrung supply and slowed home

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."

LAWRENCE YUN NAR chief economist

greater than 1.5 - the long-term aver-

The disparity was the greatest in Montana a Florida, Utah, California, Montana and Indiana, where job creation has been particularly strong. Yun cautions that these states could face persistent housing shortages and affordability issues unless housing starts increase to match local job gains.

"A persistent lag in new home construction will lead to faster home price growth, which will negatively impact housing affordability," said Yun. In addition, Realtors' home price

growth expectations in the first quarter of 2014 was generally strongest in states facing housing shortage conditions. Lack of inventory has pushed prices up and put pressure on affordability - especially for first-time home-

"Realtors have an intuitive sense of

how fast prices are likely to rise from on-the-field observations," said Yun. "Their price outlook largely shows gains to be the strongest in states with slow home construction in relation to job growth.'

On the contrary, home price growth looks to be manageable in states with strong job gains and near commensurate increases in new home construction. Housing starts are seen as more than adequate to local job growth in Mississippi, Arkansas, Connecticut, Alabama and Vermont.

Inventory of homes sale and new construction drives supply. Although the number of existing-homes for sale increased in April, it remains historically-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 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.

"It's critical to increase housing starts in these states facing shortage conditions or else prospective buyers may struggle with options and affordability if income growth cannot compensate for rising home prices," said Yun.

Rezoning might be open to challenge

Q: Our township proposed the rezoning of certain prop-erty for multi-family housing, but because of community pressure, the township reversed its position and adopted a zoning ordinance that limited construction to singlefamily units and prohibited multi-family housing absent a special permit.

Our organization is a non-

profit community-based developer of affordable housing and we wonder if we have any grounds to challenge the township's zoning decision?



Meisner

A: I think you have a very good claim that the township violated the Fair Housing Act by prohibiting the development of low-income housing. If the community pressure was motivated by racial animus or if the prohibition had a significantly adverse or disproportionate impact on persons of a particular type, the zoning ordinance would likely be found to be discriminatory under either the disparate treatment or disparate impact theories and a violation of the Fair Housing Act. Recent case law supports this position.

Q: I am a landlord and my lease 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. I received the annual rent advance, but the tenant stopped payment, claiming that the check was sent in error. The tenant then notified me that she was terminating the tenancy and sent only a partial payment for the month that she rented the premises. Am I entitled to the balance of the rent for the entire year?

A: Of course, each case depends on the particular facts and the laws from state to state differ, but in a similar case out of New York, the Court of Appeals found that the tenant was liable because the lease required advance payment in full. The Court of Appeals pointed out that under common law, rent paid in advance is not recoverable if the lease is terminated before the completion of the term unless the lease provides otherwise. The fact that the tenant never actually paid the rent does not defeat its obligation to pay on the due

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com and

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week 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 N Canton Ctr R	d
3944 Ravensfield Dr	
41187 Southwind Dr	
42114 Starlite Ct	
433 Torrington Dr W	

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Hawksburry Ct	\$239,000
N Canton Ctr Rd	\$140,000
Ravensfield Dr	\$180,000
7 Southwind Dr	\$77,000
4 Starlite Ct	\$178,000
Torrington Dr W	\$360,000

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4022 Wrenwood Ln
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15557 Alpine Dr
19327 Augusta Dr
30215 Bentley St
9150 Houghton St
29866 Lori St

29103 Lyndon St

860 Lone Pine Rd

5616 Pebbleshire Rd

5540 Pine Brooke Ct

1190 Rolling Hills Dr

37492 N Laurel Park Dr

32940 Northgate Ave

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\$363,000	28319 Oakley St
\$195,000	32731 Oakley St
\$237,000	39209 Orangelawn St
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\$95,000	50960 Belmont Park Ct
	18260 Blue Heron Point
\$253,000	Dr
\$370,000	PLYMOUTH
\$147,000	169 Adams St
\$120,000	661 Adams St
\$149,000	1149 Dewey St
\$126,000	14934 Maplewood Ln
\$145,000	9403 N Canton Center R

50960 Belmont Park Ct	\$479,000
18260 Blue Heron Pointe	\$438,000
Dr	
PLYMOUTH	
169 Adams St	\$245,000
661 Adams St	\$284,000
1149 Dewey St	\$297,000
14934 Maplewood Ln	\$224,000
9403 N Canton Center Rd	\$103,000
12401 N Ridge Rd	\$775,000
1495 Penniman Ave	\$365,000
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13572 Westbrook Rd	\$450,000
REDFORD	
11330 Berwyn	\$75,000
20457 Lexington	\$45,000
14224 San Jose	\$40,000
15091 Seneca	\$130,000
WESTLAND	
32161 Genessee St	\$40,000
29862 Lonnie Dr	\$89,000
244 S Marie St	\$85,000
1686 5 Newburgh Rd	\$75,000
701 Summerfield Dr	\$189,000

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and sales prices.	
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31302 Churchill Dr	\$282,0
BINGHAM FARMS	
23760 Overlook Cir	\$295,0
BIRMINGHAM	
222 Bird Ave	\$584,0
648 Cherry Ct	\$545,0
2492 Dorchester Rd	\$230,0
1863 E Lincoln St	\$200,0
535 N Old Woodward	\$215,0
Ave	
2253 Pembroke Rd	\$535,0
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
450 Billingsgate Ct # A	\$120,0
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
2662 Bradway Blvd	\$588,0
4251 Derry Rd	\$218,0
2980 E Bradford Dr	\$850,0
425 Fox Hills Dr N	\$86,0
1795 Golf Ridge Dr	\$278,0
6121 Golfview Dr	\$332,0
5445 Lane Lake Rd	\$720,0
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5545/	1157 Timberview Trl
	5275 Wing Lake Rd
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	234 Arabelle St
295,000	162 Cardinal St
	486 Charlevoix St
84,000	4494 Darlene Dr
45,000	8325 Dickert St
230,000	3154 Edgewood Park Ct
200,000	4650 Newcroft St
215,000	FARMINGTON
	31831 Grand River Ave
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	FARMINGTON HILLS
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	29731 Belfast St
88,000	22126 Cape Cod Way
218,000	34054 Edmonton St
350,000	26583 Greythorne Trl
86,000	34021 Kirby St
78,000	28853 Nottoway Dr
32,000	29633 Pine Ridge Cir
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\$1,150,000	254
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\$118,000	329
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\$250,000	187
\$365,000	MI
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\$124,000	195
\$65,000	128
\$70,000	Dr
\$177,000	133
\$365,000	NO
\$300,000	847
\$280,000	228
\$63,000	385
	NO
\$25,000	223
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\$432,000	FRANKLIN		411 Cambridge
\$650,000	32625 Redfern St	\$390,000	61857 Fairland I
\$118,000	32975 Romsey Rd	\$400,000	26690 Kentucky
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\$250,000	18791 San Quentin Dr	\$206,000	24476 Ravine Di
\$365,000	MILFORD		900 S Parkwood
	267 Milford Meadows Dr	\$141,000	58766 Swing Be
\$124,000	1953 Scenic Dr	\$370,000	SOUTHFIELD
\$65,000	1285 Yellowstone Valley	\$263,000	28710 Brooks Lr
\$70,000	Dr		29766 Fall River
\$177,000	1339 Yosemite Valley Dr	\$319,000	17311 Goldwin
\$365,000	NORTHVILLE		27675 Harvard I
\$300,000	847 McDonald Dr	\$540,000	17040 Melrose S
\$280,000	22803 Poppleton Dr	\$100,000	17040 Melrose S
\$63,000	38540 Rhonswood Dr	\$180,000	19665 Raleigh C
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\$80,000	23596 N Rockledge	\$93,000	10143 Mill St
\$275,000	21765 Siegal Dr	\$265,000	577 Rumson Ct
\$135,000	47183 Sunnybrook Ln	\$570,000	
\$191,000	28502 Witherspoon Dr	\$140,000	

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SOUTH LYON	
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61857 Fairland Dr	\$143,000
26690 Kentucky Ct	\$417,000
21710 Natasha Ln	\$232,000
24476 Ravine Dr	\$2,000
900 S Parkwood Dr	\$200,000
58766 Swing Beam Ct SOUTHFIELD	\$76,000
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