Friends help maintain Wayne homes

LeAnne Rogers Staff Writer

It's nearly 20 years since some volunteers decided to help a Wayne resident whose home needed some sprucing up that the homeowner couldn't get done due to inability to do the work themselves or hiring someone or both.

The Friends ... People Helping People has become a fall tradition in Wayne; the official day is Saturday, Sept. 10 with a Sept. 17 rain day. Now is the

donations are being sought as well as names are being accepted for folks needing a spruce up.

"Somebody else gave them my name. I was surprised my name. I was surprised when they contracted me. I didn't know the group," said the recipient of the 2016 project who asked that her name not be used. "They painted my house and garage. They fixed things that needed to be fixed—the failing on the back porch and front porch."

A longtime Wayne resident, she said that she moved into the home in 2010 after losing another residence following the death of her husband. The resident, 55, said she has had two knee replacements, back surgery and expects an addi-tional surgery on her back and

"I've been disabled for years. I can't do any of the work that was needed outside," she said. "They did a

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Damitio (left), here being honored by State Rep. Robert Kosowski for city council service, is chairman of Friends Helping Friends in

Wayne.



April (left) and Lorraine Reed attended the WCCCD Study Abroad program trip to Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Mother follows daughter into nursing

orraine Reed had some big shoes to fill following her daughter's footsteps into the ■Nursing program at the Wayne County Community College District's Western Campus.

"April is a great student and well known at the school," said Lorraine, 60. "She has been my biggest support; helping me through when I felt overwhelmed. She took time from her own studies to coach me when I needed it. She has had

faith in me that even at my age, I could succeed." April Reed, 33, made a name for herself at WCCCD because she founded and facilitated a medical math review book loaner program, and tutoring program for the pre-nursing and students of all semesters.

Before entering the program in January 2012, April worked as a certified nurse assistant (CNA) in home healthcare and in hospice for more than 10 years. "I enjoyed caring for people and decided to advance my career," said April, who graduated in May 2014.

Both Lorraine and April relished the experience of being in school together.

"Although we entered the program at different times we had the opportunity to work."

had the opportunity to work closely together in the WCCCD Student Nurse Association Chapter, I, as president and my mom as secretary," April said. 'It gave me the opportunity to teach my mom something she didn't know. Being in the program with someone you know so well gives you the opportunity to pinpoint their strong points and weakness-es and to give them support. It was extremely helpful for my mom when she started the program because she understood from watching me, the stress, moodiness and involvement that is required for nursing school. Many people found it interesting that we were both

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Governor calls special election to fill seat of Plawecki

Gov. Rick Snyder recently announced a special election will be held in the 11th District of the state House of Representatives to fill the vacancy created from the death of state Rep. Julie Plawecki.
"While we are still mourn-

ing the passing of Rep. Plawecki, the residents of the 11th House District need repre-sentation," Sny der said. A special primary elec-

Plawecki

tion to fill the vacancy for the remainder of this term will be held Aug. 30, and the general election for the remainder of Plawecki's term will be held Nov. 8. The winner of that November election will serve through the end of 2016.

The primary candidate, who will run for the next term beginning in January, will be determined by Democratic precinct delegates in the 11th House District. The general election for the next term also

will be held on Nov. 8.

Plawecki, 54, was serving her first term in the Michigan House of Representatives in the 11th House District, which includes the cities of Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, and Westland, when

she died on a hiking trip.

Candidates wishing to be on the Aug. 30 primary ballot must file by Tuesday, July 12 at 4 p.m., the Snyder press re-lease said.

For information about elections in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/elections.

Danger zone: On the front line of I-275 construction with worker



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crews work on replacing a guardrail along I-275.

Susan Bromlev Staff Writer

Jeff Mack is working this summer anywhere from 8-16 hours a day, six or seven days a week, in a dangerous job that affects hundreds of thousands

of people.

He is joined by a few hundred others, not in an air-conditioned office, but in blistering heat, sometimes rain and with dirt, concrete and impatient,

frustrated motorists in abun

dance.

Mack is a senior transportation technician for the Michigan Department of Transportation and, this summer, his assignment is to inspect work done by contractors on the Interstate 275 rehabilitation project spanning from Five Mile Road to the I-96/I-696/M-5 interchange. The project includes 13 miles of distance north and south, some 144 lane

es, in Novi, Farmington Hills and Livonia, said Diane Cross, MDOT communications

representative The biggest challenge is to get this opened as quickly as possible. We recognize the inconvenience to everybody," Mack said. "But at the same time, we need to make sure the best quality product is out there.

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Lawn lumbar care: Yoga for adults part of GC summer reading fun

The Garden City Pub-lic Library hosted Yoga on the Library Lawn as part of the Adult Summer Reading Program. Tuesday, July 5, was the evening for the fun out-

doors.
"I thought yoga would be a neat way to bring it in," adult ser-vices librarian Lisa Kleinert said of the reading program's exer cise/fitness theme this year. "Maplewood Center has a fantastic in-structor," Vince Spada-cini. "It's just a fun idea," she said.

Kleinert noted his classes are popular at Maplewood and a couple other places where he teaches. She was pleased Tuesday afternoon with the weather forecast.

"I am so happy about that," she agreed, noting the yoga session was open to all in Garden



TOM BEAUDOIN Garden City residents Adia Ciecierski, mom, Margo Arnoske and Debi Zahor practice their yoga poses during the yoga event held in Garden City this past Tuesday evening

City's Adult Summer

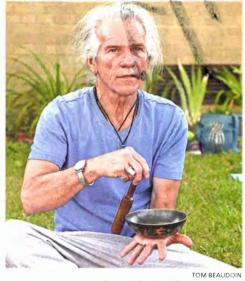
Reading Program. The Garden City Library will also offer for adults signed up for the program this summer: » Laser Tag 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 12;

» Healthy Food Sam-pling 6 p.m. Tuesday,

July 19; » Classic Cars and Hot Dogs!, 6 p.m. Tues-

day, July 26.

By Julie Brown



Yoga instructor Vince Spadacini circles the "Tibetan Meditation Bowl" as the sounds "Balance your energy." The yoga event was held Tuesday evening at the Garden City

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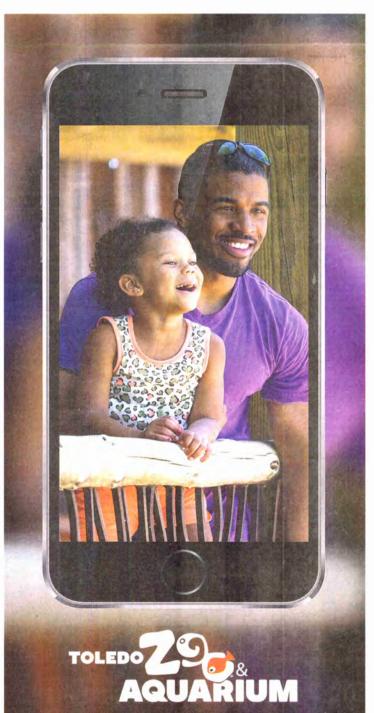
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WCCCD Study Abroad Program students gather outside of Amsterdam University during their educational trip to the



MEMORIES SHARED DAILY.

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in the program."

Mother and daughter shared a close bond be fore becoming fellow students. "We shop to-gether, cook together, vacation together and we even study together," April said. "We have experienced great things together in the Study Abroad program, including zip-lining in Be-lize, gazed at historical architecture in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and, of

course, courses taken in the nursing program." Not only has the degree changed April's financial status, she credits the program for teaching her stress- and time-management and

how to prioritize.
"I learned valuable skills that launched my nursing career, including how to adapt to every changing situation," April said.

three, graduated in De-

"My dream was to be a nurse but when I was young we didn't have the opportunities that we have now like financial aid."

LORRAINE REED

cember 2015. She be-lieves the program will give her the opportunity to provide a service that she hopes will change lives for the better.

"I love people and being the oldest of seven children, I was always taking care of someone," Lorraine said. "My dream was to be a nurse but when I was young we didn't have the opportunities that we have now like financial aid."

Both mom and daughter speak highly of the WCCCD Nursing program. "The program is intense and you must be really dedicated; it becomes your life while comes your life while raine said. "I really en-

joyed the clinical work, which gave me the oppor-tunity to work hands-on with patients. I will always be grateful to my first clinical instructor (Caroline Peltz) for her

expertise and teaching skills, she was a great mentor."

April, too, appreciated the clinical side. "The relationships I developed during the program have during the program have become some of my closest friends and I believe we will stay in contact as

friends for life." Today, April is working as a rehab nurse at Superior Woods Sub-Acute Rehabilitation Center. "I would love to become a spinal cord rehab nurse, to further my education and become a nurse educator,"

April said. Lorraine is not a nurse yet; she works in the administration office at the Western Campus of WCCCD and is enrolled in the Federal Work

Study program.
"This is a midlife ca-Lorraine said.

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very good job. They were very nice. I was very impressed. It

looked great." Former Diamond of the Community Ed McMurray originated the program in 1998 after having volunteered for several years helping senior citizens by cutting

their lawns.
"He'd be cutting the grass and see a screen door was broken, so he'd fix it. Or a broken win-dow," said Albert Dami-tio, who took over as chairman of Friends Helping Friends when McMurray stepped down. "A lot of seniors needed their homes painted. It took more effort than they could do. It grew from there."

There are no city funds involved in Friends Helping Friends

paint and other materials are donated or purchased with donated funds and all the labor is donated. Employees from the Wayne Department of Public Services are among the volunteers helping with the

annual project.
"The volunteers are important. The (Wayne Memorial) high school and ROTC have been very supportive provid-ing people that day,"

Damitio said.
The work isn't actually completed in a single day — that's when there is a the big push with the large group of

volunteers.
"We work six weeks before and four weeks after. As an example, two years ago we worked on a wooden house that was built in 1880 at least," Damitio said. "We had to scrape it and do some wood board

replacement." Friends Helping

Friends focuses on the exterior of the homes painting, fixing screens, doors, boards and minor trim work. Damitio said firefighters provide and install smoke detectors

if needed. "We will do some minor repairs on roofs, too. We have a local con-tractor who volunteers, like when birds or animals are getting inside," said Damitio. "We will also do some brush work when the yard is over grown.'

People can seek help for themselves or a neighbor, make dona-tions or volunteer, call the Community Development Department at 734-419-0118. The committee reviews homes submitted before making a selection. The homes must be owner occupied and in Wayne.

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Mental health pro finds food business way 'to talk to people'



Marlene Davis of Garden City takes a break from her jam business Saturday, July 2, at the Plymouth Farmers Market. She also does the markets in Redford and Lincoln Park



Stopping by to try Bear Jam Co. and Detroit Jamz jam on July 2 were Lincoln Park residents Cindy Stevens, grandson Maverick Hutchison, 1, and Cindy's son Andrew Gagne.

Julie Brown

Marlene Davis of

Garden City has learned a lot from making jam.
"This is just a way for me to be creative, talk to people," she said from her Saturday booth at the Plymouth Farmers the Plymouth Farmers Market. She has both the Bear Jam Co., in its third year, and Detroit Jamz, a newcomer.

The Detroit Jamz I'm hoping to market" to a larger company, she explained during a customer lull. For Bear Jam Co., it's "no pressure, no stress. They're both my creations.

She's the supported employment program manager for Devel-opment Centers, focused on community mental health in Detroit.

Davis had a career in automotive and quality management, then head-ed back to school for a rehabilitation counseling degree. Her weekday work is "getting them back in the community. Mental health is

so stigmatized. She's worked with clients having an eighthgrade education on up through a master's de-gree, "helping them get jobs. I work with people who do want to become independent business people. Having the insight helps me help people with their own ideas of starting business."

It's also fun for her. "This is my hobby business, my business hob-by. No reports. No talk-ing to employers," she

She added in a later email, "Actually, the two are connected with

three words: quality, dignity, and respect. I left working in a auto-motive supply based quality field to become a counselor focusing on the quality of people. I very much enjoy the opportunity I have been given to work with those diagnosed with a mental health disability helping them on their journey toward recovery. Both my work in the product quality field and the people quality field are used in my creating and

selling great jams."
She also does Redford's and Lincoln Park's Farmers Markets. At Plymouth, Lincoln Park residents Cindy Stevens, grandson Maverick Hutchison, 1, and Cindy's son Andrew Gagne

uy s son Andrew Gagne stopped by.
"I love anything cher-ry," said Cindy Stevens when offered a jam sample. "That was very good."

Davie was said to

Davis was quick to tell them, "I've been selling at the Lincoln Park market, too." She noted, "This whole area is very con-

whole area is very complex. My friend used the word juxtaposition, the good and the bad. This is my way to bring it to-

gether and keep the economy strong." She's focused on Michigan-made and Michigan-sourced. "It's important for me to support our businesses and our farms," Davis said.

Peaches come from Grand Rapids; she visits there and processes them, noting they freeze just fine. Of her bourbon peach, she said, it "has a really nice flavor with the peach. Cocktail jams

is what I call them." She bagged up several cock-tail jams for a customer.

She has a web page at she has a web page at bearjamcompany.com and is on Facebook.
"Like me," she urges Facebook users. "I need more likes. I have 98, I'm shooting for 100."

Another customer

Another customer asked, "Can I try the grape raspberry, too?" with Davis noting it's "kid-friendly."

She picks raspberries in Romulus with the cherries from Traverse City. Citrus fruit won't grow here, but the main emphasis is Michigan, including strawberries from Ypsilanti, as well as peaches and apricots from Garden City. Garden City's Santeiu

Funeral Home has fruit acreage, she noted, on the Santeiu Historic Stringer Farm by the funeral home, "which is wonderful they way they do it." She also uses Santeiu crab apples. Davis gets her own

raspberries, grapes and strawberries. For peaches, she visits the farm to process "and make them in the wintertime when I have the time.

Michigan cranberries and rhubarb are also used. Between Bear Jam Company and Detroit Jamz, she has about 15 varieties.

"It really goes by the season," she said of the top seller. "Last year, bourbon peach was a big seller." Apple rum raisin does well in the December holidays

ber holidays.
"I dress the jars up for holidays, sell them at craft shows," Davis said.

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The Cruisin' US12 car cruise takes place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 9.

Downtown Wayne hosts classic car cruise

a row classic and cus tom cars will fill Michigan Avenue in Down-town Wayne as part of the Cruisin' US12 event on Saturday, July 9. The cruise route is on Michigan Avenue starting at Merriman Road to Newburgh Road. The heart of the cruise is always Downtown Wayne. The event runs 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

U.S. 12 will be hosting live acoustic music all day on the patio as well as inside in the evening by Rocky
Fortune Classic Rock Band. Harry J. Will Funeral Home will be hosting Hot Cars and Hot Cakes from 8:30-11 a.m.; they will also host a car show and give out prizes. The hot cakes come with

\$5, all proceeds to benefit Donate Life kids under 5

Mark Chevrolet will have a remote location set up in Downtown Wayne at the corner of Second St. and Michigan Ave West, they will have live entertainment by TC and the KATZ

McDonald's with have a live broadcast from WCSX The Classic Rock Station, with a special appearance by Ronald McDonald as well as free face painting for the

"This is the most pop-ular single-day event in Wayne. Last year we had over 23,000 people come to downtown," said Scott Gocaj, a volunteer for the event. "The streets are lived with processors. lined with spectators starting at breakfast time and once the cars

start cruising through, the festivities won't die down until 10 p.m."

Mark Chevrolet owner Casey Kabana said he's "excited to be part of this years Cruise." "We have made plans

to set up a temporary location to move closer to downtown and hired a great local band for en-tertainment," Kabana said. "We will have classic Chevy Cars on dis-play as well as some of our newer models.

This year's Cruisin'
U.S. 12 is being organized
by John Goci, owner of
the US12 Bar & Grill in
downtown Wayne, and
real estate agent with
Keller Williams.

For more information about the event and volunteer opportunities, visit www.cruisi nus12.com or call 734-637-1430.

All American Cruise set for July 9 return

The fourth annual All American Wayne Road Cruise is set for Saturday, July 9

This year, organizer
Don Nicholson said, "We
are happy to not only be
a Pure Michigan event,
but also part of Autopalooza. In order to be part of either event we have to have reached a level of attendance, event insurance, community involvement and tourism advertising." Being part of Autopa-

looza puts this event in partnership with events like the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, Concours d'Elegance, Wood-ward Dream Cruise and other events in southeast Michigan.

Don Nicholson Enter-prises, LLC, organizes the All American Wayne Road Cruise, as well as the Hines Cruise, and is the director of Cruisin' Downriver, working for the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce. These events are all organized in a manner to give the community a fun, free family event and to bring business to the business community, Nicholson said.

"We are open to con-sulting with any business in the area of our cruises to help them gain the most from our events," Nicholson said. "Some businesses set up shop outside their business to



The fourth annual All American Cruise is scheduled for Saturday, July 9.

great potential new customers, others host a VIP area to have their customers join them for a day of BBQing and conversation while watching the classics

drive by."
Ernie Gazdag of Mancave Accessories is the official T-shirt vendor and will be set up at Westland Bowl, Wayne Ford Civic League and the Historic Westland Village. Event shirts are top of the line, quality event shirts. The John Glenn Music Boosters will sell water at the Wayne Ford Civic

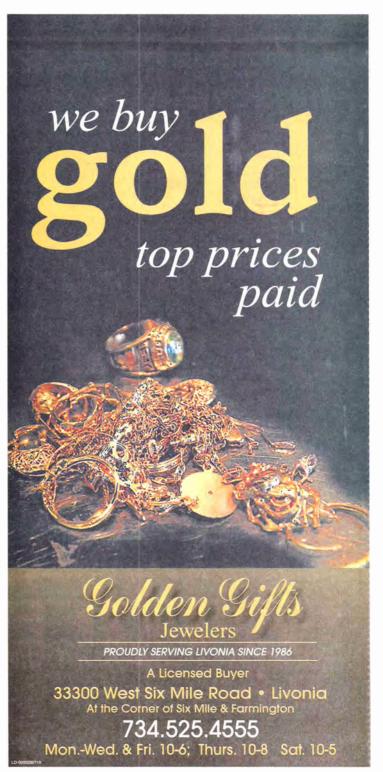
League. The Historic Westland Village will be hosting an open house and giving away limited edition dash plaques to the first 100 vehicles that stop at the village and take a

tour or just visit with the other car owners

Howe Collision will be giving out 300 hot dogs, drinks and chips, My Lady's Florist will be passing out water and a special discount on roses for the Cruisers sweet-

As always, the event will feature plenty of classic cars, hot rods and TV and movie cars — watch for the Munsters Koach, Speed Racer's car, The Batmobile or even the Monkeemobile may make an appearance. The Ghostbusters car or Herbie may even cruise into Westland for the 50th anniversary celebration.

For more information, call Nicholson at 734-658-5296 or visit www.AllAmericanCruise.com



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Westland man charged in assault on flight attendant

Brad Kadrich

A 44-year-old Westland man was arrested Saturday and charged in connection with the sexual assault of an 18-year-old female flight attendant

The Wayne County Prose-cutor's office confirmed Tues-day that Dwuan Parkman was taken into custody Saturday and arraigned in 34th District Court on charges of criminal sexual conduct (first degree), criminal sexual conduct (third degree) and

home invasion. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said the victim was in her hotel room, in the 9500 block of

attacking her

Parkman Middlebelt, the evening of June 20, when she discovered a man in her room

Parkman is alleged to have broken into the victim's room and sexually assaulted her.

Parkman was charged July 1 and taken into custo-dy the following day.

Parkman received a \$500,000 cash/surety bond. He's been scheduled for a probable cause conference July 13 at 9 a.m.; his prelimi-nary examination is set for 10 a.m, July 20, according to Worthy's office.

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Police track man, make arrest in a Garden City fatal accident

Diane Gale Andreassi

A 44-year-old Lincoln Park man, who reportedly had more than three times the legal blood alcohol level at the time of a fatal accident Oct. 14, 2015, in Garden City, was arrested

Ronald William Wilkie, formerly a Garden City resident. was taken into custody by the Special Operations Team of the Wyandotte Police Department.

Wilkie was arraigned in Garden City's 21st District Court immediately after his arrest on charges stemming from the crash that killed Louis Corey, a 95-year-old Garden City man who died the day after the crash. Judge Richard L. Hammer Jr. set Wilkie's bond at \$250,000 cash.

A plea of not guilty was entered on Wilkie's behalf to charges of operating a motor vehicle with a high blood alcohol content causing death with a prior conviction and failure to stop at the scene of an accident causing death.

He was previously convicted of operating while impaired by liquor in Dearborn Heights

Wilkie, who was unable to post bond, is in the custody of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office awaiting his next court appearance at 9 a.m. July 11 in Garden City District Court.

Fatal crash

The charges stem from a crash in the northbound lanes of Middlebelt just south of Beechwood at 8:20 p.m. Louis Corey was a passenger in a 2004 Volkswagen Jetta that stopped for a traffic light. The vehicle was driven by Corey's caregiver, a 58-year-old Dearborn Heights woman. The car was rear ended by a 2006 GMC Envoy reportedly driven by

A witness followed the fleeing vehicle and contacted police. Officers arrived in the area and found the man identified by the witness as the driver, explained Garden City Po-lice Chief Robert Muery. Wilkie allegedly parked the Envoy in the driveway of a home not belonging to him, and began

walking away. He was taken into custody at that time. Two blood tests reportedly showed he had a .27 and .28 blood alcohol content; .08 BAC is considered legally

drunk in Michigan.

"Police were forced to release Wilkie the following day,"
Muery said. "The severity of
Mr. Corey's injuries were not known to police at the time that decision was made. There has been some criticism in social media of the handling of this case by the police depart-ment prompted by what some feel was an unduly lengthy delay between the crash and arrest of Wilkie."
"In a crash like this, where

the cause of death is not immediately evident, the prosecutor requires a report from the medical examiner before charging," Muery said adding that "they must eliminate the possibility that the deceased did not have a coincidental medical event unrelated to the

Police investigators re-ceived the medical examiner's report Dec. 2, 2015. Later that month, police submitted a report to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. The charges were approved June

Search continued

"We have been aggressively looking for Wilkie since that time," Muery said. "The delay from the date of the incident to the date of arrest was not caused by any indifference to the case.

Muery said officers from Garden City, Canton, Lincoln Park and Wyandotte were involved in the search for Wil-

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Man reports being beaten by intruder

Diane Gale Andreassi

A Garden City man said he was beaten by an intruder after he tried to investigate a noise in his house at 8:20 p.m.

July 3. The 42-year-old victim, who lives in the 33000 block of Donnelly Avenue, said he was sitting in his living room when he heard loud crashing noises in his kitchen. He said he got up and was walking toward the kitchen when he was con-fronted by an unknown white

male, a police report said.

He said the intruder
punched him at least 30 times.
The victim said he was standing when the assault began, but fell to the ground and balled himself up for protec-tion. He said the man ran

away from the house. The suspect was described as being bald, between 30 and 35 years old, 5-feet-ll inches to 6 feet tall, weighing about 180 pounds, covered in tattoos and had large gauge piercings in his ears. He was wearing camouflaged shorts and combat boots, a police report said.

A neighbor who lives behind the victim said he was outside when he heard what he thought was glass breaking He started heading toward his neighbor's house when he was confronted by an unknown white male exiting the dwelling. He told police the suspect was holding a large mallet.

The neighbor followed the man across Radciff and watched the suspect get into a Ford F-150 pickup. He fled eastbound on Donnelly. The neighbor said he swung and broke the left mirror of the truck as the suspect drove by

The neighbor also reported seeing an unidentified man and woman sitting in a Taurus parked next to the F-150. He said they appeared to know the suspect and he believed they were the suspect's look-

As the suspect fled in the F150, the man and woman in the Taurus also drove away but they headed westbound on Donnelly, a police report said The victim said he doesn't

have any suspects in mind, but he believes the attack may have to do with the fact that he evicted his roommate last week. The victim was transported to Garden City Hospital in relation to injuries from the punches. Nothing was reported stolen.

Woman reports being sound asleep during apartment break-in

A 54-year-old Garden City woman told police she had recently taken sleeping pills and didn't notice when a thief or thieves apparently broke into her apart-ment in the 31000 block of

Block Avenue on July 3. She reported the follow ing items stolen: TVs, radios, stereos, a digital camera, \$240 cash and a \$659 money order that wasn't

endorsed. The woman said she woke up at 10 a.m. the fol-lowing day and discovered her wallet and other items stolen. She said she has prescribed sleeping medication and took it about 11 p.m. She also discovered her apartment door was partially open, but her dog was still inside, a police

report said.
There were no signs of forced entry.

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"Almost every day, a driver crashes in a work zone area — hitting a barrel, a sign, or truck."

DIANE CROSS, MDOT communications representative

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Lots of traffic

I-275 is among the busiest stretches of road in Michigan because it is the only major north-south route for that area and as such carries 200,000 vehicles per day on average, Cross said. Detours to local roads that take north-south routes are not designed for the same quantity of freeway traf-fic, leading to frustration from drivers in an already hazardous situation for construction workers.

"Thousands of pounds of metal, steel and glass are driving right near you at high speeds, which is why when we can close and contain it, it's much safer for workers so they don't have to worry about drivers," Cross said. "Almost every day, a driver crashes in a work zone area — hitting a barrel, a sign, or truck. ... People send me pics on Twitter that they take while driving, and they say, 'Why am I in a slowdown?' They feel protected in their safe bubble of a ed in their safe bubble of a vehicle, with air bags and brakes while driving at a high speed next to someone who only has a construction barrel. Then there are the stories of vehicles hitting construction

wenteles atting construction workers. Fortunately, we haven't had one of those in a long time."

Helping to prevent such a tragedy was closure of the southbound lanes of I-275, which represent Fridow, which which reopened Friday, while northbound lanes are closing as the project is 50-percent completed.

Still dangerous

Even with closed lanes, construction zones remain dangerous for Mack as well as other workers as they walk back and forth in a zone filled with heavy equipment and materials.

Toebe, the prime contrac tot, has an excellent safety program in place and we've had zero injuries so far," Mack said. "Our No. 1 goal is to go home safe." tor, has an excellent safety

Toward that end, all the workers on the I-275 project wear personal protection equipment, including hard hats, protective vests, safety glasses, work boots and ear plugs. Mack, 37, has worn the gear

for his entire career with MDOT, which spans 15 years. He earned his degree in engi-neering technology from Eastern Michigan University and chose this career path after spending a summer in a co-op program and "falling in love with it."

Many duties

As a senior technician, his primary focus is to inspect the contractors' work in the field, document their activities, do testing and ensure the best quality products are being placed on the job, including 13 inches of concrete on a correctly pitched base.

Everything you see, he explained, has a design elevation. Once concrete is in place, the next step is curing the concrete, which includes a time frame where no one is driving or touching it as it strengthens Curing can take anywhere from two to seven days after being placed and there are no workers out during that time. There must also be relief cuts to the pavement, as concrete will always crack, and those

are deliberately placed.

The inspectors are on-site as long as the contracted construction workers are on-site and they are out there rain or shine, he added. If weather prevents one job, such as lay-ing concrete, they do another, such as removing it.

After 15 years and more than a hundred projects, Mack still likes all aspects of his work, including the variability, the challenges, his colleagues and meeting new people. He takes pride in a job well done. "As a taxpaying citizen

myself, it brings me a lot of joy that when I leave a project, I know it was built with the highest quality and effort I could put into it," Mack said. He knows construction is

frustrating for drivers and the married father of two wants motorists to know he shares that frustration, but he also hopes they will be patient, be

where they will be pattent, be aware, be safe and slow down.
"My end goal is to get home each day," Mack said. "Help me get there."

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JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRA A color-coded blueprint of the I-275 reconstruction project near the Grand River overpass shows how many different road surfaces and gradings MDOT has to keep in mind as it rebuilds the busy highway.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER A construction worker with Action Traffic pounds in posts for guardrails on southbound



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With a large front end loader in the distance for scale, a huge pile of crushed gravel awaits being turned into concrete at one of the two manufacturing facilities at the I-275 project. This plant is just south of Five Mile in the median.



JOHN HEIDER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A recently poured section of concrete shows its one-foot depth on I-275's southbound lanes. Crews subcontracted by MDOT have been working on the highway since early May.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Construction workers toil in the 90-degree plus temperatures June 20 to properly set and smooth recently poured concrete on I-275 near the 10 Mile overpass. The site has somewhere between 100 and 200 workers on the project seven days a week.



Jeff Mack, senior transportation technician for MDOT and a project leader of the I-275 reconstruction, takes an air pressure entrainment near one of the site's two concrete making facilities. Mack and other engineers have to test the air pressure in the concrete mixture several times a day to make sure that air trapped in it is within a certain limit so it can cure properly. Like most workers on the project, Mack works seven days a week and has only had one full day off in the last 50, leading up to the July 4 holiday



Glenn Demorris of Action Traffic works on attaching a guardrail to a post recently set on the shoulder of I-275.

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Zeal supports Guinness World Record attempt

For the second year in a row, Zeal Credit Union will support chain reaction builders in their attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the largest domino circle field and the U.S. record for the longest chain

reaction.
Zeal Credit Union's
Incredible Science Machine: World Edition will take place at Westland Shopping Center July 23 in Westland.

Zeal Credit Union's Incredible Science Ma chine: World Edition will feature more than half a million objects, including 250,000 dom-inoes and thousands of other common items. The chain reaction will cover an area of more than 5,000 square feet. Throughout the week

beginning July 18, 18 builders from around the world will create the



COURTESY ZEAL CREDIT UNION

Young builders from around the world helped to set up Zeal Credit Union's first Incredible Science Machine at the 2015 record-breaking event.

Incredible Science Machine with Steve Price, a Canton native and recent Michigan State University graduate, who is leading the pro ject. Price and his chain

reaction machines have been featured on nation al television shows such as "The Rachael Ray Show" and "America's Got Talent."

"We are so excited to

work with Steve and his team of builders again this year. It was very inspiring last year to watch this team come together from around the world, and work to

create something that they were truly passion-ate about," said Lisa Fawcett, vice president of marketing for Zeal Credit Union. "As the credit union for hardworking Americans, Zeal understands the hard work and passion required to pursue a dream of this magnitude. We are happy to again be part of it."

For more information

about the event, visit www.IncredibleScience-

Machine.com.

Zeal Credit Union is a full-service, nonprofit financial institution with more than 61,000 members, assets exceeding \$513 million and 11 full-service branch offices in metro Detroit. Members also have access to more than 5,000 shared branche and nearly 30,000 ATMs nationwide. Member deposits are insured to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a U.S. government agency. For more information, visit www.ZealCredit

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Funk to Recovery Project

The Recovery Project, a leading provider of a reading provider high-intensity physical and occupational therapy, announced Jordyn Funk has joined the team as an occupational therapist at the company's Livonia clinic. The Recovery Project Co-CEO, Polly Swingle, made the announcement.

In her role as an occupational therapist, Funk will provide intensive evaluation and treatment to The Recovery Project's clients and will create customized pro-grams that utilize the latest research-proven best practices and state of-the-art equipment for clients, including those with neurological dis-

orders. Funk will also leverage her certifications in VitalStim and Neuro-Developmental

Treatment.

Funk

Prior to joining The
Recovery Project, Funk
was an occupational therapist with Crawl Walk
Run Jump Therapy in
Clinton Township, and served in various occupational therapy roles with skilled nursing facilities and inpatient hospitals. Funk earned a master's degree in occupational therapy and a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary health services from Western Michigan University.

Twin Peaks opens

Twin Peaks opened its second Detroit-area location recently at 20120 Haggerty Road in Livonia. The new sports lodge offers fans made-fromscratch food, ice-cold beer and spirits in a friendly, high-energy atmosphere. The 7,100-square-foot res-taurant also brings about 150 new jobs to about 150 new jobs to the area.

The restaurant features 51 ultra-high-definition 4K TVs.

The menu features hearty American favorites and tasty shareables.

For more information, call 734-293-3430, or visit facebook.com/ TwinPeaksLivonia.

Marketplace Navigator program available to answer insurance questions

Health insurance can be difficult to understand, residents no long er have to feel that they are alone in the chal-lenge. If you have questions about health insurance or need to enroll, Health Insurance Navigators are available to

help year-round.

Last year the City of
Garden City was awarded funding to make this service available to the Wayne County community. The Health Insurance Marketplace Navigator program's mission is to assist residents with enrolling in a health plan that fits their budget and best meets their family's

The City of Garden City, the City of Dearborn Heights and West-land have joined together to help the residents of their communities get the health insurance coverage they need. The services are housed in a variety of municipal buildings in the three communities; in Garden City at the Maplewood Community Center, in Dearborn Heights at the Eton Senior Center and the City Hall, and in Westland at the City Hall and the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Cen-

Navigators are avail-able to assist residents on a walk-in or by appoint-ment basis. Navigators



LOCATIONS

- » Westland City Hall, 734-679-7827
- » Westland Jefferson **Barns Vitality Center**,
- 734-679-7788 » Dearborn Heights City Hall, 734-679-7645
- » Dearborn Heights Eton Senior Community Center, 734-679-7833
- » Garden City Maplewood Community Center, 734-793-1849

are trained specialists who provide residents with in-person help, answering their questions about health insurance and financial assistance options, as well as assist ing them as they complete the application.

Navigators are knowledgeable about the range of health plans available on HealthCare.gov, as well as other public health insurance programs offered in their state, including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program

(CHIP). Navigators are also qualified to assist small businesses in selecting affordable, qualified health plans they can

offer to their employees. Most small businesses are eligible for a tax credit when they pur-chase a portion of their employees' health insurance through health-care.gov. After the employer decides chooses a plan, our trained Navigators will work each em-ployee to enroll them and

their family.

Navigators help make the process simple by guiding residents to make educated health-care decisions. Residents can compare plans side-by-side based on price, benefits, quality, and other features important to them, which is helpful if they have specific health care needs. Every health plan in the Marketplace offers the same set of essential health benefits, including doctor visits, preventive care, hospitalization. prescriptions, and more Plans can offer other benefits like vision, dental or medical management programs for a specific disease or condi-

tion.
Navigators will work alongside the resident from coverage to care, in effort to make sure that they are not just covered but have found a doctor and have begun to access

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Speculation rules the day, but patience wins in the end

or the past 10 days or so, the talk in the financial world has been about the British people's decision to leave the European Union (Brexit). There has been an incredible amount of speculation as to what is coming next. If you listen to 25 of the so-called experts, they'll have 30 different opinions. In addition, their opinions at nine in the morning may be totally different than at four in the afternoon. The bottom line – we are entering uncharted waters and, despite all the expert opinions, no one knows how this will play

Although we are in uncharted waters, it's not like we haven't been here before. An example is a few years ago, when the United States lost its AAA credit rating. There were all sorts of wild speculations as to what would happen to interest rates and the economy as a whole. In these types of situations, generally the doom and gloomers dominate the conversation. The doom and gloomers speculated that the loss of the U.S. credit rating



Rick Bloom

would cause a recession. a crash in our markets and soaring interest rates. Not surprisingly, none of this came true

A few years ago, when the children in Washington couldn't play together, our elected repre sentatives came up with something called sequestration and, once again, we were entering uncharted waters. When this downgrade occurred, the doom and gloomers dominated the conversation again. At the time, the financial media was full of endless specula-tion as to how this downgrade would adversely affect the U.S. economy. Not surprisingly, once again, the doom and gloomers were wrong

In today's 24-hour news cycle, in order to drive ratings, it seems the more you can put things in crisis mode, the more air time you get. As a result, whenever we have an event that is

unprecedented such as the Brexit or the lower-ing of the U.S. debt rating or sequestration, the doom and gloomers seem to come out of the woodwork and dominate the airways. Unfortunately. the fact that these doom and gloomers are never right does not seem to be important. What seems to be important is that they scare people and they sound good doing it. As I've said many

times before, being an investor is not easy. It takes a fair amount of discipline to ignore the endless speculation, but that is what you have to do. You have to realize that all too often the purpose of the talking heads is not to educate vou or help you make better investment decisions, but

to drive ratings.
I admit I don't know how the Brexit is going to play out and, in reality, neither does anyone else. To speculate and make radical moves in your portfolio is akin to gambling.

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Wounded warrior brings yoga to Canton park

Old Glory Flags and Flagpoles of Livonia and Canton Leisure Services have joined forces to host "Yoga In the Park" with Dan Nevins on Saturday, July 30, in Canton's Heritage Park. It benefits the Wounded Warrior Project.

This special fundraiser is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., but participants are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. for check-in and registration.

Nevins, a motivational speaker and nationally recognized Wounded Warrior featured on NBC News, is a retired staff sergeant with the U.S. Army who began his military career out of high school as a para-trooper stationed in Germany. In November 2004, an IED detonated beneath his vehicle dur-ing a combat mission in Iraq, causing Nevins to suffer a traumatic brain injury as well as his left leg to be amputated be-low the knee. After more than 30 surgeries, Nevins' right leg was also amputated below the

Nevins credits the practice of yoga for turn-ing his life around after losing his legs in Iraq. This professional speak-er, who for more than a decade has shared an inspirational message of leadership, persever-ance, resilience and overcoming adversity with audiences around the globe, is also a certified

Baptiste yoga instructor. Nevins believes that yoga can help everyone, especially veterans re-turning home from service, and encourages all veterans to try yoga for its physical and emotional benefits.
"My whole platform is

for you to invite a veter an to yoga, because it just might save their life," he said. "I became a yoga teacher because I knew first hand of the power it has to heal."
All proceeds from this

event will go to benefit Wounded Warrior Project. Tickets are on sale at https://activenet.active.com/canton; just search for Dan Nevins.

Tickets are \$35 online and will be \$45 the day of the event. Ticket price includes a Wounded Warrior Project yoga mat and carrying bag, as well is a Wounded Warrior Project support bracelet,



Dan Nevins, yoga instructor, motivational speaker and nationally recognized Wounded Warrior, travels the globe inspiring audiences while practicing yoga.

while supplies last. Participants will also receive a tax statement at the end of 2016 stating

the portion of your dona tion that is tax-deduct-Nevins' incredible story

www.dannevins.com For more information, call 734-394-5360. **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Shred day

On Saturday, July 9, DFCU Financial will offer residents the opportunity to have their paper records and data storage materials shredded and recycled during the Community Shred Day at the Livonia branch location at Newburgh and Seven

This free event aims to raise public awareness of the need to securely de-stroy confidential materials to prevent identity theft and fraud, as well as

to encourage recycling.

Materials will be collected on July 9 from
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the credit union at the corner of Newburgh and Seven Mile (enter off Newburgh) in Livonia. The drop-off event is open to the public. There is a maximum of five boxes/bags limit per vehicle. For more in-formation, contact Peggy Richard at peggy.richard@dfcufinancial.com or call 313-322-8239.

Acceptable items for shredding include bank statements, forms, receipts, old checkbooks,

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Chamber executive director Dan Irvin (center), with Kara Blondell and Dr. Remi Sarna of Bright

Farmington chamber director leaving position

Brad Kadrich

Dan Irvin can probably retire his tutu. He's

not likely to need it where he's going. Irvin, since October 2014 executive director of the Greater Farming-ton Area Chamber of Commerce, announced this week he's leaving that post. Irvin will be the new general manager at Laurel Park Place in

Irvin's last day will be July 17, the final day of the 2016 Founders Festi-

It isn't an opportunity for which he went looking, but it's one he said he can't pass up.

"I was not seeking employment outside the chamber," Irvin said Tuesday. "(Laurel Park) reached out to me. This is a great opportunity. ..

It's difficult because of the roots I've planted. Things are starting to blossom here."

They've been blos-soming since Irvin re-placed Mary Engelman, who resigned after the Founders Festival in July 2014. With a focus on delivering value to cham-ber members, Irvin and his staff have been building up the chambers

numbers steadily. Irvin is quick to credit the chamber staff office manager Cheryl Zajdel, director of finance Diana Lis, director of membership development Marcia Rode-heffer and direction of communications/events Kristin Curle Houchins for improvements that

For instance: » Taste of Two Cities jumped from 42 participants to more than 300.

» The golf outing drew 24 participants in 2014; this year, it was 112.



"(Laurel Park) reached out to me. This is a great opportunity. ... It's difficult because of the roots I've planted."

DAN IRVIN, Greater Farmington Area Chamber director

» The State of the Cities event grew, up from an audience of 125

» Member retention is up from 68 percent to somewhere right around 90 percent. Membership

or percent. Membership is up by more than 100.

"That's a reflection of the staff here," Irvin said. "If they didn't get behind every crazy idea, I'd be telling a different (numbers) story. It really is a team effort."

Irvin admits some of those ideas were a bit "out of the box." That's where the tutu comes in. Irvin wore it in an exercise video he made to promote the chamber's networking events. The idea worked —

the next networking event drew some 60 people — and the numbers have just kept climbing. Zajdel, Lis and Hou-

chins have been with the chamber since Irvin started (Rodeheffer started in October 2015). Houchins called Irvin's

move "bittersweet."

"It is a great opportunity for him at Laurel
Park Place and I know he will do great things there just like he has at the chamber," Houchins said of Irvin, whom she said had a "vision" for the chamber. "I'm happy for him, but I'm sad for us. I learned a lot from Dan. He was a true mentor for

Board president Karen Blazaitis called Irvin "an integral part of growing the (chamber) over the last 21 months.

His enthusiasm and drive helped propel our chamber membership to its highest numbers to date," she said. While a search firm

was used when Engle-man resigned, Blazaitis said no firm will be hired this time. Instead, an eight-member panel will comb through applications (interested applicants can email president@gfachamber.com) and make the selection.

Blazaitis said prospective replacements for Irvin must have prior chamber experience and must have a financial and managerial background.

"You have to have someone who 'gets it," Blazaitis said. "It takes a lot of energy. We are dedicated to keeping what we have and move what we have and moving forward. We have the foundational elements set to find someone who will continue the mo-

mentum."

While he won't be while he won't be leading the chamber, Irvin promised he'll still be a big part of it. He'd like to be a chamber ambassador, plans to continue working for a nonprofit in the area — as all the chamber staff

does — and will still be heavily involved. "I'm very blessed to have had this opportuni-ty," Irvin said. "I'm very proud of everything we've done to turn the chamber around."

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Ferns, kites on tap at Nankin Mills

NANKIN - MILLS

Wayne County Parks will introduce three new programs and host a family fa-vorite history lesson at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center during July

Ferns of Holliday Nature Preserve

Be one of the first to participate in this new program where participants will learn about a variety of plants 10-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 9.
Wayne County
Parks' Holliday Nature Preserve has ture Preserve has some of the oldest and most beautiful plants on earth, including twenty different spe-cies of ferns. During this indoor presenta-tion, a Nankin Mills naturalist will share photographs and help photographs and help visitors recognize the botanical treasures

This program will serve as a good in-troduction to the Fern Hike being held at Koppernick Section Holliday Nature Preserve Sept. 17

This presentation is recommended for ages 12 and up. The program fee is \$3 per person; add \$1 per person for out-ofcounty residents.

Make it at the Mill - Kites

As part of the "Make it at the Mill" series, Wayne County Parks has dedicated a program to the art of making kits. A natu-ralist will provide kite making supplies and participants will be encouraged to be creative and innovative as they embark in the

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Once the kites are finished, participants will take their kite outside to fly alongside members of a local kite club who will demonstrate different kinds of kites.

The program is sched-uled for 1-2:30 p.m. Sat-urday, July 9.

This program is rec-ommended for ages 6 and up, with an adult. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult; add \$1 per person for add \$1 per person for out-of- county residents.

Copper Rush in Michigan

Most people have heard of the Gold Rush to California in the 1850s, but did you know the Copper Rush came first — right here in Michigan? Native Americans were the first to discover copper thousands of years ago.

Participants will learn about our state's history of copper mining, Native American mining techniques and mining meth-ods today, which is an interesting and colorful part of Michigan's histo-

ry.
The program is set for 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16. This program is recommended for ages 12 and up; program fee is \$3 per person; add \$1 per person for out-of-county

Henry Ford's Village Industries of Southeastern Michigan

Henry Ford is known for many things in southeast Michigan. One of his projects has direct ties to Nankin Mills Interpretive Center as the former owner from 1918-48. Ford wifted Mills Intelligence of the Mills and the state of gifted Nankin Mills and three other sites on the Middle Rouge River to Wayne County. These buildings would be in-cluded in the new Middle Rouge (Hines) Parkway being developed.

Join a Nankin Mills naturalist to learn more about these and other Henry Ford's sites in the area. It is a fascinating part of the Ford history A tour of the Ford exhibits in the Interpretive Center will follow the presentation 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 23.

This program is recommended for ages 12 and up; the program fee is \$3 per person; add \$1 per person for out-ofcounty residents.

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OUR VIEWS

Vote 'yes' on SMORSA proposal

Proposal S, the proposal to allow the City of Wayne to join the South Macomb Oakland Regional Services Agency seems like a no-brainer.

Of course, we understand it's really not that simple; deciding to increase your own taxes never is, and that's what would happen here.

However, without joining SMOSA, Wayne is projected to run out of money by 2017. Joining the public safety authority, which currently includes the cities of Eastpointe and Ha-

currently includes the cities of Eastpointe and Hazel Park, is projected to raise \$4.9 million annually dedicated to public safety.

It obviously won't be painless — taxes are expected to jump some \$420 a year for an average home with a taxable value of \$30,000 and a State Equalized Value of \$60,000, said Tim McCurley of Plante Moran, who serves as city finance director. Plante Moran, who serves as city finance director.

In a community that's three police officers down from its budgeted number and 25 officers fewer than its heyday the math seems simple.

the math seems simple.

Wayne currently has 19 police officers, although the department is budgeted for 22 officers. That's down from a high of 44 officers due to years of budget cutting. Shorthanded in policing a community of over 17,000 people, Wayne Police Chief Alan Maciag said he has difficulty hiring quality candidates, and if someone is hired, not losing those hires to other departments.

The SMORSA proposal seeks voter approval of

The SMORSA proposal seeks voter approval of membership in a public safety authority and the levy of 14 mills to fund police and fire services. Currently, Wayne is projected to run out of money by the end of 2017 if there is no additional revenue. The Wayne City Council has approved a resolu-

tion promising that if the millage is passed, four additional police officers and three firefighters will be hired.

The proposal isn't a fix-all; City Manager Lisa Nocerini said she is seeking concessions that are necessary even if Proposal S passes.

Rumors spread through social media about Ford Motor Company are proving untrue; Ford would, indeed, have to pay the SMORSA levy if approved by voters. On the flip side, the rumor was that Ford would never expand with the higher tax levy, but Nocerini says she's got an email from Ford promising a \$70 million investment in the

It's got to be a three-way approval; voters in both Hazel Park and Eastpointe have to approve Wayne's addition and, of course, Wayne voters would have to approve it.

That's what we're recommending they do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting Mason

I am writing this letter to recommend Sue Mason as the next County Commissioner for Westland. Inkster and Garden City.

As an editor and reporter of the Garden City and Westland newspapers, she has served the community well, so well that she received the key to the city last year from the mayor of Westland, William Wild.

Some people think that you have to be a politician to serve your com-munity; that is simply not true. People like Sue Mason have been serving our community with every line she wrote or edited for 40 years. She sat through many political meetings and wrote

about them. The press's role is keeping us in-formed as one of the most highly regarded parts for democracy. Probably the best example of serving the community is keep-ing us informed of all the comings and goings of career politicians.

Many of us are grate-ful for her diligence to get the job done. May it be informing us that the county has a parks issue, a road project or a jail that is not being built. She has helped almost every nonprofit organization in our communities needing coverage on their next fundraiser. Sue has given kudos to our young peo-ple for scholastic achievements and/or being athletic champions. Sue has shown up at

school events on a moment's notice or rear ranged her schedule to be sure to attend school events that are important to the community.

VOTE

Many new businesses are grateful that she wrote about them, which brought them more business. These articles of support only helped the struggling economy of the three communities

she would represent.
I have no doubt she will be a great commis-sioner, ready to step into the position informed and ready to take action.

So I urge you to vote for Sue Mason for County Commissioner.
Cheryl M. Park

State abandoned us

During the last 10 years, Wayne has lost more than \$7.5 million in constitutionally guaran-teed state-shared revenue from the state Legislature and governor. This year, Wayne will also lose well over \$1 million in personal property tax

revenue levied on industrial business such as Ford Motor Company, also due to the elimination of this tax by the state.

Since 2010, Wayne has lost more than \$33 million in tax revenue. Those losses have translated into depleted city ser-vices, especially in our police and fire depart-ments. Our police department has dropped from 42 sworn officers to 18.

Our firefighters have dropped from 22 to 12. This is not "right siz-ing" of government, but instead the dangerous understaffing of our key

security forces.

The city general fund will be depleted in December 2017, and Wayne will be completely devoid of funds. The city will be insolvent and that could result in an emergency manager, assigned by the same state officials who caused the financial crisis, taking control of our community. Wayne will be forced to lay off even more police officers, fire

fighters, and many other city employees critical to the well-being of our residents.

Even though the State of Michigan has abandoned our city, we cannot abandon each other.

This is a time to come together to preserve our city. We are indeed at a crossroads in Wayne and we have a choice to make. We can choose to take the steps needed to protect our community and keep it safe and viable, or we can ensure the slow and painful demise of our community, lowering our property values and sending us into an irrepa

rable state of decline. Or, we can come together, as neighbors, and save our community from those critics and naysayers who believe that our city's best days have passed, and who rather watch our city die than help save it.

We can choose to "save money" now or unite to return our community to the viable and productive neighborhoods we all once enjoyed where city services and property values were increasing, where our city offered strong public safety services and amenities that were attrac-tive to new residents. We can choose to abandon each other or to bond together as one city, one family, one community.

family, one community.

I am reminded of our city's motto, "people, pride, progress" but I see it as more than that — it's a promise. The only way that we can ensure that the people of Wayne are safe — that our pride is safe — that the progress our city has made is safe, and keep our community. and keep our community relevant, is to stave off state intervention by voting yes on "S" on Tuesday, Aug. 2.
Please join me, and

many of your neighbors in restoring our indomita-ble spirit, our "Wayne Pride," by voting yes on Proposal "S" and chart-ing a new direction for ing a new our great city.

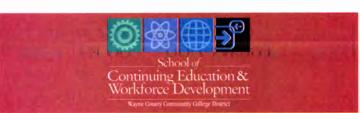
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Food distribution

On Tuesday, July 19, the City of Livonia will distribute, through the State of Michigan Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), salmon, orange juice, Tasteeo's cereal, UHT milk, peaches, veg etarian beans, rotini and cranberry sauce. Other items will also be provided from Forgotten Harvest. The distribution is from noon to 2 p.m. at the vacant district court building, 15140 Farming-ton Road, just south of Five Mile Road. This distribution is offered to Livonia residents who are currently enrolled in TEFAP with a TEFAP I.D. card. Distributions are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month.

Senior housing residents should check with their housing office for TEFAP information. If further information is needed, contact the Community Resource Department, Commodity Food line at 734-466-2673. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Nankin Mills programs

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the Fern Hike being held Sept. 17. Presentation is recommended for ages 12

Program fee is \$3 per person. Please call the Wayne County Parks Office at 734-261-1990 to pre-register.

» Make it at the Mill – Kites, 1-2:30 p.m. Sat-urday, July 9. As part of the "Make it at the Mill" series, the whole family is invited to participate in making their own kites. The Nankin Mills Naturalist will provide all kite-making supplies as well as information about bird and insect flight. A local kite club will also be on hand to demonstrate some unusual kites. This activity is recommended for ages 6 and up, with an adult companion.

Program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult. Please call the Wayne County Parks Office to pre-register at 734-261-1990.

Vacation Bible school

First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square in Wayne (across from the post office) hosts Vacation Bible School for kindergarten through fifth grade. The school takes July 17-21 from 6-8

For more information, call 734-721-4801 Monday Thursday from 9 a.m. to

Teddy Bear picnic

The Teddy Bear Picnic at the Simmons-Hill House Gardens takes place 2-4 p.m. Saturday July 16. Pack your picnic lunch, blanket, and favor-

ite teddy bear. Children's activities include story teller, craft and a honey bee tea. Advance tickets \$5 per

child. Tickets are avail able at the Greenmead office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit

the preservation of Greenmead Historical Park.

Trunk sale

The Livonia Historical Commission hosts a one-

Happy 60th



James R. (Bob) and Patricia (Melville) Johnston of Livonia will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 14. The couple was married July 14, 1956, in Detroit. Their children are the late Ronald Johnston and Linda (Bruce) Elenbogen, and they have two grandsons, Andrew and Josh. Bob Johnston is a retired electrical engineer from Burroughs Corp., and Pat is a retired secretary.

day trunk sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Greenmead, 20501 New-burgh in Livonia.

A large variety of items will be available. Enter at the Special Event Parking Lot. Admission is a donation.

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Kindergarten program

South Redford School District is offering a tuition-free Kindergarten Readiness Program (with the exception of a onetime-only material fee of \$75) to all children who reside in South Redford and will be age 4 by Sept. 1. The children attend three-hour classes, Monday through Thursday, morning or afternoon

sessions The preschoolers participate in activities designed to encourage the development of readiness skills necessary for a successful kindergarten experience.

Parents interested in more information may contact the Kindergarten Readiness teachers at 313-535-4000, Ext. 1036. Registration packets are available the the district's Jan Jacobs building at 26141 Schoolcraft, Redford. The Kindergarten Readiness Program is located in the same build-

St. Michael car show

Are you a "muscle car" fan? A "street rod" junkie? A classic car aficionado? Perhaps just someone who likes cool cars? Then St. Michael the Archangel Church is hoping you will find their upcoming summer car show to be right up your

alley. The St. Michael the Archangel Church Social Committee is offering its first car show in the St. Michael School parking lot on Saturday, July 16, with a limited number of display spots available on a first-come, first-reserved basis.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the lot opening for participants at 8 a.m. All cars must be in place no later than 11 a.m. The \$10 registration fee covers participation and a car owner's goodie bag.

All makes, models and years of cars are welcome. Voting will take place throughout the day, with the awards ceremony beginning promptly at 2:30 p.m. There will be three award categories: Kids' Choice, Participants' choice, and Best of Show. Door prizes will be drawn every hour and there will be addi-tional activities and food available. There are, however, no burn outs, spin outs, racing or alco-hol permitted on the

church premises. St. Michael's the Archangel Church and School complex is located at 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road beween Farmington and Merriman roads in Livonia. For more informa-tion, visit www.livoniastmichael.org

Citizens for peace

The Citizens for Peace will present the program "The Syrian Refugee Crisis: We Are All Related" at their July 12 meeting at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Road) at 7 p.m. Patrick McLean, board

member of the Syrian American Rescue Network, will share informa-tion about the people coming to our state to escape the war in Syria, and what is being done to help them. SARN's mission is to provide humani-tarian and economic support to refugees as they reach self-sufficiency in Michigan. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to

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Mom 2 Mom Sale

SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer in Westland, hosts its Mom 2 Mom sale 10 a.m. to noon (9-10 a.m. for early

bird) on Saturday, Aug. 6. Cost is \$15 per 8-foot table; racks and card tables are extra.

For more information, call Carolyn at 734-728-1559 or Sandy at 734-721-

Scavenger hunt

Beginning Friday, July 8, and running through Friday, July 22, the Gar-den City Business Alliance and the Downtown Development Authority will be hosting a citywide scavenger hunt.

Pick up your clue packet at the DDA any time between June 27 and July 22. The DDA is at 29213 Ford Road and is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beginning June 27, the clue packet will also be available on the GCBA website www.gardencitybusinessalliance.org/ clues and on the DDA website www.gcdda.com/clues.

Solve all the clues correctly and return your packet to the DDA by p.m. July 22 and you'll be entered into a drawing for cash prizes. The firstplace prize is \$500. Winners will be drawn at the Music in the Park event July 28 in Garden City Park.

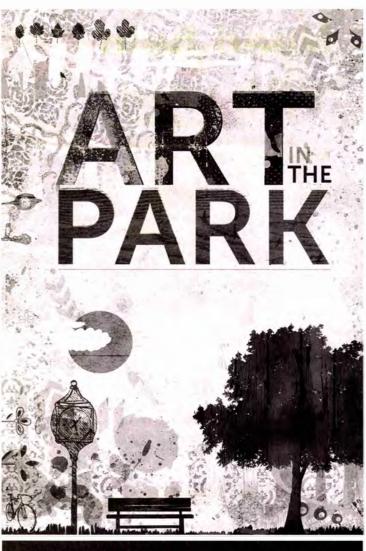
For more information, call 734-261-0380 or email theresa@downtowngardencity.com.

Car show

American Legion Post 32 hosts a car show at 9318 Newburgh Road in Livonia every Thursday from 5 p.m. to dusk

through Sept. 29.

Join the Legion for fun, food, cars and bikes. The event also features door prizes, raffles and giveaways. Plaques for "best of show" are award-ed each week. Dinner inside and grill food out-







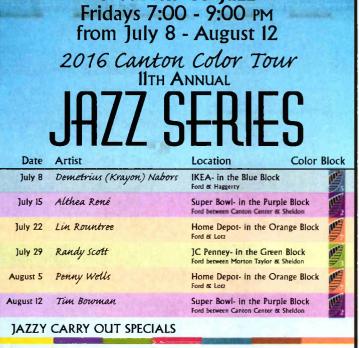








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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

New coach Rust knows North soccer

Former JV mentor promoted to coach boys varsity team

Dan O'Meara

The changeover to a new head coach was a smooth and seamless transition for the North Farmington High School boys varsity soccer

program. Erika Rust, who served as the JV coach the previous three years, has been promoted to the top job and replaces Mike Horner as the team's

Furthermore, she will be coaching many of the players she coached previously at the JV level.

new mentor.

"The familiarity is definitely a bonus," Rust said, adding

the North JV won city and league championships the past two years. "We had a past two years. "We had a pretty successful run as far as JV programs go. "Prior to coaching the boys team, I volunteered with

them. I did a lot of coaching in various clubs and camps that allowed me to coach both boys and girls.

Rust, who has taught English at the school for 14 years, has been the girls JV coach for three years, too, and will continue in that role.

Horner, who retired at the end of last season after a seven-year run as the boys head coach and 35 years of coaching girls and boys soccer at

tor to her, Rust said.
"He was very encouraging in terms of preparing me to take over once he did decide to retire," she said. "He was very encouraging and optimistic in my ability to transi-tion with the program and continue to help build the program in the right way.'

In addition to assessing the ability of players, a key aspect of coaching is being able to gauge their personalities and how they will react to different coaching styles, Rust said. "Guys and girls respond to

coaching techniques a little

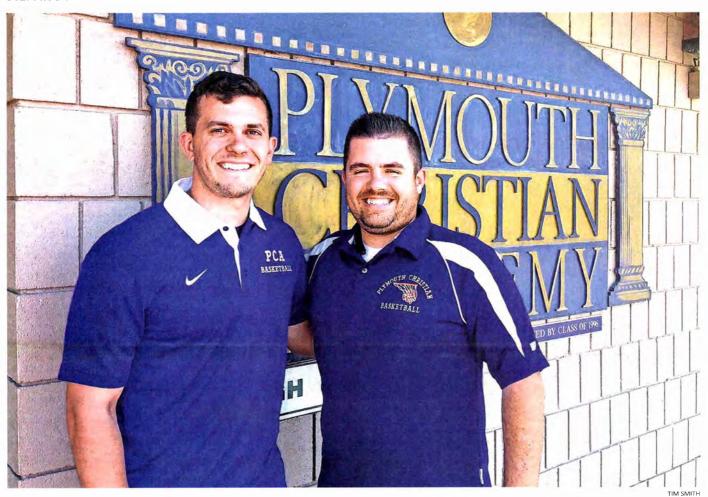
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Coach Erika Rust exchanges high-fives with players after a North Farmington girls soccer victory.

STEPPING UP



Matt Windle (left) is taking over as athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy from Nathan Yates (right), who becomes the school's new assistant principal.

MATT QUEST

New PCA athletic director Windle all about helping student-athletes reach potential

Tim Smith

For Matt Windle, there is no reangratulating ambitious career plan and the energetic drive to match it.

Just 23 years old, Windle's pen-

chant for making quick and timely

moves on the chess board of life is all about his strong religious faith with some family encouragement, of course. The 2011 Livonia Churchill grad already has a college degree in his pocket along with several years coaching basketball at Plymouth

Christian Academy. And now, Windle is taking over as

PCA athletic director (from Nathan Yates) while continuing to be head coach of the Eagles' varsity boys basketball team. His dad, Rod, happens to coach girls basketball and track at the Canton school.

"Someone asked me the other day

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THE WINDLE FILE

Who: Matt Windle, 23, Plymouth resident and 2011 graduate of Livonia Churchill. His parents are Leanne and Rod Windle, the latter a Churchill teacher and PCA coach

What: He recently was named athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy **Background:** Windle was a four-sport athlete at Churchill (football, basketball, baseball, track) who then earned a degree in sports management at Eastern Michigan University.

Busy commute: While going to EMU, Windle coached junior varsity boys and girls basketball at PCA. After graduating from Eastern in 2015, he coached Plymouth Christian's varsity boys basketball team. He plans to continue coaching the Eagles, even with his new position.

GIRLS SOCCER

U17 Michigan Hawks make national final four

Local talent pool fuels run to Maryland tourney

Brad Emons

With a star-studded cast featuring several area players, the Michigan Hawks Under-17 girls soccer team is headed this weekend to Germantown, Md., and will be among four teams competing in the Elite

Club National League finals. The Hawks — coming off a 2-0 win over SC Del Sol to cap a 4-0 run recently in the Oceanside, Calif., qualifying tournament — are coached by former Detroit Rockers player Doug Landefeld.

The remaining teams in the field are all from California, including the San Diego Surf, Slammers FC and the De Anza Force FC, who the Hawks defeated earlier this season,

1-0.
"It should be good. We know them all pretty well. It should be fun," Landefeld said.



See HAWKS, Page B3 The U17 Michigan Hawks are headed to the Elite Club National League finals this weekend in Germantown, Md.

JUNIOR GOLF

Dales makes the cut for U.S. Junior Am tourney

Northville standout nips Canton's Piot to gain one of two qualifying spots

Brad Emons

Jimmy Dales calls qualifying for the U.S. Junior Amateur 'right at the top" as far as his

young golf career goes.

Dales, who will be a junior this fall at Northville High School, garnered one of the two spots qualifying berths when he tied Carter Cook of Cornelius, N.C., for medalist honors with a 36-hole total of 147 on June 28 at Medina (Ohio) Country Club. Dales carded rounds of

73-74, while Cook went 76-71 for a 3-over score.

"I was making a lot of clutch par putts, really saved my strokes gained," Dales said. "I was hitting the ball really well off the tee. (Medina C.C.) was playing pretty diffi-

cult. It was a very windy, tough to play 36."

Dales was able to hold off Canton native James Piot, who finished fifth last month at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals and helped Novi Detroit Cathoand helped Novi Detroit Catho-lic Central win its second straight team state title.
Piot, who will be a U.S. Am-

ateur alternate along with



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Jimmy Dales, who will be a junior at Northville High, has earned a spot in the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, July 18-23 in Ooltewah, Tenn

Connor Quigley (Dayton, Ohio), was already in the club-house with 75-73—148 when Dales approached the 18th

"I was in the last group coming in and he was watching me three-putt out," Dales said. "I looked at the leader board and saw that I just needed a

bogey to get in."

The U.S. Junior Amateur
will be July 18-23 in Ooltewah, Tenn. The Honors Course,

which is hosting for the first time, is a par-72, 7,301-yard layout designed by Pete Dye. "I'm really looking forward to it," Dales said. "It's a really difficult course. It make 31ct

difficult course. It ranks 31st as far as best courses in the country. Real excited to go down there and give it a shot."

The tournament, featuring two rounds of stroke play before going to match play, has a rich history, featuring past winners such as Johnny Miller (1964), David Duval (1989), Tiger Woods (1991-93), Hunter Mahan (1999) and Jordan

Spieth (2009, 2011). "I'm going to have to play really well to get into the match play," Dales said.
It will be a busy summer for

Dales, who is entered in the Coca-Cola Championship at Boyne Highlands, a three-day stroke play event sponsored by the American Junior Golf Association that begins Tues

day.
Dales will also play in the
AJGA Junior Tom Holzer
event, Aug. 8-11 at Forest Lake
Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. He also plans to qualify or perhaps receive an exemption to the 38th Michigan Ju-nior Amateur Championship, Aug. 22-25 at Point O'Woods Golf & Country Club in Benton

Dales performed well this spring for the Northville varsi-ty team, which placed 12th at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals. He was runner-up at the KLAA Kensington Conference and KLAA Association tournaments and was seventh at the district and 12th at the region

At the state finals, held at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows, Dales shot

78-84 for a two-day total of 162. "I had a very solid regular season," Dales said. "I had a couple mental mistakes at states and didn't play very

Dales, a three-sport athlete

for the Mustangs, will play varsity tennis in the fall and hockey in the winter.

But being on the links is his first passion.

"Golf is No. 1. I try and fit the other two the best I can," Dales said.

Girls Junior Amateur

At the 38th Michigan Girls Junior Amateur, held June 27-30 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers (West Course), Flushing's Kerrigan Parks defeated Ann Arbor's Jami Laude, 2 and 1, for the overall title.

In the round of 16, South Lyon's Priscilla Harding, who finished fourth in stroke play, eliminated Allison Cui, 2-up, before losing to Laude in the quarterfinals, 2 and 1. Laude also ousted Harding's sister Elizabeth in the round of

16, 6 and 5.

Meanwhile, the 15-and-under title was won by Brighton's Heather Fortushniak, who topped Macomb Township's Ariel Chang, 3 and 2. In the semifinals, Fortush-

niak beat Savannah Haque 2 and 1, while Chang beat North-ville's Abigail Livingston, 1-up. Livingston, who will be a junior at Novi High School, finished third in stroke play and won her opening round match against Karina VanDuinen, 6 and 5.

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Silver medal for United



Farmington United was the runner-up in the U12 Division 2 of the Western Suburban Soccer League during the spring season with a 5-1-2 record. "The boys played some tough competition and had some close games," coach Laura Litfi said. "They improved throughout the season as a team." Team members are (kneeling, from left) Waris Khan, James Turner, Brian Rice, Daniel Green, Kevin Kyles, Pablo Benito and Dominic Kendrick and (standing, from left) Litfin, Cameron Woods, Cameron Wright, Santiago Uribe Guiza, Trustin Christopher, Malachi Mealoy, Aidan Bard Kuhl, Ryan Esker and coach Don McDougall

MICHIGAN PUBLINX SENIOR GOLF

Locals among winners at Publinx tourney

Tim Smith

Local golfers won respective flights June 25 at the Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association tournament at Washtenaw Golf Club in Ypsilanti.

Grabbing first-place honors were Canton's Kevin Schaum

and Livonia's Frank Noble. Schaum won Flight B, regis-

tering a 14-over 80 while No-ble's 93 tally earned a share of

the top spot in Flight D.
Prevailing with low rounds of the day were Michael Horn of Allen Park and Fritz Reifert

of Ypsilanti, each tallying 74s. The competition at Washtenaw Golf Club was the sixth of 16 tourneys and it produced 22 winners from a handicapped field of 109 players ages 50 and over from 16 southeastern Michigan communities.

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RUST

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differently," she said. "Some kids need that very forthright push. They want you to call them out. Others would prefer a talk off to the side.

"That's one of the things I value about coaching is being able to read my players and push individuals to reach their potential based on how I think they'll react to different coaching techniques

Rust's area of expertise is goalkeeping, having played that position for four years at the University of Detroit Mer cy and Sterling Heights Stevenson High School before

Her background gives her a unique perspective on the game and will continue to work to her advantage as a

coach. "When you see the whole field the way a goalkeeper has to and you have to communicate with and direct teammates, you see how the play develops and things you can do a little differently," Rust said. The Raiders have a history

of producing good goalies in the boys program. While the girls varsity has an elite keeper in Patil Tcholakian, Rust has had to work at developing JV players at that position.
"I can't remember a year

we didn't have at least four capable goalkeepers with a lot of experience between the three (boys) programs," she

"On the girls side, each of the last three years, I've taken somebody and trained them to be goalkeepers even though they had little to no experi-

When the girls varsity was without a netminder two years ago. Rust helped to turn Samanatha Carruthers from a field

player into a good goalie. "She said to me, kind of tongue-in-cheek, she could be a goalie," Rust said. "My eyes lit up, and she was kind of stuck at that point. She did very well and enjoyed it."

The Raiders, who were 8-8-3 last season, will return nine varsity players and will move from the OAA Blue Division to 'That's a beneficial move

for our program," Rust said. "We should remain very com-petitive. The goal would be to win the division, but it's going to be a very tight division. Most teams can beat someone else on a given day.

"It's a matter of our team improving every day of the season. We want to prepare for the district and go into the district in the best game shape and with the best mentality as

"I'm really looking forward to the season. We're ready to hit the ground running with a lot of returning kids. It should make for a fun and competitive year, and I'm looking forward to being a part of it."

SUMMER CAMPS

Harrison volleyball The Harrison High School volleyball team will have a three-day camp for girls July 19-21 in the

school gym.
The first session from 1-3 p.m. each day is for girls in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the

next school year.
Girls who will be in the seventh and eighth grades will attend the second session from 3:15-5:30 p.m.
The cost is \$55 at the door. For families with two

door. For families with two girls attending the camp,

the cost is \$50 per child. Contact either coach Michael Love at 313-758-1185 or coach Sue Kendall at 248-505-7261.

Coach Wilson hoops

Coach Stefon Wilson's Basketball Camp is slated for July 25-29 at Harrison High School. He is the school's boys varsity coach.

The camp is for boys and girls who will be in grades 8-15. The cost is \$180 per camper. Register by June 20 to receive a

Camp hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a lunch break from noon to 1 p.m. Campers must bring their own lunch. Pizza will be provided on the last day. Contact Wilson at

CoachStefonWilson@gmail.com or 313-919-

Fast Break at SC

Schoolcraft College in Livonia will host its first Fast Break Basketball Camp 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 18, through Fri day, July 22. Boys and girls of all

skill levels, who are enter ing grades 3-8, are welcome to sign up. Each camper will receive a customized Fast Break bas ketball and reversible jersey.

The cost is \$85 if registered by July 8 and \$95 for late registration. The camp will take place at the Schoolcraft gym, 18600 Haggerty Road.

For more information, contact Patrick Yelsik in the Schoolcraft Athletic Department at 734-462-7696 (office), 989-289-8933 (cell) or pyelsik@schoolcraft.edu or go to www.Facebook.com/ SchoolcraftAthletics.

Voltage football

Voltage Elite football and basketball summer programs, being launched by 2015 Plymouth High School grads Deji Adebiyi, Harman Sidhu and Josh Gendron. The programs are open to anybody in

metro Detroit.

There will be a six-week football camp through July 28 with Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday sessions (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at The PARC, 650 Church Street in Plymouth.

The program is for athletes from elementary athletes from elementary
to high school age. The fee
is \$20 per session or \$240
for flat rate.

Voltage also is putting
together a 14U AAU team

to practice and play games July 11 through early August. Go to www.voltagee-lite.com for more about the programs.

Plymouth 'Y'

Stay active this summer with Plymouth YMCA with Plymouth YMCA sports, through various clinics, camps and leagues for ages 3-12. On tap are week-long sport-specific camps to help players develop skills using vari-ous drills, games and scrimmages while teach. scrimmages while teaching YMCA core values in a

fun, safe environment. Every sports camp is from 9 a.m. to noon Mon-day through Friday. Cost for camp is \$75 for YMCA members and \$100 for non-members. Cost in-cludes facility usage, Tellit, water bottle, experishirt, water bottle, experi-enced YMCA staff, player awards, player's raffle and equipment. Extended after care for families for an additional \$75 YMCA members and \$100 for non-members is available.

Following are some other summer offerings:

 » Baseball is for ages
 6-12 for the weeks of June
 27 through Aug. 8. Players will learn the basics of baseball through practices and games.

All equipment is provided by the YMCA. Practices start the week of July 11 and the first game is Sat urday, July 23. Practices and games are held at Farrand Elementary. Ages divisions are 3-5 T-ball; 6-7 coach pitch; and 8-10 kid pitch. The league costs \$80 for YMCA members, \$105 for non-members and \$15 jersey for coach-pitch and

kid-pitch league.

» Flag football will be taught by YMCA staff during a three-week clinic Aug. 4-25 for ages 6-10.

Participants will learn

through drills, games and scrimmages. A jersey, football and medal are included...

» A new, preschool cheer clinic is on tap for youngsters ages 3-5. The clinic starts Aug. 3 and

continues until Aug. 24. Families can register by going to ymcadetroit.org/ plymouth or calling 734**PDL SOCCER**

Bucks back in playoff hunt after two road wins

First place in their sight after 3-2 Canada Day triumph over K-W United

Brad Emons

The Michigan Bucks completed their most important road swing of the season Friday night when they defeated Premier Development League champion Kitchener-Waterloo

United, 3-2, on Canada Day.
The victory puts the Bucks
(8-2-0, 24 points) back in command of the Great Lakes Division of the PDL's Central Con-ference, while K-W United (8-2-1, 25 points) remains in first place with a game in hand.

The Bucks swept the season series against United and celebrated that win on the heels of a 4-1 victory earlier in the week over the Derby City Rovers in Louisville

Louisville.
The PDL regular season now comes down to the home stretch for the Bucks with four

matches remaining.
Michigan travels Thursday
to Cincinnati to take on the Dutch Lions before returning Saturday night at home to face the Rovers at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac. "This was hell week for us,"

Bucks coach Demir Muftari said. "When the schedule came out, we looked at a late-season



David Goldsmith had a goal in the Michigan Bucks' 3-2 win over defending PDL champion K-W United.

road trip with back-to-back games in Louisville and K-W and assumed these would be two teams we would be compet ing with for playoff spots. We also knew we had to have six points from these two games to have a chance to remain Great Lakes champs and keep our hold on the No. 1 seed in the

Central Conference.' The Rovers' slim hopes for one of two playoff spots will mean having to defeat the

Bucks on their home turf. Friday's match against K-W started out similar to the Bucks' opening game of the season, when they jumped on United early to get some muchneeded momentum.

The Bucks' goal in the first minutes of their May matchup led them to a 6-0 thrashing of the defending champs.

This time it was Adam Na-jem (Clifton, N.J./Akron Uni-versity) who stole a pass from the K-W goalkeeper and smacked home the game's first goal in the fourth minute.

K-W got a break in the 27th minute, when a cross from the side hit Bucks defender Fran-cis De Vries (New Zealand/St. Francis University) in the arm inside the penalty area and United was given a spot kick. Jahsua Mills beat Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (Ann Arbor/Western Michigan) to tie the match, 1-1.
The Bucks, chasing their

record 13th Great Lakes Divi-sion title, responded quickly when Russell Cicerone (Bir-mingham Brother Rice/University of Buffalo) scored a bril-liant left-footed goal to the far post after a creative one-two passing display from Andre Landell (England/Tiffin Univer-sity) and Ben Fitzpatrick (Hilliard, Ohio/Urbana University). The 36th-minute goal put the Bucks ahead 2-1.

It took four minutes for Cicerone to streak down the far side and send in a pin-point cross that Bucks striker David Goldsmith (England/Butler University) chested into the back of the net for a more comfortable 3-1 lead.

K-W's Nick Wysong (Elk-hart, Ind./Western Michigan University) beat Shepherd in the dving moments to make it 3-2, but that was how the game would end.

"To come to K-W and win is a very difficult task, so I'm proud of the effort that this team put together," Muftari said.

For the Bucks' remaining two home matches Saturday, July 9 (Derby City), and Sat-urday, July 16 (Pittsburgh Riverhounds), at Ultimate Soccer Arenas, tickets are available for \$6 in advance at www.buckssoccer.com

Kids wearing their Bucks jersey or club uniform get in for only \$4. Special groups rates for 20 can be purchased by calling Bucks director of operations Kelly Haapala at 248-521-2179.

BUCKS 4, DERBY CITY 1: The week started June 28 with a win at Woehrle Field in Louisville, Ky. Despite a slow start, the Bucks (7:2-0, 21 points) finished strong with four second-half goals to severely hamper the playoff hopes for Derby City (4:3-2, 14 points).

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The Rovers got on the scoreboard first, when strike Aleksi Palkhasalo beat Shepherd to the far post in the game s 24th minute.

Multar i railled the troops at halftime, reminding them of what a win would mean in the overall playoff picture for both teams.

The message was well-received and the Bucks' offense one of the most potent in the PDL, came to life ied by Fitzpatrick, who scored in the 48th minute (from Landell) and the 57th minute (from Cicerone). With a 2-1 lead and the Rovers needing a win to try to find a way to steal second place and make the playoffs, the Bucks continued to pound the ball at the Derby City goal looking for the Rovckout. In the 77th minute, Cicerone took a pass from Fitzgerald and finished his fifth goal on the season for the Bucks and the 3-1 advantage.

Second half sub Eric McWoods (UMKC) scored a goal in the 87th minute on a great feed from De Viries (New Zealand's J. Francis University) to finish the scoring.

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New Ceatanus at this scoring.

Muffari appeared to be a completely different
person after the game based on the team's secondhalf performance.

"I'm not sure who the team was that showed up in
the first half, but the one I have been working with all
season definitely showed up when it mattered," he

WINDLE

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about that," said the younger Windle, about what his dad's reaction was to having a son as his supervi sor. "I told him, inside these walls (at PCA) I'm technically his boss. But as soon as I step out he's still mine.
"So I got to make sure I'm good

on both ends. But he's proud of me."

Staying put

Windle said he had other possibilities to coach and teach since graduating from Eastern Michigan University in 2015 (with a degree in sports management) but everything pointed him in Plymouth Christian's

direction.
"It's been really affirming, (there were) different opportunities I could have taken and doors I could have opened," Windle stressed. "But the Lord sort of shut them for me, so I

According to Yates, the athletic director from 2014-16 who himself is moving up the PCA ladder (to assistant principal for 2016-17), it was a "no brainer" that Windle would lead

the list of candidates provided to principal Caryn Huntsman. "Matt was the logical choice," Yates noted, "with a degree in the field, being familiar with the school, as a coach, as a substitute teacher, working across the parking lot in the youth group, lifelong member of the

church.
"It became a no-brainer when it came to who could do AD and do it well. It was Matt."

Windle also is pumped up to help the school's young men and women

grow as student-athletes and in their faith — which are all intertwined on faith — which are all intertwined on the PCA/Calvary Baptist Church campus on Joy Road, a couple miles

west of Haggerty.
High school enrollment projections for 2016-17 are 170, Yates said; only a small percentage of which play freshman, junior varsity and varsity sports.

"In terms of where we want it to go, obviously we want to continue down the path that (Yates) has helped stretch out for us," Windle emphasized. "But the primary focus is developing our athletes to be

Christ-like on and off the court.
"That's really been a blessing too, because I have another role here as spiritual life chaplain. That aspect and our athletic director aspect can just merge right into where we want our athletics to be and where we want our spiritual life of our student-athletes to be."

On the grid

Windle and Yates will keep collaborating as they look to continue nurturing the athletic department into and through what it hopes will

be a period of growth.

To that end, on the horizon for this fall is joining Lutheran West-land for a co-op varsity football team (which will be known as the Warriors)

Joining Lutheran Westland players will be ninth-graders and 10thgraders; Yates said the goal is for PCA to have enough players to branch off and have its own football team by the end of the decade.

"Our co-op agreement with Lu-theran Westland is for two years," Yates said. "Both Lutheran Westland and PCA went into that agreement

under the hope that this will only be for the MHSAA standard of two

We've got the facilities, a full weight room, full field out back with goal posts. Ordering bleachers, equipment and jerseys, in the grand scheme of things that's the minor

issue. You just need the bodies."
In order to get more athletes to join PCA teams, and to draw attention to the program itself, Windle said he is pointing out that the Ea-gles have had recent team successes in girls volleyball, boys soccer, girls soccer and baseball.

It doesn't hurt that he considers himself up to speed on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

"You know I'm big on social media, we want to get our marketing going," Windle added. "When people see that Eagle (icon) they know 'Ply-

mouth Christian.'
"We're starting to put in camps
during the season and during the summer, kids not only from PCA but from around the community can

come to the school and check it out." Windle's PR pitch to kids is straightforward.

"I'm a big believer that when you're given responsibility and privilege through sport," Windle stressed, "you're going to excel in other aspects like your school work."

There's a lot of truth in that, un-derscored by Matt Windle and the upward trajectory of his early career path.

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After winning his age division at the Hanover Firecracker Run Monday, Luke Haran celebrated with his "trophy" - an apple pie.

HOLIDAY RACE

SWEET VICTORY

Teen wins tasty award for winning his division at July 4 Hanover Firecracker Run

Tim Smith

Luke Haran's pacesetting running ability Monday literally made his July 4 holiday a sweet one.

The 14-year-old Canton resident ate up

the competition to capture first place in the 14-and-under division of the Hanover Firecracker 5-Mile Run.

And for that, Haren got the chance to eat up a home-made apple pie — which he and all other age-group divi-sion winners received.

Haran, who will be a sophomore this fall on Salem High School's varsity boys cross country team, finished the USATF-certified circuit in 29 minutes 35.7 seconds to win the divi-



That was good for sixth-place overall in the open competition.

Bryce Stroded, 21, was the top overall and male open division finisher with a time of 27:27.6 while 22-year-old Miranda Haas earned first in the female open division

The event also included a Masters tournament. Winners were 42-year-old Mark Good (seventh overall, 29:52.5) and 52-year-old Christine Vincent (45th overall, 35:02.1).

Runners age 50 and over were slotted into the Grand Masters division.

The Hanover Firecracker Run (including a 5-mile run and 5K walk) started and finished in front of the Hanover Township

Fire Station.

It was held as part of the Orthopaedic Rehab Run/Walk Series.

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HAWKS

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The Hawks finished first in the ECNL's Midwest Conference with a 13-1-2 record, while also going 3-1 in the Champions League and 0-0-3 in the Phoenix ECNL National. Three players with local ties

Three players with local des have been stalwarts for the Hawks: Grace Krygier, a junior at Novi High; Abby Willerer, a junior from Northville; and Sarah Clark, a junior from Milford.

Krygier, a starting center mid-

Kryglet, a starting center intu-fielder, is committed to the Univer-sity of Iowa, where she'll join her older sister Natalie. "She's rangy, she does a really good job. She's an important part of what we do," Landefeld said. "We play a lot through the middle of the field, so she touches the ball a lot for us. A great kid, who had a really good tournament out in San Diego and is a big reason why we're mov-ing forward."

Willerer, a defender, is a Central

Michigan University commit.

"Abby has started every game for us this year," Landefeld said.
"Her and Sarah Clark are a great partnership in the back. Abby technically is quite good, really distributes the ball well, fantastic in the

air, goes up and creates goals on corners and everything. Has really matured into a great player. She goes up against the best players in the country and does a great job."

Clark, headed to Purdue, was among 70 players recently invited to participate in the Nike National Training Camp in Beaverton, Ore.

"She originally played outside for us. Then Maggie Samanich got hurt, so we brought her into the middle of the field and she's really a force for us in the back with Abby," Lande-feld said. "She takes most of our free kicks. She scored a real nice goal out in San Diego. She's a great leader and really responded with more responsibility brought into the middle of the field. She likes to attack quite a bit. She's the consumpte team player and really filled mate team player and really filled that role and (is) a big reason why where we are right now.

Novi junior Bethany Kopel, a goalie who has been playing up on the U18 Hawks team that also made the ECNL national finals, will accompany the U17 Hawks to Ger mantown. She is committed to Indi-

Meanwhile, Salem junior Isabel Rodriguez, an Ohio State commit, will not be with the U17 Hawks this weekend. She will be with the U17 U.S. Women's National Team training camp in preparation for the

World Cup in October.

The team's leading scorer is Southfield's Alexxis Lipsey (Birmingham Groves), another OSU commit. Canton's Madison Wolf-Brighton, is also an OSU commit.

Other CMU commits from the

Hawks include juniors Sarah Mitchell, (Sterling Heights/Utica Eisenhower); Sheila Mangan (Brighton); and Allison Viazanko, Harrison Township (L'Anse Creuse). Rounding out the squad are Ply-

mouth's Madeline Lucas (Canton), a Northwestern signee; White Lake's Megan Young (Walled Lake North-ern), a Florida Gulf Coast signee; Okemos' Madison Clem (Williamston), a Michigan State commit; Saline's Catherin Dager, a Villanova commit; Warren's Jamie Leas (Fraser), a DePaul signee: Ann Arbor's Isabel Nino (Detroit Country Day), a Michigan commit; Brighton's Gian-Michigan commit; Brighton's Gianna Parlove (Farmington Hills Mercy), a Grand Valley State commit; Shelby Township's Hannah Redoute (Birmingham Marian), a Western Michigan commit; Lansing's Dan-ielle Stephan (DeWitt); and Shelby Township's Jillian Winarski (Eisenhower), a Purdue commit.

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CAR SHOW

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, July 16

Location: St. Michael the Arch angel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

participants at 8 a.m. Cars must be in place no later than 11 a.m. \$10 covers participation and car owner's goodle bag. Voting will take place throughout the day, with the awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m. .Door prizes will be drawn every hour and there will be additional activities and food available

Contact: livoniastmichael.org COMMONGROUND

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, July

Location: Connection Church, 3855 S. Sheldon, Canton

Details: Women and girls, 12 and over, from more than 30 churches will gather for worship to live music and an after party with appetizers, a coffee and cocoa bar and giveaways. The outreach focus for the event is Grace's Table, an organization that works with teen mothers and their children. Lisa Anderson, founder, will be the guest speaker. CommonGround will collect diapers, sizes 2-6, refill packages of moist wipes, \$10 Meijer gas cards and \$10

Starbucks gift cards, for dona-tion to Grace's Table Contact: 734-397-1777 CONCERT

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. Saturday,

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, 3700 Harvey Lake Road,

Details: The Paradise Band, Elvis Lives and The Soulmen perform in an outdoor concert. \$15 advance tickets; \$20 at the door Contact: 248-887-5364; holyspi ritconcert.ezevent.com

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m Saturday, July 23

Location: Hosanna-Tabo Lutheran Church, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Free Christian music festival with Wise 4 Salvation, 11 a.m.; REIGN, noon; Reggie Williams, 1 p.m.; Redemption Road, 2 p.m.; Krymsyn Grayce, 3 p.m.; Second Day Story, 4 p.m.;

CAMPBELL

MALCOM DAVID, DDS

MALCOM DAVID, DDS June 29, 2016 age 89 of Northville. Beloved husband of the late Janet. Loving father to Mary Catherine, David (Patty). Elizabeth (Robert) McCullough, and Rev. Douglas (Rev. Emily). Loving grandfather to Malcolm, John, Scott, Alex, Daniel, Sarah, and Hannah who hrought much loy to his

Daniel, Sarah, and Hannah who brought much joy to his life. David Campbell was a leader and mentor in Michigan dentistry for 60 years, with a truly remarkable legacy to his credit. Gathering Friday, July 15, 5-8 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home. 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. Memorial Service Saturday. With 16, 114

46401 W. Ann Arbor Hd.,
Plymouth, Memorial Service
Saturday, July 16, 11 a.m.
at First Presbyterian Church
of Plymouth 701 Church St.,
Plymouth, MI 48170. In lieu of
flowers memorial contributions
may be to the church or U of
D Mercy School of Dentistry,
2700 MLK Jr. Blvd , Detroit,
MI 48208, Attn: Thomas Sklut
for the M. David Campbell
Memorial Fund for Special
Needs Patients.
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vermeulenfuneralhome.com

The Well House Band, 5 p.m.; and Veracity, 6 p.m. Crafters and vendors will be on site from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gift drawings will be held at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket

Contact: 313-937-2424; hosan-

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, July 13-14 Location: Celebration Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, between Joy and W. Chicago Road, Livonia

starting fifth grade. The theme is Deep Sea Discovery. Activities include Bible stories, music, art, science and games. A family meal is available 5:30-6 p.m. No fee, but registration is required Contact: 734-421-0749 Monday-Thursday mornings, or online at www.celebrationlc.com.

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Sunday,

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Ply-mouth

Details: The peer support group will attend Mass and gather for a potluck luncheon

Contact: 734-895-6246 or 734-452-9149

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

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

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study Contact: 313-534-9000

Faith Community Wesleyan Time/Date: 4-5 p.m. every Saturday

Location: 14560 Merriman,

Details: This informal class includes fellowship, discussion and question and answers. All ages welcome. Bibles available if you don't have one

Contact: pastor Tom Hazelwood at 734-765-5476

EXERCISE

Time/Date: 6:45-7:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday **Location:** Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile,

Details: Instructor Wendy Motta, a seven-year Zumba practitioner, teaches Zumba

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Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

RELIGION CALENDAR

through drop-in classes. Each costs \$3. Participants should bring water, a towel and wear athletic shoes. For more in-formation, email Motta through zumba.com

Contact: 313-408-3364 **FAMILY MEAL**

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every

Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills

Details: Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 HEALING SERVICE

Time/Date: Arabic service, 3-4 p.m. first Tuesday of the month; English service, 3-4 p.m. third Tuesday of the month

Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of Saint Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The service includes prayers of petition and intercession, hymns, Scripture readings and the anointing of the sick. Offertory candles are available for a free will offering in the vestibule of the church. Contact: Rev. George Shalhoub

at 734-422-0010 or email Stacey

Badeen at sbadeen@tbosm.com

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners

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

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

St. Edith Church Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Thurs-

Location: Parish office, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Group meets for sing-

ing, praying and short teaching. Fellowship with snacks follows Contact: Parish office at 734-464-1223

Contact: 734-464-1223 St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday

Location: 7000 N. Sheldon,

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

Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

Recycling RISEN CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. third Sat-

urday of the month

Location: 46250 Ann Arbon Road, between Sheldon and

Beck roads, Plymouth Details: Recycle your cell phones, laser cartridges, inkjet

cartridges, laptops, iPods, iPads, tablets, eReaders on the third Saturday of each month. Use the doors on east side of church. Contact: Lynn Hapman at

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.

Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

jkbrando@michigan.com

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.

Contact: 313-534-0399 SONG CIRCLE

Congregation Beth Ahm Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m.

every Shabbat Location: 5075 W. Maple, West

Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

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

SUPPORT Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community, Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.

Contact: 734-261-9000; ment.com

Connection Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday Location: 3855 Sheldon, Canton Details: Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery for a hurts, habits and hang-ups. Child care is available for free

Contact: Jonathan@Connec Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford: Room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive

behavior problems Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except

January, July and August Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in

Farmington Hills Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group Contact: 248-433-1011

» Merriman Road Baptist Church

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519

» Fireside Church of God Time/Date: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday Location: 11771 Newburgh,

Details: Fireside Adult Day Ministry activity-based program for dependent adults, specializing in dementia care. Not a drop-in center

Contact: 734-855-4056 or 734-464-0990; www.firesidecho g.org; or email to adm@fire sidechog.org

» St. Andrew's Episcopal

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturday Location: 16360 Hubbard,

Details: A twice-monthly dropin Food Cupboard (nonperish able items) is available

Contact: 734-421-8451 St. Thomas a' Becket

Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55

p.m.; support group 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton

Details: Take Off Pounds Sen-Contact: Margaret at 734-838-

» Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 6 p.m. dinner (op small group discussion; 9 p.m

Solid Rock Cafe (optional coffee/ desserts), Thursday Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville Township

Details: Celebrate Recovery helps men and women find freedom from hurts, habits and hangups (addictive and compulsive behaviors); child care is

Contact: Child care, 248-374-7400; www.celebraterecovery-.com and www.wardchurch.org/ celebrate

THRIFT STORE St. James Presbyterian

Location: 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford

Contact: 313-534-7730 for additional information

Way of Life Christian Church **Time/Date:** 2-3:30 p.m. third Saturday from October through

May Location: 9401 General Drive Lilley Executive Plaza, Suite 100. Plymouth

Details: Women's fellowship is designed for women with a question to know God more in their lives.

Contact: 734-637-7618 TOUR

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. to noon first Sunday of the month Location: The Solanus Casey Center, a Capuchin ministry, at 1780 Mount Elliott, Detroit

Details: Led by Capuchin friar Larry Webber, the director of the Solanus Casey Center, the tour focuses on the spirituality and holiness of Father Solanus, a humble Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. No reservations are needed, although the center requests an advance phone call for groups of five or more. No cost for the tour, although donations are accepted

Contact: 313-579-2100 Ext. 149: WORSHIP

» Adat Shalom Synagogue Time/Date: 6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday; 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday; and 6 p.m. weekdays

Location: 29901 Middlebelt Farmington Hills

Contact: 248-851-5100 » Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services; 9:45 a.m. Sunday school and youth and adult Bible

classes Location: 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia Contact: 734-522-6830

Congregation Bet Chave

Time/Date: Services are held 7 the third Friday of the month

Location: At the shared facilities of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge, Canton **Details:** Reformed Jewish Congregation with Rabbi Peter

Gluck and Cantorial soloist Robin Contact: www.Facebook.com/

betchaverim or email to be-tchaverim@yahoo.com » Devon Aire Community Church of the Nazarene

Time/Date: 10:45 a.m. coffee, 11 a.m. Sunday service Location: 9435 Henry Ruff Road at W. Chicago Road, Livonia

Details: Service with the Rev. JoAnn Bastien, Sunday school and child care Contact: 313-550-4301 Due Season Christian

Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday, with 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Bible study **Location**: Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington Road, in Livonia

Details: Nondenominational, multicultural, full gospel church services.

Contact: 248-960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org Faith Community Presby-

terian Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. Sunday worship; 9 a.m. Bible study Location: 44400 W. 10 Mile,

Details: Women's group meets 12:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month. Vacation Bible School runs Aug. 8-12

Contact: 248-349-2345: faith-

» Faith Community ' Church Time/Date: Prayer service, 9

a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 12:30 p.m., Bible study, 6 p.m., Sundays, Soul Retention Discipleship classes, 4

Location: 14560 Merriman,

p.m. Saturday

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

Garden City Presbyterian

Time/Date: Adult Bible study at 8:15 a.m.; traditional worship service, youth Sunday school and child care at 10 a.m. Large print order of service is available. Refreshments in the church fellowship hall immediately after service. Elevator and handicap parking

Location: Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road

Contact: 734-421-7620 » Good Hope Lutheran

Church

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school followed by 10:30 a.m. worship service with Commu-nion each Sunday; Bible study 10 a.m. Wednesday

Location: 28680 Cherry Hill,

Garden City Contact: 734-427-3660

» Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school/adult Bible study; 10 a.m.

Sunday service Location: 4145 W. Nine Mile,

Contact: Rev. Thomas E. Schroeder at 248-349-0565; GoodShep-

herdNovi.org

» Grace Lutheran Church Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional Sunday service and 10:30 a.m.

contemporary; Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Location: 46001 Warren Road, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton Township

Contact: 734-637-8160 » His Church Anglican Time/Date: 7:45 a.m. at Trinity and 10 a.m. at Madonna Univer-

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, and Kresge Hall on the Madonna University campus, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia

Contact: www.HisChurchAngli-can.org; 248-442-0HCA » Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

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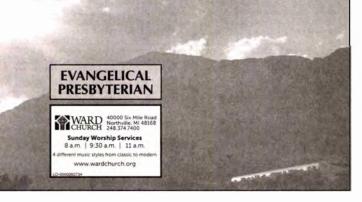
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WAYNE METRO 'ABOUT CREATING PREPARED BUYERS'

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Dannielle Bills is a social Dannielle Bills is a social worker with a passion for helping people with housing issues. As homeownership services manager for Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, she's involved with helping people decide if owning is right for them along with a right for them, along with a host of related issues. The Own My Home home-

owner education program has been around some 15 years. community Development
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HOME dollars.

"Homeownership education has been around for decades," Bills said. In addition to deciding on renting vs. owning, cli-ents need to look at issues of maintenance (there is no landlord to call in owning), the process of getting a mortgage, and recognizing predatory lending practices.

"It's about creating pre-pared buyers and helping them sustain ownership. We work with some people a couple of years," Bills said: "Owning a home is very different from renting.



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DANNIELLE BILLS homeownership services manager for Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency

credit report to help the client overcome obstacles, to pay down debt, "just helping them save toward the down pay-ment," she said. She said clients' first step is

to sign up for a Homebuyer Club Workshop on the agency website:

www.waynemetro.org/homes or email Wayne Metro for more information at: ownmyhome@waynemetro.org

You can contact the Wayne Metro Connect Center at: city of Detroit residents: 313-388-9799, out-county residents: 734-284-6999, TTY:

1-800-649-377 Wayne Metro staff helps to connect clients with other programs that assist with down payments. Wayne Metro has Realtors and lenders who work with the program as facilitators, meeting to speak

"The participants have a chance to ask specific ques-tions," she said. Their ques-tions include issues on credit reports, such as a bankruptcy or lien, impacting ownership, ways to improve a credit score, and what kind of an offer to make based on a sale price

The agency is certified both through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Devel-opment and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Programs get support through private industry, in-cluding the real estate indus-

try, Bills said.
"Read and ask questions," she urges prospective buyers. If answers aren't satisfactory, "vou should continue to ask questions. Always being in formed."

Bills noted, "There's assistance out there to purchase

programs out there de signed to help people be-come homeowners." That's true even for those with

credit issues.
Bills noted the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has helped with rules and regulations applying now to

the mortgage market.
"It's on the consumer to be mindful the information they're getting is accurate," she said. "If they're not comfortable, they have choices" on lenders. There's a window of time to shop around for preapproval with lenders.

"They're busy," she noted of Realtors. "Our only job is to be those clients' advo-cate." She has done such work since 2010, and noted other agency services such as free income tax e-filing for earners under \$50,000 a

"The best way to go is to take a homebuyer education class," she added, noting staff has no stake in the outcome of the decision

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Right exists to know condominium unit owner

Q: We have a situation where a limited liability com-pany is buying a unit in our condominium. We are con-cerned about who was actu-ally going to live there. Do we have a right to find out?

A: The name of a unit owner who lives in a housing organization in which use-rights and other property interests are formally interlocked seems to

be a reasonable request. An official owner of a unit may have otherwise legitimate reasons to register the property with a corporation or a trustee.



However, granting homeowners the ability to identify the beneficial owner by name, if nothing else, serves an important goal of preserving their liberty to make timely and informed decisions. You have a right to know who will be living there as that person or persons will have a responsibility to comply with the con-dominium documents and your condominium bylaws should so

Q: I live in a detached con-dominium and want to install a high-voltage station in my unit to provide for an electric vehicle. Do I need permission from the associa-

A: It depends on your condominium documents as to who is responsible for the electrical network in your condominium and whether the association is responsible for the exterior of your building. It is probably a good idea to consider this giv-en the influx of electric vehicles. Homeowners who install residential charging equipment before the end of 2016 can receive a federal income tax credit up to \$1,000. There may also be a further incentive by your municipality, utility or other governmental agency. I anticipate that future condo buyers will likely have more options for buildings with communal charges, but since you are a separately detached con-do, it may not affect you unless the association decides to consider a communal charger.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. Visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Competitive housing market puts crimp on buyer options

After steadily increasing for three straight months, pending home sales let up in May and declined year-overyear for the first time in al-most two years, according to the National Association of Realtors. All four major regions experienced a cutback in contract activity last

The Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking in-dicator based on contract dicator based on contract signings, slid 3.7 percent to 110.8 in May from a downwardly revised 115.0 in April and is now slightly lower (0.2 percent) than May 2015 (111.0). With last month's decline, the index reading is still the third highest into a section of the signer in the next teach but highest in the past year, but declined year-over-year for the first time since August

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says pending sales slumped in May across most of the country. "With demand holding firm this spring and homes selling even faster than a year ago, the notable increase in closings in recent months took a dent out of what was available for sale in May and ultimately dragged down

contract activity," he said.
"Realtors are acknowledging with increasing frequency lately that buyers continue to be frustrated by the tense competition and lack of affordable homes for sale in their market.

Supply is scant

Despite mortgage rates hovering around three-year lows for most of the year, Yun says scant supply and swiftly rising home prices — which surpassed their all-time high last month — are creating an availability and affordability crunch that's preventing what should be a more robust pace of sales.

"Total housing inventory at the end of each month has remarkably decreased yearover-year now for an entire year," added Yun. "There are simply not enough homes coming onto the market to

catch up with demand and to keep prices more in line with

inflation and wage growth."
Looking ahead to the second half of the year, Yun says the fallout from the U.K.'s decision to leave the European Union breeds both immediate opportunity as well as potential headwinds for the U.S.

housing market.
"In the short term, volatility in the financial markets could very likely lead to even lower mortgage rates and increased demand from foreign buyers looking for a safer place to invest their cash," he said. "On the other hand, any prolonged market angst and further economic uncertainty overseas could negatively impact our economy and end tempering the overall ap petite for home buying.

In spite of last month's step back in contract signings, existing-home sales this year are still expected to be around 5.44 million, a 3.7 percent boost from 2015. After accelerating to 6.8 percent a year

ago, national median existing-home price growth is forecast to slightly moderate to between 4 and 5 per-

Regional breakdown

The PHSI in the Northeast dropped 5.3 percent to 93.0 in May, and is now unchanged from a year ago. In the Midwest, the index slipped 4.2 percent to 108.0 in May, and is now 1.8 per-

cent below May 2015. Pending home sales in the South declined 3.1 per-cent to an index of 126.6 in May but are still 0.6 percent higher than last May. The index in the West decreased 3.4 percent in May to 102.6, and is now 0.1 per-

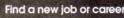
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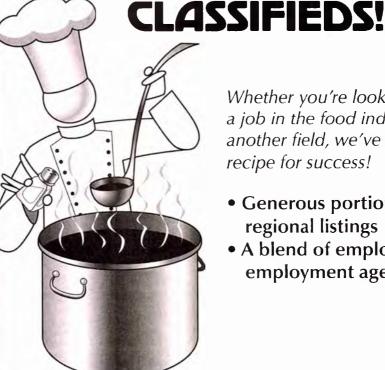
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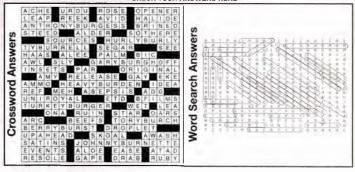
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