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**ANNUAL ROAD RUNNER CLASSIC SET FOR MAYBURY STATE PARK**  
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**FILE PHOTO**  
Jane Biestek, a real-life Rosie the Riveter, helped build B-24 bombers during World War II. She was among the "Rosies" honored last year at a five-kilometer run in Livonia; a number of real-life Rosies will be recognized July 20 during the Norwayne Homefront Celebration in Westland.

## Event honors Rosies, historic neighborhood

Patriotic songs, flyover to mark Norwayne founding

**Matt Jachman**  
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A historic Westland neighborhood will honor its roots and the role its residents played in winning World War II.

The second Norwayne Homefront Celebration, featuring performances of patriotic songs, an address by Mayor William Wild and a flyover by a

B-25 bomber, is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at the Jefferson-Barnes Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey in Westland.

The event will mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of Norwayne, a community established in 1942 to house defense industry workers, particularly those who worked at the Willow Run manufacturing complex near Ypsilanti, and their families.

The federal government built the neighborhood, including homes, schools, a com-

mercial area and eventually a church, in response to a housing shortage caused by swelling employment rolls at defense plants. War workers rented their homes from the government; after the war, they were sold off, with returning veterans getting first preference.

"It was one of the first fully contained communities ever built," said Henry Johnson, chairman of the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, which, along with the city, is sponsoring the Homefront

Celebration.

Norwayne is bounded roughly by Palmer, Wildwood, Merriman and Glenwood and the Lower Rouge Parkway, according to the National Park Service. The neighborhood was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2013.

This year's celebration — the first was in 2015, marking the 70th anniversary of the war's end — will honor Rosie the Riveter, the iconic Everywoman who represents the

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Kristie Keene and daughter Alison Keene leave Art in the Park with a few purchases. Kristie carries a window, converted into a shadow box filled with dried flowers.

## Artistic atmosphere draws thousands to festival

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Jodi Lynn Burton has enjoyed coming to Plymouth's Art in the Park for years, but as a spectator with her mom.

This year, Burton — who specializes in "doodles" and drawings of cities, people and places — was there as a vendor, the proprietor of Jodi Lynn's Emporium of Doodles.

At her booth on Ann Arbor Trail, Burton was having a good time selling her wares. It's her first time selling at Michigan's second largest art fair.

"My parents convinced me to do it," said Burton, who runs her studio out of

her 350-square-foot apartment in Detroit. "As I've started to do more fairs, I thought I'd do this one, too. I do a lot of stuff that speaks to people. It's something that's very nostalgic."

She was one of more than 400 vendors populating the streets for the 38th annual art festival, which welcomed artists from around the U.S., offering paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, glass, woodwork, photography and folk art, among other items.

Tim Bailey of Bradenton, Fla., spends his summers traveling the country doing similar shows. Plymouth Art in the Park is

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Late afternoon brought crowds to Art in the Park, in spite of steamy temperatures.

## Livonia returns to help Detroit in Life Remodeled project

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Livonia residents will descend en masse to another Detroit neighborhood this summer.

The city, Livonia Public Schools and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, all in partnership with Life Remodeled, have organized a second volunteer day to help clean up another neighborhood.

Life Remodeled will spend one week, July 31 to Aug. 5, in the neighborhood surrounding Detroit's Central High School, which is west of the Lodge Freeway and east of Livernois. The neighborhood is near the location of the 1967 riot, which is being remembered for its 50th anniversary this year.

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright, who helped last year when Livonia went to help clean up the neighborhood around Denby High School, said Detroit's success is important to everyone around. Going and helping is just one way Livonia residents can give back.

"Good neighbors help each other," said Wright, who grew up in Detroit. "There was a lot I felt we accomplished and I thought the response we got from the neighborhood itself, people stopping and tooting their horns at us and giving us high-fives, it just helped things out."

Life Remodeled's goal for the neighborhood includes assembling 12,000 volunteers during that week to clean up 300 city blocks and board up 300 vacant houses. In addition, the organization seeks to transform Durfee Elementary-Middle School, 2470 Collingwood, into a "community innovation center."

"With your help, we're going

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## FESTIVAL

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always on his schedule. Bailey, who designs hand-painted and silk-screened cotton tops, said he likes the way the show is organized.

"It's a good layout, with a lot of people, and it's well-run," said Bailey, whose designs all start as pen-and-ink drawings. "It does pretty well for me, certainly in my top 10."

Cheryl Kniffen of Livonia strolled the streets looking at all the booths, not necessarily looking for anything in particular — "Whatever catches my eye," she said.

She ended up buying a lawn ornament on which she plans to hang a hummingbird feeder and a plant. She said it's not necessarily about what you buy.

"I was just looking," she said. "It gets bigger every year and it's a good atmosphere."

It's an atmosphere downtown Plymouth



Detail of Ella Pierzecki working on her TGIF art shoes.

knows how to produce and it's one that officials count on for bringing visitors back more than once. The fair had a chance to draw a lot, since thousands of people crowded downtown streets over the weekend.

Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said festivals like Art in the Park help draw visitors not only from Plymouth, but from around the region.

"They come not only for the art fair, but for the restaurants and they see what Plymouth has to offer on a daily basis," Bruscato said. "We hope



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM  
Avery Olds and Lily Rork are volunteers at the Art in the Park mural project. Alexander Radziszewski, 3, helps the girls with the painting.

they like what they see and come back."

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## PROJECT

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to re-purpose this 90-year-old school building into a dynamic community innovative center," Chris Lambert, Life Remodeled CEO, said in a video posted on the organization's website. "Imagine a place where students can get access to real-world, hands-on education."

Livonia Councilman Scott Bahr said he plans on returning to help volunteer after doing so last year. He said he hopes to see much more than the roughly 75 people who came last year to help in the project.

"Anybody that did it last year raved about the experience and we had a real strong showing last year from Livonia," he said. "I think rather just have that be a flash in the pan, I want to turn it

around and build on that success. I'd love to see three buses filled."

For the Livonia day to volunteer, those interested can sign up via [ci.livonia.mi.us](http://ci.livonia.mi.us) through Friday. The day will begin at 8 a.m. with Livonia Public Schools buses taking volunteers from behind the LPS administration building at 15125 Farmington. The day will end with volunteers being returned to the school offices at 5 p.m. Volunteers may also drive themselves.

Participants will partake in physical work and should wear long pants, close-toed shoes and work gloves. Hats and sunscreen are encouraged. Tools, a T-shirt, water and lunch will be provided by Life Remodeled.

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### ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-19 July 5, 2017

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rowe, Miller, Rhaesa, Porter, Sanders & Gabriel. MEMBERS ABSENT: Sutton. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVED: agenda: minutes of Regular City Council meetings of June 20 & July 4, 2017 as printed; bid to Blue Star for 35132 Mich. Ave. W.; bid to Nationwide Cons. Group for Goudy Park fence; bid to HP SNAP Investments & FPJ Investment for housing rehab; Youth Services Director contract; resolution to oppose radioactive waste disposal. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned to Closed Session at 8:50p.m. Returned to open session at 9:00p.m. Adjourned at 9:30p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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### ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-18 July 4, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was not held on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. as the meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. due to the 4th of July Holiday.

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women who worked in defense plants throughout the country.

Johnson said that up 20 "real Rosies" are expected to attend. "They're going to have a significant role in this," he said. Also attending will be "Rosebuds," or the offspring of war workers.

During the celebration, the design for a permanent Rosie the Riveter monument will be unveiled. Johnson said supporters need to raise money for the monument.

The flyover by the B-25 will be provided by the Yankee Air Museum.

A raffle is being held for a chance to ride in the plane during the flyover. There will be two winners, and all raffle tickets will include admission and parking for a day at the museum's Thunder Over Michigan air show, featuring the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, set for three separate days, Saturday, Sept. 2, Sunday, Sept. 3, and Monday, Sept. 4, at Willow Run Airport.

Raffle tickets are \$50 (only 75 are to be sold) and available by calling Johnson at 734-334-0042. The drawing is at 11 a.m. Saturday at Wayne-Ford Civic League; ticket-buyers need not be present to win.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Support Schaefer for Westland council**

Over the past several years, I have had the opportunity to get to know Joe Schaefer, candidate for Westland City Council. There are many reasons why Joe would make an exemplary city council member for Westland. Joe is a life-long Westland resident and graduate from John Glenn High. He holds two degrees from Wayne State University: economics and political science. Joe is a compassionate and dedicated volunteer around the Detroit area, working for organizations like Forgotten Harvest.

Over the past several years, I have gotten to know Joe as community leader and an advocate for many important causes and issues. I first worked with Joe directly on the Michigan for Bernie Sanders campaign in May 2017. In March 2017, when five of our librarians were fired from their jobs at the Westland Public Library, I again found myself on the ground floor of community activism, working alongside Joe.

From the start, I could tell that Joe was the kind of person who wanted to be at the forefront of creating meaningful, positive change in his community. When the librarians were unjustly terminated from our library in March, I saw Joe step up and take the lead on the situation. He coordinated alongside former Westland Librarian Kristy Cooper and several of the librarians affected to address the troubling issues at the library and ensure resolutions were brought about.

Together, Joe and the librarians rallied the community and many of Westland's elected leaders in support of this important cause. With engaged residents and elected leaders at their side, they organized informational rallies, worked to ensure that a fair union vote went through for the workers at the library, advocated for improved working conditions, and fought for the rehire of the terminated librarians. Thanks to the tireless efforts of concerned community leaders like Schaefer, a resolution came about.

As a community advocate and leader, Joe has the honesty and integrity needed to take a clear look at each situation with careful study and critical thought. He leads with an independent voice, influenced by the good he can do for others and by what is the right course of action to take in each situation.

When you fill out your absentee ballot or go to the polls on Aug. 8 to cast your vote in the Westland primary election, I hope you cast a vote for Joe Schaefer.

Mike McDermott  
Westland

**Keep an eye on officials**

In this letter, I speak of the city of Wayne, but it could be said of any American city.

I paraphrase Gov. Charles Hughes of New York with these remarks.

No one should try to wriggle out of responsibility. Citizens can only remedy things by paying attention and carrying their duties as citizens. You are not fit to solve national problems if you can't fix the things going on right at your front door.

Things around here have been left to run themselves for a long time and now it's got to be corrected. You must show your state and the country that you, the people, run your own

city. You must give thought and attention to those you select to represent you in municipal, county and state affairs as well. Keep an eye on them so they keep an eye on the ball and keep it moving. They need to carry out your ideas — you are not in their service.

In this way it doesn't matter who is on this side or that side at any given time because the people of our city will win. Popular ideas and the popular vote should direct what is to be done.

We cannot have, and have not had for some time, the correct operation of our local elected government because the offices have been filled by persons who are playing games. They are not doing their pledged work.

They need to do their duty in accordance with the laws of our state.

Alfred Brock  
Wayne

**Supports ending Paris plan**

Despite general left-wing hysteria, President Donald Trump did the courageous and correct thing by keeping his campaign promise to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement.

As expected, Trump's decision was immediately criticized by climate zealot Al Gore, whose 2006 documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" should have been entitled "Inconvenient Errors" in retrospect. Gore predicted that the world would reach "a point of no return" in 10 years because of significantly rising temperatures (temperatures have not risen significantly in 11 years), the polar ice cap would melt (just the opposite, it has been growing), and there would be more violent hurricanes (just the opposite — not even one F3+ hurricane has made landfall in the U.S. since 2005).

Most citizens have no idea what the Paris Climate Agreement contains. In addition, it was never approved by Congress and for good reason.

Basically, it is just a thinly-veiled attempt by other countries to gain an economic advantage over the United States (China and India are not planning to do anything about the climate for at least the next decade, if ever). It seeks to transfer \$100 billion in wealth to poor countries for "climate aid" by 2020 (watch the corruption). NERA Economic Consulting just completed a study which indicated that the Paris Climate Agreement would cost the U.S. economy almost \$3 trillion and more than 6 million jobs by 2040, primarily in the industrial and energy sectors.

This agreement was definitely not a good deal for the American people.

Randy Kniebes  
Brighton

**Free market health care myth**

I'm tired of hearing from elected officials who believe that a free market works for health care. They say competition will lower prices.

Except for Medicare and Medicaid, we have a free market system; costs keep increasing. There is a man I know with diabetes. To control his glucose, his doctor changed his medication to a more expensive one. His insurance company caps the amount they will pay in a year, so in August he has to pay the full cost. He drives to Windsor and finds the same medication over the counter for less than a quarter of what he would pay in the U.S.

So why are drug prices less in Canada? They have price controls

and everyone has health insurance through the government. Every developed country in the world except the U.S. provides these benefits to all of their citizens. The free market only works when people have a choice as to whether or not they will buy a product. If the price is too high, they go without. If the man with diabetes doesn't take his insulin, he dies.

Pharmaceutical companies are making profits in price-controlled countries; prices were negotiated. In countries where there is insurance through the government, are people being well served? Yes. The World Health Organization analyzes and rates health care of nations. The United States ranks 37th. Thirty-five ranked higher have universal coverage.

The Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare) is a combination of government and corporate insurance. Prices for corporate insurance and drugs keep increasing, because there are no price controls. Medicare is a government insurance program that has worked very well since 1965 for those 65 and older. Under part B, Medicare pays 80 percent of approved amounts for medical services and procedures. In essence the "approved amount" is a price control. People can pay the remaining 20 percent or purchase a Medigap policy. I bought a Medigap policy and the monthly premium has increased 53 percent in the last seven years.

Those in favor of The American Health Care legislation say it will reduce costs and be a better plan than Obamacare. Both have major flaws. What needs to be done is to expand Medicare so it covers everyone, and set price controls on prescription drugs, medical care and insurance premiums.

The free market works well in some areas, but not for medical care. Everyone needs health care, so let's view health insurance as a right, not a privilege.

Ann Abdo  
Livonia

**Choosing license plates**

Patrick Colbeck calls Gov. Snyder's recent veto "utterly disgraceful." The veto put the kibosh on Colbeck's scheme to put that "Right to Life" groups propaganda on our license plates.

Colbeck, in my estimation, is the most ineffective lawmaker ever to serve our area. Pushing his religious beliefs on others is exactly what makes him so ineffective.

Now, he has aspirations of being governor. I would think he would be better suited to preach from a pulpit somewhere instead of the hallowed halls of the capital. Or, perhaps, move to D.C. and work for Mike Pence.

But who knows? With the likes of Bill Schuette and Brian Calley on the Republican primary ballot, maybe he has a shot at the nomination.

James Huddleston  
Canton

**Don't drop health care**

Trump's latest tweet calls for repeal of the Affordable Health Care Act now and replacement later. According to the Congressional Budget Office, an arm of Congress, 32 million Americans would immediately be without health care with repeal only. This is up from the CBO scoring that 23 million would lose coverage under the U.S.

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## Suspect allegedly assaulted employees

David Veselenak  
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Livonia police have arrested a suspect accused of assaulting some store employees while taking some merchandise there.

Police say Molly Tourangeau, 35, of Milford was arrested July 5 after she was pulled over for a traffic violation. Tourangeau is the suspect accused of concealing merchandise in a shopping bag at the Hallmark store at 30959 Five Mile in Livonia back on



Tourangeau

June 26.

Police say she was seen in the store looking at glass candle holders and concealed several of them in a bag. Police say she was confronted by a store employee about the merchandise and a struggle between the two ensued, with a Snoopy candle holder falling and striking the employee in the head. The suspect then left the store.

Police say she was arrested after committing a traffic violation. Tourangeau was then identified as the suspect wanted in connection with the case. She was arrested without incident and evidence related to the case was recovered in

the vehicle.

Tourangeau was charged July 6 in Livonia's 16th District Court with unarmed robbery. If convicted, she faces up to 15 years in prison.

She was given a \$50,000/10-percent bond and remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail as of Friday afternoon.

A probable cause conference is expected to take place at 9 a.m. Thursday. A preliminary examination will take place at 9 a.m. July 20. Both hearings will take place at 16th District Court.

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### LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

#### Radio taken from vehicle

Livonia police were called July 6 to Menards, 12701 Middlebelt, on the report of a larceny from auto that took place in the parking lot.

The victim, who works at the store, parked her vehicle in the southeast portion of the parking lot. She wrapped up her shift and went out to her car, only to find some glass fell out behind her when she got in. She then found a rear passenger window had been smashed and someone had taken her in-dash radio and navigation system. She said the only suspicious activity seen on camera was another employee who parked his vehicle near hers for a short time and then parked it elsewhere.

#### Purse stolen

A shopper at CVS, 8811 Newburgh, came into the police station July 5 to report her purse missing.

She said she bought some items and went out to her car. She got into her vehicle and drove home. It was not until

she was home that she could not locate her purse. She drove back to the store, but could not locate the purse, which contained cash, her cellphone, credit cards and her driver's license. She tracked her phone, which was in her purse, and saw it was last on Colonial Drive in Westland.

#### Shoplifting suspect arrested

Police were called July 5 to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

A store employee told police the suspect was seen selecting several cosmetic items and looked up at the security camera before concealing the items in her purse. She took several items, including some reading glasses, colored pencils and a jewelry repair kit. She then went to a checkout area and bought some of the items, but not all of them. She was stopped and detained until police arrived. She was arrested and released at the scene with a citation.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

### LETTERS

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House version of Trump-care and but 22 million lose coverage under the Senate version.

The CBO is a bipartisan extension of Congress and the best official scoring of proposed legislation. The CBO works for Congress and to dispute there scoring of legislation is simply politically irresponsible and ridiculous.

The immediate impact would be felt in Medicaid recipients which I am sure Trump has no clue of the coverage. Medicaid and expanded Medicaid, provides health care to the working poor, poor kids, kids in foster care, the elderly, blind and handicapped not covered by Medicare, nursing home residents and pregnant women, to name but a few.

Trump's repeal only decision is grossly irresponsibly and for the 32 million American who will be rendered without health coverage, is tantamount to domestic terrorism. I do not say this lightly, but can think of no other adequate descriptive terms.

Gerald Maxey  
Farmington Hills

### Metro West seeks grant requests from nonprofits

Michigan's Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions is seeking applications from nonprofit organizations in need of financial grants of up to \$2,500 to support local community improvement activities in Wayne or Washtenaw counties. This year, the chapter will award a total of at least \$17,700.

Nonprofit organizations that did not receive a grant in 2016 are eligible to apply and must complete an online application at <http://metrowest.mcul.org/2017-charity-grant-application> by Aug. 4. Email any questions to [charities@michiganlegacycu.org](mailto:charities@michiganlegacycu.org).

Grant recipients will be notified by Aug. 11. Top recipients will be invited to attend and be recognized Aug. 18 at the Metro West Chapter charity golf outing.

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The Smoke Shack's John Caldwell and Ronrico Switzer finish racks of ribs on the grill.

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# CROWDS GREET NEW RED, WHITE AND BBQ FESTIVAL

Organizers of a new event — Red, White and BBQ — got what they wanted: A large, enthusiastic crowd.

The event, a re-branding of Northville's Rib Fest, took place over the weekend at Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park and featured music, food and drink, other family friendly activities, and a fireworks show.

Organizers said they had heard from many people in Livonia, showing a desire to bring an event to the city.

"I think Livonia's a good family town," said

Matt Flynn of Ultimate Fun Productions, one of the companies that managed the event. "It's a great location, centrally located."

Musical offerings included groups such as Cosmic Groove, Metro Soul, Weekend Comeback and AwesomeR, among others.

Ultimate Fun Productions puts on several events across Michigan, including Burgers and Brews Bash in Royal Oak and Brews BBQ Bourbon in Grand Rapids. The event was also produced by Real Detroit Events.



Smoke Shack has won a few awards.

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# 'FORE the Kids' golf outing another ace for MCHS

Supporters from across southeast Michigan gathered on the green to support the work and 100-year legacy of Methodist Children's Home Society during the nonprofit's second annual "FORE the Kids" golf outing June 22 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth. With more than 100 in attendance, the golf outing exceeded fundraising goals to support the growing programs and services MCHS provides to Michigan children and families impacted by child abuse and neglect. The day of fun on the links wrapped up with an awards dinner, with the

Keller Williams team taking first place, the Kienbaum Opperwall Hardy & Pelton, P.L.C. team coming in second and the Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church team in third. "We are so grateful for every supporter, donor, sponsor and volunteer who made our second golf classic successful for the children and families we serve," MCHS CEO Kevin Roach said. "We are even more excited to invite the community to celebrate MCHS's lasting roots and growing legacy at our 100th anniversary event in October." MCHS will host its

centennial celebration to mark its 100th anniversary Oct. 21 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. To reserve tickets in advance, call 313-531-9464 or email badams@mchsmi.org. The "FORE the Kids" event was supported by sponsors PharmaScript; The Brice Group at Graystone Consulting; Vision Computer Solutions; DTE Energy; Inteva Products; Kienbaum Opperwall Hardy & Pelton, P.L.C. Attorneys and Counselors; Guy Hurley Insurance and Surety Services; Advantage Living Solutions; Dykema; The E&L Construction Group; and Oswald. Proceeds from the



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Golfers queue up to tee off at MCHS's second annual "FORE the Kids" golf outing with "mulligan balloons" in tow at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

event benefit MCHS's programs serving children and families impacted by childhood trauma by providing individualized treatment, care, advocacy and per-

manency. Through educational services, personalized therapy and recreational opportunities, MCHS is building a community where every child and family has a

safer and brighter future. For 100 years, MCHS, a nonprofit organization, has offered foster care and adoption placement, residential treatment and transitional living programs for children who have survived child abuse and neglect. MCHS finds safe, caring homes for children across southeast Michigan and also provides vital therapies, educational services and life skills training. Located in Redford, MCHS is a secular 501(c)3 organization, serving children and families of every creed, background and lifestyle.

## WAYNE COUNTY EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com.

### 'Princess and the Pea'

Bring the whole family to the youth production of "The Princess and the Pea" at Inspire Theater, 33455 Warren in Westland. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. July 13-15 and 2 p.m. July 15-16. For tickets, visit inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com.

The story: A prince journeyed around the world searching for a princess to marry, but none were right. So he returned to his castle, footsore and heartsick. One stormy night, a beautiful girl came knocking, claiming she was a princess. The queen was doubtful, and places a tiny pea underneath twenty mattresses, knowing that only a true princess would be able to feel it. The next morning when the girl exclaimed that she had slept terribly — the kingdom knew that she was indeed a real princess, and she and the prince lived happily ever after.

### Online academy info session

Michigan Online Academy, a new tuition-free, virtual school serving the entire state, is hosting an information session for families interested in learning about its online program



Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz will be featured Tuesday, July 25, in the Jazz @ The Elks series.

and individualized approach to education. The information session is set for 5 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Airtime Trampoline Park, Party Room, 36901 Warren Road in Westland.

Families interested in enrolling for the 2017-18 school year are encouraged to attend to learn more about the school and speak with school leadership.

Michigan Online Academy is authorized by Stephenson School District and supported by A3 Education Group to provide K-12 students statewide an individualized approach to education.

### Wellness, heart attack survivors' event

On July 19, Garden City Hospital is hosting a free health, wellness and heart attack survivors' recognition event at the

City of Westland Building, 36300 Warren Road in Westland. The event starts at 1 p.m. and will include a special recognition ceremony, "Meet the Experts" panel discussion, health screenings, a heart-healthy cooking demonstration and free refreshments for participants.

The event is open to members of the public touched by heart disease or who are interested in learning about reducing risks. Attendees will be eligible for a drawing for a door prize.

The event follows the ribbon cutting for the hospital's new elective interventional cardiac angioplasty, or PCI program in May of this year.

Garden City Hospital is a 176-bed community hospital in Garden City with a full range of services and off-site locations.

For more information, visit gch.org.

### Cows at the Opera

The Wayne Historical Society is hosting a behind the scenes look into the Detroit Institute of Art with a program called Cows at the Opera and other Museum Mysteries. The public is invited at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, to the Wayne Historical Museum to hear DIA speaker Dolly Bondarian, who will give a talk and a slide presentation.

We are celebrating art in the city of Wayne with the Wayne Main Street Program called DIA, Inside | Out. The museum is at One Towne Square in Wayne. There is no charge to attend, but donations are appreciated. For more information, visit the Wayne Historical Society Facebook page.

### Maker Fun Factory

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will offer Maker Fun Factory VBS from 9 a.m. to noon July 24-28. All children ages 3 (must be potty trained) through fifth grade are welcome. Cost is \$25 and includes a T-shirt (if registered before July 1). Register at www.holytrinitylivonia.org/vbs.aspx or at the church. Availability is limited for preschool children.

Holy Trinity is at 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, call Deb LaFontaine at 734-464-0211 or email VBS@holytrinitylivonia.org.

### LTU graduate, transfer student open house

Lawrence Technological University will host an open house for prospective graduate and transfer students 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, July 13, on its Southfield campus, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road. Ample free parking is available.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and tour LTU's campus. Hors d'oeuvre will be served.

Applicants are encouraged to bring their unofficial transcripts and resume to begin the application process at the open house. During the event, the application fee will be waived.

To register, call 248-204-3160, email admissions@ltu.edu, or go to www.ltu.edu/event. For more information, go to www.ltu.edu/futurestudents.

### RU summer food program

The Redford Union Schools, District No. 1, announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public edu-

cational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites listed below:

» Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puritan, Redford: Monday through Thursday through Aug. 3. Breakfast will be served 7:15-8:45 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

» Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch: Monday through Friday through Aug. 25. Breakfast will be served 8:30-9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### St. Rafka Maronite Festival

St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church will hold its fourth annual church festival from 4-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, and 1-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6. The church is at 32765 Lyndon St. in Livonia. Admission and parking are free.

Families can celebrate the best aspects of Middle Eastern and American culture together in one place. This two-day event features homemade Middle Eastern food, premium bar, live music, dancing, children's activities, hookah lounge and henna tattoos. Live music will be performed by The Pulse, Zein Wazani, Exit 69 and Usama Baalbaki. Children's activities include a bounce house, giant slide, obstacle course, face painting, video game trailer and petting farm (petting farm Sunday only).

For more information, visit www.saintrafkafestival.com.

### Canton's front porch

Throughout July the public is invited to stop by the Canton Public Library's Front Porch to relax, sip some lemonade and connect with your neighbors. Dates: 4-5 p.m. July 13; 1-2 p.m. July 24; 7-8 p.m. July 27; and 10-11 a.m. July 31.

Rocking chairs will be on the porch, along with the conversation starter jar, throughout the month of July. So even when we're not there with lemonade, you're still invited to kick back and enjoy.

For more information, contact program librarian Laura Fawcett at fawcettl@cantonpl.org or 734-397-0999, ext. 1079.

### Drop-in art workshop

A free DIA Creative Drop-In Art Workshop for Kids in Wayne is set for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 14. The DIA is bringing a drop-in art workshop to downtown Wayne, Knights of Columbus No. 3021, Notre Dame Lounge, 3144 S. Wayne Road.

This is the perfect opportunity for kids, creatives and those

young at heart to get out and be part of something cool in our own backyard, organizers say. Space and supplies will be limited. To RSVP, go to <http://bit.ly/2rZ8s9I>.

### Patriot Golf Day

The inaugural Patriot Golf Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth, to benefit Folds of Honor.

Tickets are \$125 and include 18 holes of golf with a cart, open driving range, lunch at the turn, event dinner with open bar and awards. Contests include hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin, gift raffle, 50/50 raffle, mulligan and skins.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Lunch at the turn is 10:30 a.m. and dinner and awards are at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, email [foldsmichigan@gmail.com](mailto:foldsmichigan@gmail.com).

### Wayne Concerts in the Park

The Wayne Rotary Club will again be sponsoring the Concert in the Park series, which takes place at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday from July 26 through Aug. 30 at Goudy Park in downtown Wayne. There will also be a special show for Downtown Days at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 14, featuring Steve King and the Ditties.

The schedule includes: July 26, Toppermost, Beatles tribute band; Aug. 2, War Machine, KISS tribute band; Aug. 9, Kung Fu Diesel, rock 'n' roll; Aug. 16 - The Magic Bus Tour, Woodstock era; Aug. 23 - Your Generation in Concert, tribute band; and Aug. 30, Dirty Deeds Extreme, AC/DC tribute band.

All concerts are free and vendors will be available selling food and drinks.

### Historic park event

Westland Historic Village Park is hosting a Summer Bonanza event from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 24. There will be vendors, games, food and re-enactors. Organizers hope to make this an annual event. Park at John Glenn and take the shuttle to the museum. For more information, call 734-756-0769.

### Livonia Summer Fun Series

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department is adding family fun to Tuesdays this summer. The Summer Fun Series features inflatables, games and food along with an outdoor family concert or movie at 6 p.m. each Tuesday through Aug. 8.

The fun continues at Rotary Park (Six Mile and Hubbard) at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, as The Kerfuffles take the stage.

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

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During the school year, the 2015 Novi Detroit Catholic Central High grad excels for the Aquinas College men's lacrosse team, as he earned NAIA second team All-America honors as a defensive midfielder while leading the Saints to their most successful season in school history.

Diederich admits he likes to golf and fish during the summer, but spends most of his time working as a licensed



Diederich

insurance agent for TDA Insurance & Financial in Novi.

"I've worked at my parents' insurance agency the past five summers now and plan on taking it over," said Diederich, an associate who just recently earned three insurance industry scholarship awards. "I do a little bit of everything, just trying to get a grasp on how the agency runs, really, is what I've been doing. I'm a full-time producer, so I'm in a normal role of any employee, but I also work a lot of the renewals. So I just kind of hop

around and do as much stuff as I can to learn as much as I can when I'm young."

Diederich, who will be a junior this fall, is majoring in business administration and marketing and it appears he is already well ahead of the curve when it comes to his career path.

"It's something I enjoy doing and coming home to, especially having the family business thing," said Diederich, who made the dean's list at Aquinas. "It's been life-touching to me to take what my parents (Mark and Sherry) started and see my future with it. We

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Dan Diederich jumps for joy after Aquinas upset top seed Indiana Tech.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL



Former Catholic Central football standout Mike Martin instructs a young player at his 2016 football camp.

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## Former Shamrocks player Martin's camp about hope

Ex-Wolverines star hosts camp July 16 at Detroit Catholic Central

Mark Snyder  
Detroit Free Press

Mike Martin remembers the limitations.

He had a comfortable childhood, but there was not a lot of wiggle room.

So now that the former Michigan defensive tackle has experienced professional success, playing four NFL seasons, he's extending hope to other kids.

Martin's summer football camp returns Sunday, July 16, but there will be a few changes as he shifts the focus. No longer in Ann Arbor, it will take place at his alma mater, Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

"Myself growing up in Detroit, near Belle Isle at Jefferson and Van Dyke, I never had the opportunity to go to any camps because we didn't have any money," he said. "All the money went towards feeding me and towards school, because I went to private Catholic school. There were no opportunities. So



Former Wolverines player Mike Martin (left) will stage a youth football camp July 16 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

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## LITTLE LEAGUE

## South Farmington teams win district titles

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A pair of teams will proudly represent South Farmington Little League in state competition this weekend.

The SFLM Majors (12-under) will play in the girls softball state tournament starting Friday in St. Clair. Head coach Steve Dickson's squad earned the organization's first ever softball championship after sweeping Holly in a best-of-five series last week to capture the District 4 championship.

"It's definitely been an experience. I really wanted that banner," said Dickson, who has been involved in the South Farmington Little League for the past 15 years. "Of course, being the first one that was pretty special, needless to say."

In Junior Baseball (13-14) action, South Farmington's boys won the District 4 crown in dominating fashion last Saturday at Drake Park. Head coach Scott Johnson's team outscored its three opponents by a whopping 64-3 margin and now advances to a three-game sectional tournament scheduled to start Saturday at Harrison High School.

It marks the third straight year that South Farmington has captured the District 4 Junior championship.

"It's pretty amazing because we were actually thinking about getting out of Little League five years ago when I joined the board, but now we have three straight district championships," said Johnson, who serves as SFLM president. "And with the softball team winning this year, that actually makes four district championships."

The South Farmington softball team, known as the Lady Bombers, was led by the pitching tandem of Warner and Power middle school students Sophia Ramold and Jackie Hoerner.

The Lady Bombers got the tournament started in exciting fashion with a late-inning rally that produced a 3-2 victory. With Sammy Hoffer and Jackie Hoerner on second and third base in their final at-bat, Hannah Smith laid down a bunt that Holly misplayed and allowed both runners to score.

South Farmington won the second game, 10-8, with the help of extra-base hit production from Emily Dickson, Autumn Bartlett and Hoffer. Macee Babb, after being down 0-2 in the count, drew a walk with a 12-pitch at-bat which seemed to spark the Lady Bombers offense.

The Lady Bombers took the third game in decisive fashion, 15-3. It featured a home run from Ramold and a pair of doubles from Kendall Carr. Hoffer made a great defensive play in center field to end an inning.

"We played in a tournament with Holly, but we didn't get to play them and we got to see them play and they saw us play before we actually played each other," said Dickson, assisted by Jen Orow and Tom Hoerner. "I'm just so proud of these girls because they've really worked hard. It's a bit surreal, for sure, because we weren't sure we were going to have a team and it's just a

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## PREP POM

# South Lyon squad earns summer camp awards

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The 2017-18 South Lyon varsity came away with three awards, including a first place in original pompon routine, at the Mid American Pompon Summer Camp held June 22-25 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

South Lyon, coached by Katee Buddenborg and Emily Thomas, also earned awards for team unity and team showmanship out of 15 squads.

Meanwhile, the new freshman and sophomore team members competed in the intermediate division and

received a grand champions trophy for first place in speed learning, kick line and original routine.

Senior team members for South Lyon are Emma Campbell, Allison Havrilla, Danielle Havrilla, Katie Jakubik, Evelyn Keller, Bailey Papich and Jenna Potter.

Junior team members are Evelyn Arnold, Caroline Badrak, Ashley Cox, Nina Ravindran, Kamdyn Price, Bella Ruddy, Molly Thomas and Taylor Vitori.

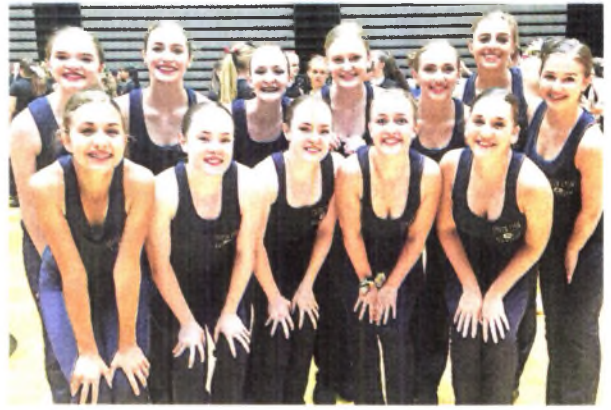
They are joined by sophomores Elyssa Haas, Emily Manriquez, Abbie Martin, Izzie Mckercher, Kennedy Niedbala, Morgan Rende, Shannon Richardson, Jenna

Stanfield, Lilliana Vangelov and Kim Wyman.

Rounding out the squad are freshmen Bella Campbell, Delaney Chapuseaux, Erin Ellis, Leah Evangelista, Ally Furstenau, Jessica Genord, Alex Leonardo, Mackenzie Pagels, Ashley Pickl, Lacey Smith and Makayla Sullivan.

Among those trying out and earning Mid American All Star honors were Sullivan, Vangelov, Arnold, Ruddy, Thomas, Badrak, Furstenau, Allison Havrilla, Danielle Havrilla, Potter and Campbell.

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Twelve members of the South Lyon varsity earned Mid American Pompon Summer Camp All Star honors.



The South Farmington Little League's Lady Bombers squad captured its first district championship in history last week. Team members include Macee Babb, Autumn Bartlett, Kendall Carr, Emily Dickson, Cassidy Fenton, Desserre Glenn, Jackie Hoerner, Samantha Hoffer, Katie Kowalyk, Sela Lefler, Emily Luke, Anna Orow, Sophia Ramold and Hannah Smith.

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great group of girls."

South Farmington will play its first game at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Legacy Fields in St. Clair. Its next games are scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Junior Baseball squad was led by three players who all batted over .500 in the three games — third baseman Vince Hardy, first baseman Jack Donehue and catcher/pitcher/infielder Tyler Johnson.

The pitching staff of Gabe Smith, Mike Crawley and Johnson was superb as it allowed just six hits combined in 13 total innings.

"I didn't actually expect to dominate the way we did," Johnson said. "We're not an overpowering team. We don't hit home runs every game, but we just put the ball in play every game and try to play a small-ball game."

"We just kept going. The kids were focused and the end result was there, I guess," he added. "We just got a lot of key hits when we had runners on. It was a total team effort, that's all I can say."



South Farmington Little League's Junior Baseball team won its third straight district championship. Team members include Danny Brenner, Ryan Angeliu, Jack Donehue, Zach Ivanac, Isaac Brendel, Gabe Smith, Steven Ihm, Peter Barraco, Tyler Johnson, Ian Width, Eoin Hubbard, Mike Crawley, Vince Hardy and Jonah Musial.

South Farmington's will play the Taylor Little League representative in a best-of-three section series, with the winner advancing to the eight-team state championship tournament. The teams will play a doubleheader at noon Saturday at Harrison and a third game,

if necessary, would be played at noon Sunday.

Johnson is confident his boys are ready for the sectional.

"With this team, they are pretty focused," Johnson said. "There was a celebration when we won the (district) banner,

but their focus is bigger and better than that. So as long as we keep that attitude, my gut tells me we are moving on to states."

"I'm sure it will be a hard battle, but this team definitely does not have any give-up," he added.

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sell home, auto, commercial, health, life. I'm licensed in everything, pretty much all types of insurance."

During his sophomore season at Aquinas, Diederich was second on the Saints squad with 59 ground balls and caused six turnovers as a defensive midfielder. He scored six goals and added 14 assists for 20 points, while also winning 11 face-offs en route to first team all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors.

Diederich was recruited out of CC as a defender, but his urge to play immediately during his first year with the Saints gave him the opportunity to switch to being a midfielder, something he hadn't done since the sixth grade.

"My freshman year, I came in as a long pole and they were returning three starters and I was just dying to get on the field, so I came to my coach and said I would play short stick 'd-middie,' which I had never done before," Diederich said. "It started just as a chance for me to get out on the field and maybe move back, but I actually fit in really well and I was able to use my athletic ability to be able to play both sides of the field more instead of being stuck down on defense, so it actually worked out pretty well."

The 6-foot-3, 180-pound Diederich, who also played basketball during his days at CC, was able to adapt fairly quickly.

"I don't think it was actually as much the position change as much as getting on the field and getting that chance to play," he said, "and once I got it, I just kind of ran with it and didn't want it give it up."

Aquinas finished 10-5 overall, including 4-3 in the WHAC. The Saints lost 13-6 in the WHAC championship final to Lourdes (Ohio) after upsetting top seed Indiana Tech in the semifinals, 18-17, in overtime.

"We won our first program conference playoff game (in school history), so that was a big step for us. And we got to the conference championship game and fell a little bit short of our goal, but to make that step as a program and get that first playoff win — and get over the hump — was something really special to me and all the guys on the team to be a part of that first playoff win."

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## CAMP

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being able to give kids these opportunities that don't have it — and I know they don't have it — doing stuff like feeding them breakfast, you don't realize it."

This year's Youth Football Gauntlet event has a number of sponsors to keep the cost at \$25, with Meijer serving as presenting sponsor for the 300 participants.

The usual camp elements will be there: instruction from pro and college players (former Wolverines LaMarr Woodley and Brandon Graham among them), T-shirts, autographs, prizes.

But this year's camp has the larger goal for third- through ninth-graders, integrating kids from Detroit's east side communities and providing them with unique experiences: a BMX bike show with ramps and jumps and the Detroit Pistons Flight Crew and their aerial acrobatics.

"For them to see things like that and be in an environment that's nothing like where they're from," Martin said.

"They don't have opportunities to see things like that. That in itself, you remember things like that. You may not remember someone talking at you, but the visuals, it just shows them what's possible. It shows them if I work hard in school, I can go to more stuff like this."

With UAW-Ford as a partner, there's transportation to Novi and some breakfast for the kids in Detroit before they leave from UAW headquarters.

That all may seem small, but as Martin found out from UAW vice president Jimmy Settles, it's a big deal.

"He told me this story: They were at King High School and giving out the breakfast bars," Martin said. "He said kids were fighting over the bars and stuffing them in their pockets. They didn't want them for themselves, they were stuffing them in their pockets to give back to their family when they got home, because they don't have food. So it's the little things you don't think about for kids who don't have

it, because we have it. Also, I want to provide that and give them the mindset that if you work hard, you can have what you want."

There still will be counselors taking time to share experiences — where they came from, where they ended up and how they got there. Many of those stories will relate to the camp attendees, which is Martin's goal. If he saves his for last, they'll be left with a zinger.

Martin played his four years in the NFL for the Tennessee Titans and was on the Philadelphia Eagles roster last year before being waylaid by a leg injury, sending him to the free-agency pile.

Now, he's trying to make

history by returning from a high tibial osteotomy, in which the bone is cut to relieve pressure on the knee. The procedure was performed by noted Chicago orthopedic surgeon Brian Cole.

"They're doing a documentary on it because I'm actually the first NFL player to have this done," said Martin, who is training and rehabbing at former U-M trainer Mike Barwis's Plymouth facility. "He's, like, 'I want to document this because you coming back from this is going to be a big deal.' That's my vision. I get back to kicking (butt) and they're talking on TV that this is the first guy to get something like this done. Pretty cool."

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