## Westland joins opioid lawsuit <br> Drug manufacturers are targets of numerous suits

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Add Westland to the list of cities join ing lawsuits over the opioid crisis that has plagued the nation.
The city council voted unanimously
during its April 16 meeting to join a lawduring its April 16 meeting to join a law-
suit being spearheaded by the Sam Bernstein Law Firm against manufacturers of opioids.
"This is something the city of Westland has been taking a look at for a know a lot of other municipalities have
already
lawsuit
"It's an issue that affects Joining the lawsuit would of us." the city anything out would not cost lawsuit would have a 30 percent the tingency fee.

Westlandjoins several other commu nities in suing manufacturers of opioids, including Canton and Livonia though their lawsuits are being handled
by other law firms. Both Wayne and by other law firms. Both Wayne and
Oakland counties have also filed lawsuits against the manufacturers after hundreds of deaths at the hand of opioids.
If the lawsuit is won against the manufacturers, cities such as Westland hope ing opioid abuse, including first re-

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Enjoying professional wrestling at VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth are (from left) Larry Wright, Aidan Patterson, 10, and Aidan's grandpa, Daniel Patterson. The two men are military veterans who are interested in joining a post. TOM BEAUDOIN

## A TROUBLING TREND

Veterans groups are battling to pump new life into membership

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The venerable Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6695 on Mill Street in Plymouth rocked louder than it has in ages when "Father Time" squared off against Max Morrison during a Friday the 13th card.
"Tick-tock, tick-tock," roared Father Time, believed to be the only blind proessional wrestler, whipping a capacity Wd into frenzy
That sound is apropos. Time could be
running out in military veterans service Vietnam Veterans of America (also located out of Post 6695).
Aging members, coupled with a reluctance of vets in their 20s, 30s and 40 s to get on board, have put storied chapters into jeopardy for long-term rel-
 The VFW
Beaudoin
 it's just not happening event as something that could become a catalyst for new members to perhaps
join something that gives American he-
 Kendall is encouraging others to join veterans organizations. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM
roes a place to meet, share stories, lean on each other during rough times and, yes, enjoy themselves.
"We need to get young people involved and events like this are perfect", said Larry Wright, 56, of Detroit, a U.S. Army veteran. "I see a lot of young people in there today and to get them involved with the post and know and See Veterans, Page 4A

## Cops: Man stole tapestry depicting Last Supper



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missing back on March 15, though Ma- nak@hometownlife.com or 734-678- donna University officials didn't realize and report it to authorities until April and r
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Livonia police say this man is accused of stealing a tapestry depicting the Last Supper from Madonna University. LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT


## Opioids

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sponder resources used to respond to emergencies.

The mass-action litigation will seek reimbursement for taxpayer money
spent on opioid-related responsibilities,
including law enforcement costs such throughgout the United States and it's as Narcan doses, incarceration, prose- prevalent in Wayne County. We're losing
cutorial expenses, lab costs, drug courts
young people every day in Wayne Coun$\begin{array}{ll}\text { cutorial expenses, lab costs, drug courts } & \begin{array}{l}\text { young people every day in Wayne Coun- } \\ \text { etc," said Jim Fausone, Westland's city }\end{array} \\ \text { tye said. "If we can save one life, it's }\end{array}$ etc, said
During the meeting, Garden City Mayor Randy Walker spoke to the West-
land council about the opioid abuse epi-
"We have an opioid epidemic that's worth it."

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## Livonia Community Foundation awards $\mathbf{\$ 4 4 , 6 0 0}$ in grants

The Livonia Community Foundation awarded $\$ 44,600$ in grants at its annua well-attended by donors, grant recipi ents and community leaders.
A committee, chaired again this year by board member Mark Bublitz, reviewed grant applications to decid which ones meet the foundation's mis sion - to promote and develop commu nity resources, properties and civic re publi, prote, supor and pul culual undertakins or to pro mote programs that contribute to the welfare of the community and the needs of its citizens.
"We were pleased to fund the efforts of 11 of Livonia's 501(c)3 organizations, foundation president Brian Meakin said.
The organizations receiving grants this year were:
I Angela Hospice - Honor Our Vets Program
Blessings in a Backpack - weekend eals for students
Greenmead Restoration Trust Fund continued restoration of the 1926
. Livonia Arts Commission - special music program for children during Music from the Heart
I Livonia Civic Chorus - senior out reach and musical interlude programming

II Livonia Family YMCA - summer
 executive director Brian Wolverton, after the $Y$ received a 2018 grant for its summer camp program
camp program
II Livonia Goodfellows - No Child Without A Christmas
I Livonia Kids and Families - Emerson Middle School and Franklin High School food pantries
Livonia Symphony Orchestra programs
II Seedlings Braille Books for Chil-
dren - support for LPS visually im paired program

I Visual Arts Association of Livonia arts education and speakers "This event gives the public a chance to learn about the foundation and these great organizations serving the community," Bublitz said. "We are excited about being able to help the organizations and showcase the efforts of the Livonia


YMCA campers learn about art on a trip to the museum as part of the summer camp programs, funded in part by the LCF grant.

Community Foundation."
The foundation, chartered in 1995, is a permanent endowment, built by citizen and corporate donors to support Livonia's charitable, cultural, arts, hisorical, educational and recreational in the endowment balance was $\$ 32000$ n 1997 , the first year funds were available for grants, it awarded \$1,500
"We are proud to provide this y
44,600 in grants," paid Meakin in his ninth year as president. "Thanks to the generous support from the community over the last 21 years, we have provided grants totaling $\$ 442,785$ to organiza tions serving the residents in Livonia."

Police: Man charged after using fraudulent credit card

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Word of advice if you plan on using a fraudulent credit card: You might no want to do it right in front of a police officer.

That's exactly what happened to a 23 -year-old Canton man during the Holiday Inn Express, 27541 Sco Livonia police were called to the hotel
on an unrelated noise complaint and apThe suspect, Emmanuel Bowden, approached the desk at the same time as the officers, who let Bowden go ahead of them to handle his business.
After Bowden finished, the clerk informed police he attempted to use a Police then left the hotel and went to lo-
 Bowden
cate Bowden, who was found about a on half-mile away. He was arrested after a traffic stop and placed in the back of a squad car, where police said he caused damage to the interior of the vehicle.
He was arraigned April 17 in Livonia's 16th District Court on three felony counts: illegal use of a financial transaction device, one count of possession of a financial transaction device without consent and one count of malicious destruction of police property. If con-
victed, he faces up to four years in pris-

Bond was set at $\$ 20,000 / 10$ percent His info did not show up in the Wayne County Jail inmate search database as of Friday morning.
Bowden is due back in the Livonia courthouse at 9 a.m. Thursday, May 3, for a preliminary examination.
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## Veterans

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know that it's a fun place, we'll encour age them to come to more events.
"Hey, we're getting up there, too. I wish we would have got pulled in a little younger and had a little more time invested. That's what it's going to take, the young people to keep it going. Wright and his cousin, 55 -year-old Daniel Patterson of Southfield, decided to come watch the Pure Pro Wrestling Tickets Foundation's Vet Tix - a nonprofit organization (VetTix.org) that provides tickets to all branches of cur rently-serving military and veterans.

## That's the ticket

Since VetTix was founded in 2008, more than 4.2 million tickets have been given to military, veterans and their amilies throughout the United States. Patterson, a veteran of the U.S. Marines, brought 10 -year-old grandson $\mathrm{Ai}-$ dan (or Belleville) to the wresting event. here is an avid wrestling fan" Pranderson said "So when I saw the tickets come up on Vet Tix, I thought it was a great opportunity to take him out and bring him up close and personal.
"We're having a great time; the first match was very interesting. It was exciting to see the energy that they put on for the two guys getting out there. We can't wait to see the rest of the card."
Among those in the audience was 34-year-old Joel Huren, an active U.S. Air Force recruiter in Toledo who graduated rap a couple the 10 free tickets offered by Pure Pro Wrestling via Vet Tix.
"Our son (Darien, 15) is into wrestl and I watch a little bit of the WWE, so I was, like 'Well, I'll go down and see what's going on,"' Huren said

## Spreading the word

On the marquee in front of Post 6695 was an invite to people to come out for "Sliders and Euchre" each Wednesday night.
Other area posts get right to the point
with their signs "New Members Want with their signs. "New Members WantJames Montgomery Flagg's famous "I


The Kendalls oversee dog therapy sessions for military vets, such as a recent one at Pet Smart in Plymouth.

Want You For U.S. Army recruitment poster of the World War I era. "Marketing's always needed," Huren said. We do it in the air force, as far as There's no doubt that a new spin is needed in order to get younger veterans needed in order to get younger veterans joined the Plymouth VFW in $2017-$ is one guy rolling up his sleeves to get it go-

Otherwise, prospective new members might cruise past Post 6695 and other venues because of "get off my lawn stereotypes.
"I didn't know what those kind of clubs were," Kendall said. "I thought it'd be, like, bingo, old people stuff, you kids in because they'd crab br (them) I've been to bingos bare at (them) I've been to bingos "But when I got in there, I was so well-received and my family was so well-received that I was amazed. In the last year, I've made better friends than I ever have in my life. These guys know what I went through. I know what they went through. And we almost instantly
bonded" bonded."
Perception woes
Benjamin Light, 38, of Detroit VFW Post 2233, agreed there is a perception problem.
"It's not a lot of guys my generatio who take part," Light said. "I think on of the main reasons for that, in the it's an old man's drinking clube) that hink the reason that persists is peop don't understand what it is that the VFW does within the community
"We're very active with youth activ ities, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay competitions every year. Every post is supposed to have a Boy Scout chairman.
We also help veterans get their benefits. That's another component of the VFW. Yet the idea that it's a drinking lub persists."
Kendall pulled the strings on getting et rix for the Pure Pro Wrestling even but he does much more at the post. He helped behind the counter at Friday fish dinners during Lent.
Coming up are karaoke nights May 4 and May 18, as well as participation in the Plymouth Memorial Day parade.
The Plymouth post currently serves
approximately 800 members. That in cludes 315 VFW members, along with auxiliary members (families of veterans) and the VVA.
Kendall said lifetime memberships to the VFW are $\$ 300$-plus, while annual ees are $\$ 40$
know," Kendall said. "They don't know


Daniel Patterson (left) and grandson
Aidan, 10. TOM BEAUDOIN
about that there's something out there for them. I think that's one of the biggest things.
"If we can get them in and they can see they could be a part of something, hard to go we can get more. But it's find them. There's no list; you can't just pick them out of the community. You got pick them out of the community. You got
to do events, like this wrestling, that appeals more to the younger people."

## Doing good work

Each Saturday, Kendall (and wife Kelly, a Pet Smart dog trainer) oversees service dog training sessions for veterans. "Most of the time, the person who said. "We have to evaluate, Kendall whether it meets the minimum qualifications of what we think a service dog should be, whether it be temperament or how it interacts with humans and other animals.

And once we figure out, yes, this dog would be good to train, that doesn't mean it's going to definitely be a service dog. But we start training it. Our motto is, every dog can be a great dog once trained, but not all dogs can be service dogs."
He knows from personal experience just how valuable those sessions with

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Sunday, May 13 at 3 p.m Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day Upper School 22305 W. 13 Mile Road


## Veterans

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canine friends can be. One of the demons Kendall battled after serving in Iraq (2005-06) and Afghanistan (2008-
"I had PTSD real bad so one of the rood things was down in Texas of the was an organization called TADSAW Train a Dog Save a Warrior," Kendall said. "And they actually helped me train my dog to be a service dog. That, and groups of other guys going through the same thing - guys and girls - that helped me the most.
"I've really recovered a lot from what I went through. That's why my wife and I are giving back.'
According to Kendall, "just touching an animal will calm somebody down, animal And we don't train their dogs. They (vets who participate) train their dogs and this gives them a bond to that dog."
Canines are "man's best friend," but military veterans also need other humans who have been through the rigo of combat to be there for them. That is the underlying strength of organiza tions such as the VFW.

## Come on in

Getting out the word that the wel come mat remains out is Kendall's new mission.
"Everybody wants a friend," Kendall said. "But a lot of times, vets come back from war and feel alone, absolutely alone - because nobody understands.
"As much as a civilian wants to help you out, the people that can help you out the most are the people that know what you're going through. Just like AA (Alcoholics Anonymous).

Potential remains to add members with every encounter, intervention and event.
"I don't believe a lot of young people "Inow they're out there," Patterson said. VFW post (in Berkley) and I ride back and forth and l've never been in the hall. "Coming here today, sitting around and looking at the things they offer, it just opened up my eyes and my cousin's eyes about joining.

Yet perhaps as important as drawing in prospective members is recruiting men and women who are ready to do what Kendall does - get to work. And Kendall doesn't buy the notion that younger veterans don't sign up bewith raising families "I take my girls ar
ff band and spound to all kinds of stuff, band and sports," Kendall said, with a firm nod of his head. "You know, make a point (VFW) meetings, I really say, 'Heoint to make those. And I just mine.'
"It why it works out for me. I don't know why it couldn't work out for other people." Getting more millennials to join military veterans service organizations is others like him who get it
Tick-tock, tick-tock, indeed
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Money Matters
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The other day, I gave a talk a Troy library and the topic was how to protect yourself from with you some of the highlights of the talk After all, scams affecteach and ev ery one of us. It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor, old or young, the scam artists are after us and it's important for us to protect ourselves.
I wish there was something that we could do that would eliminate the risk of being scammed, but there isn't. The goal is to put up enough road blocks to make it difficult for the scam artist and to be able to limit the damage if we are taken advantage of
Identity theft is real and can have se vere consequences if you are a victim. Everyone needs to take some precau-
tions. Everyone, in order to protect ourselves, needs to learn to say no. When someone asks you for your Social Security number, the automatic answer should be no. Just because someone asks for your Social Security number doesn't mean you have to provide it. When someone asks for my number, 1 ask why they need it. In the great majority of situations, they can't provide me an answer other than it's on the form. Yes, there are certain thes we have no lated situations. In the great majority of situations, we don't have to provide it and we shouldn't. With your Social Security number, scam artists can do all sorts of things, such as file tax returns and open charge cards. The bottom line: We all just have to learn to say no. From an investment standpoint, there are two types of scams. The first is where it's just and out-and-out theft. The other type of scam, which can be just as costly, is where the product is legitimate and being sold by a wellsuitable for you. To prevent these scams, you need to set some rules for yourself. Here are some rules I live by to protect myself and my clients. The first is I don't invest in anything I
can't check out independently. If I can't check out an investment independent ly, I walk away. I don't believe what salesperson is telling me; I only believe what I can check out independently.
Next is I don't invest in anything that doesn't have a track record. So many scams are because people think they're getting in on the ground for the newest, cerned, that is more gambling that in vesting. Before I invest in anything, I want to independently look at the in vestment's track record, generally three-, five- and 10 -year records. I don't invest in anything that I don't understand. If you don't understand an investment, you're more apt to let fea and greed dictate your decisions. If you invest based upon those two emotions you will not be successful. We can al admit we don't know everything, so if we stay with investments that we unsuccessful The great majority of people who are purchasing annuities today have no clue what the contract says. When it comes to investments, you must know how you can make money, how you can lose money and how to ge your money out if and when you choose

One common element that you see in products that are aggressively sold is high fees and high commissions. I don't invest in anything unless I know what it costs to buy, what it costs to sell and surprised how much money can end up in your pocket if you focus on fees. High fees equal low returns. When you see some of the commissions paid on certain investment products, you'll better understand the reason for the aggressive sales tactics.

There's nothing you can do that will 100 -percent protect you. By being in formed, learning to say no and taking the time to do some independent re search, you are doing what you need to put up sped bumps to make it difficult

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## Rummage sale

The Newburg United Methodis Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia, will host a rummage sale Thursday through Saturday, May 3-5. Hours are 5-7 p.m. Thursday ( $\$ 2$ admission for adults), and 9 a.m. to noon Friday and aturday (half-price sale)
149 more information, call 734-422 gmail.com.

## May the 4th Be With You

The Livonia Parks and Recreatio Department will host May the 4 th Be With You 6-10 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hub ard.
The Star Wars-themed evening will clude dinner, a battle between the light and dark side and training from a demonstrate some of the skills seen in the movies and guests will be treated to screening of the first movie in the Star Wars original trilogy, "Star Wars Epi ode IV: A New Hope."
Tickets will be available beginning April 2 and are $\$ 12$ for Kirksey Recrea tion Center members, $\$ 15$ for Livonia residents and $\$ 19$ for non-residents. space is limited and advanced ticke purchase is required. This is a family vent and all youth must be accompa
ied by an adult
Parmation, contact Livo900 or go to Recreation at 734-466

## Bomber Buffing party

The Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport, Hangar 1, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, in Ypsilanti will host its 23rd annua Bomber Buffing party from $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5

People are invited to help us polish the Boeing B-17 "Yankee Lady" and the There is no cost to participate in this There is no cost to participate in this for everyone buffing a plane. People are ncouraged to bring plenty of clean, soft
rags.
Yankee Air Museum itself will be open with free admission for all Bomber aged to visit after polishing the planes.

## Take Pride in Livonia Day

The annual Take Pride in Livonia Day will take place beginning at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Saturday, May 5 . This day is designed to spruce up neighborhood parks with the assistance of organizations, families Individual group
Individual groups choose a park and are especially looking to clean up trails are especially looking to clean up trails Each group will be given trash bags, gloves and encouraged to bring rakes and brooms.
After the clean-up, all volunteers are invited to Ford Field, Farmington at Lyndon roads, for a picnic hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department and the Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club.
For more information, contact Livo2900 or at www livoniaparks 734-

Livonia pitch, hit and run
Livonia's annual pitch, hit and run competition will take place at $8: 30$ a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Ford Field No. 2, 33841 Lyndon. Participants will compete in the following events: pitching, which consists of six pitches to a "strike zone" banner worth points; base-running, in which the youngster is timed, batting which allows the youngster to hit a ball off a stationary tee scoring based on distance and accuracy
based on distance and accuracy
a.m. the day of event. The competition is open to all boys and girls ages 7-14 as of July 17. Boys and girls compete separately (baseball/softball) in four age classifications: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14.
Youths have the opportunity to ad-
vance to the sectional competition and possibly compete at Comerica Park. For more information, call 734-466-2900 or
go to www.livoniaparks.org.

## World Labyrinth Day

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650

Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host Walk As One At 1:00, an event in conjunction with World Labyrinth Day, 12:30-2:30 fied labyrinth facilitator and volunteers will be on hand. For more information call 734-427-1414.

## Kirksey Rec Center open house

The Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, in Livonia will celebrate its 15 th anniversary and the grand re-opening of Mercy E
5 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Enjoy the pool, cli
Eniety of gym activities Thall and be set up for roller hockey pyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball,
volleyball and basketball. Swim assess ments will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. to ensure you register your child for the proper class.

Guests will have an opportunity to learn about organizations and businesses in the community Organizations scheduled to participate include, the $\mathrm{Li}-$ vonia Save Our Youth Coalition, Healthy Livonia, Wilson Barn, Livonia Rotary
Club, HealthQuest of Livonia, Livonia Jaycees, Accelerate Kid Advocare Costco, Little Caesars and many more Admission is free for Livonia resi dents and $\$ 3$ per person for non-residents. For more information, call 734 $466-2900$ or go to www.livonia parks.org.

## '23rd Floor' at Inspire Theatre

Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" will be presented at the Inspire Theatre, located inside the Westland through Sunday May 6 . Warren is di rected by Inspire Theatre founder di
$\qquad$
Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $\$ 16$ and can be purchased online a inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com or by calling the box office at 734-751-7057.

## Concert at Livonia library

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library will present the free Harmony Town Chorus concert at 2 p.m. Sunbrary 32777 Five Mile Road For more information, call the library at 734-466

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Addiction treatment series
St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia offers an ongoing series titled "Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do." Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 and 15, in Classroom 11.
Focus is on understanding addiction and the impact of addiction on families. No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at 734-338-9580 -

3D Photography Club
The 3D Photography Club will hold its next meeting 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Livonia civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, go to 248-398-3591.

## Livonia Dems Club

The Livonia Democratic Club will hold its next meeting 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, at 33150 Schoolcraft Road, oom 104. All are invited.

## Westland library book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold their May used book sale Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12, Hours are $3-6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Thursday (Friends members only) and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday (\$4 per bag day).

## Spring rummage sale

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square (across from post office), will host a spring rummage sale Thursday through Saturday, May 10-12. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon (two sizes, $\$ 3$ or $\$ 6$, fill as you wish). The site is handicap-accessible.

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## Novi's Smith to head Sweet Dreamzzz board

Local nonprofit Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc., has an nounced Michael Smith of Novi as its new president of the Board of Governors. Smith is vice president for the Associated General Contractor of Michigan and has an impressive, community riented resume.
His chantable back
ground includes serving
on the governing and foundation boards Aquinas College, chairperson of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South east Michigan and as lead volunteer for packaging and food distribution for the Meals on Wheels pro gram at the Services for Older Citizens in Grosse "O.
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has demhas demits innovative ability to improve the lives of $\mathbf{S m}$ thousands of children in need when it comes to preparing for and understanding the value of sleep," Smith said. "From paste to a storybook and teddy bear, along with a teddy bear, along with a comfortable sleeping bag, they help children granted, a good night's sleep. It's my privilege to serve as president of the Sweet Dreamzzz board. My goal is to bring in additional resources to Sweet Dreamzzz so it can touch the lives of many more childre Michigan."
"Michael Smith has been involved with Sweet Dreamzzz for the past 15 years and, with his extensive background, is a per fect candidate to lead the board of governors," said nancy Maxwell, Sweet Dreamzzz executive director. "We are thrilled to have Michael's expertise in guiding the organiza tion. Foun

Founded in 1998, Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc.,
19171 Merriman Road, in Livonia is a regional nonprofit organization committed to improving children's health, well-being and academic performance by providing sleep education and bedtime essentials to economical ly disadvantaged students and their families Since its founding, sweet more than 55,000 at-risk children and families. For more information, go to www.SweetDreamzzz. org.

## Obituaries



## Sharon Kronk

LIVONIA Sharon Barbara (nee Allen) Sharon Barbara Kronk, 76, of Livonia, Mich., passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 21, surrounded by her family. Sharon will be forever remembered by her loving husband of 42 her loving husband of 42 years, Peter Kronk, and
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(Daniel) Barrick. Sharon also will be remem(Daniel) Barrick. Sharon also will be remem-
bered by her grandchildren, Justin, Sylvie, and bered by her grandchildren, Justin, Sylvie, and
William, and by her brother, Carl Allen, her sister, Susan Zocco, her sister-in-law, Joanne Allen, and her brother-in-law, David Kronk (Janel Crooks). Sharon was predeceased by her brothers Dennis Allen and Mark Allen and by her parents, Margaret and Carl Allen. Sharon also will be forever remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Sharon made friends wherever she went, and those who loved her will never forget how tough she was in the face of a long illness. Her love of life, interest in others, and her outsize personality will never be forgotten. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Ave., Novi, Mich. Sharon was a lifelong lover of animals; memorial donations may be made in her name to the Humane Society of the United States (www.humanesociety.org)


Warren Stoddard NORTHVILLE - Warren Stoddard, age 101, a long-time resident of Northville, passed away April 6th in Fort Myers, Florida. He was born December 9th, 1916 in Portland Maine to the late Ruben and Eva (Ryder) Stoddard. Beloved husband to Betty for 74 years. Loving father
 oyce (the late Robert) Edwards, Robert (Joanne O'Connor) Stoddard, the late Thomas Stoddard, the late William Stoddard, James (JoAnn Isaac) Stoddard, and Jeanne (James) Mulhern. Proud grandfather to Elizabeth (Ed) Dixon, Madelynne (Jeff) Creel, Ian and Olivia Mulhern. Great grand father to Graham, Lily, Harper, Caleb and Colton. Warren was a veteran of World War ll where h served as a medic for the 28th General Hospital. After the war Warren attended the University of Maine and Michigan State University where he Maine and Michigan State University where h received his undergraduate degree and then his Masters Degree in Business Administration. He spent a 32 -year career at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, MI. Warren devoted 30 plus years to local Boy Scout Troop 755, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville where he acted as Assistant Scoutmaster, then Scoutmaster. There he is known for staring the wilderness Canadian canoe trips. Warren was honored in June of 2017 for his dedication and service to Troop 755 at their 70th anniversary. Warren led a remarkable long life. He was a lifetime stamp collector, lover of the bagpipes and the Highland Games, and an avid golfer - on the golf course up until a few short weeks before he passed. A celebration of Warren's life will be held this summer Memorial contributions will be directed to Hope Hospice Fort Myers, Florida


## Charles Eugene Repp

## ROYAL OAK - Charles

 Oak, MI, formerly of both Plymouth and Ann Arbor, MI, died peacefully at Angela Hospice in Livonia, MI on April 27 Charles was born in Detroit, graduated from Cass Technical High School, received a Bach School, received a Bach-elor of Science degree in
 Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, and a Master's Degree in Business Management from Stanford University where he was a Sloan Fellow sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. Mr. Repp worked for the Ford Motor Company for 34 years, and he held many assignments as a product development engineer, including Chief Engineer of Ford Australia, Vice-President of Ford Australia, and Program Manager of the Lincoln LS Program, which won the Motor Trend Car of the Year Award.
In retirement, he enjoyed restoring a classic car and building a cafe racer motorcycle with a friend that took best in class honors at the Battle of the Brits and was featured in the Cafe Racer magazine. Charles was a loving and devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife of almost 46 years Janet; daughter Amy Repp of London, England; daughter Katherine Repp (Christopher Barron), and grandson Alexander Charles Barron, all of Royal Oak, MI; and six siblings, John Repp (Nancy) of Grosse Ile, MI; Susan Marose of Menomonie, WI; Christine Welch of Colorado Springs, CO; Paul Repp (Nancy) of Antigo, WI; Roberta Rich (Joseph) of Clear Lake, IA; Marianne O'Brien of Walnut Creek, CA; as well as 14 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Edna Ruth Repp.
Mr. Repp valiantly struggled with Parkinson's Disease for 18 years. His family encourages anyone who would like to honor his memory to make a donation to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation to support research.
Following cremation, his immediate family will scatter his ashes as he directed.


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## Plymouth earns P-CEP bragging rights

Rottell leads Wildcats to 11-6 victory over Chiefs

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Plymouth earned bragging rights Fri ay night, completing the Plymouth Canton Educational Park hat trick with
11-6 win over Canton.
verall and $4-1$ in the Kensinged to $9-3$ Activities Association, led 4-3 Lakes Activities Association, led 4-3 at half
time before going on a $5-2$ third-quarte run against the Chiefs (5-4, 3-3), who were unable to recover.
Just two days earlier, Plymouth also defeated P-CEP rival Salem, 6-3.
"Unfinished business has been our team slogan this year," Plymouth coach

Ray Miller said. "Winning the Park championship had a lot to do with it after last year's tough overtime losses. From top to bottom, this was a great program win for us tonight. I'm proud of all of our student-athletes and it's a great night to be a Will cat.' Ethan Rottell paced Plymouth with son Albano added two goals nind two as SonAlba
sists. sists.
Oth cluded Gavin scorers for Plymouth insist; Brendan Allen, one goal, Bryan Twinney, one goal, Jake Roach, one goal; and lan Gozdor, one assist.


COLLEGE BASEBALL

## Down on 'The Corner'



Schoolcraft players soak in lore of old Tiger Stadium

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Schoolcraft College players (from left) Nick Cotter, Michael Diponio, Ben Harthun and Nick Powell enjoyed the chance to play on the site of the legendary Tiger Stadium. TIM SMITH

BOYS TRACK
Momeyer, Hall propel Churchill to city crown
Both figure in four wins as Chargers repeat; Stevenson runner-up

## Brad Emons

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN
Taji Hall and Josh Momeyer proved to be a potent one-two combination for Churchill during Saturday's Livo Bothh figured in four first-place ishes as the Chargers repeated as champs, edging Stevenson, 107-94. Host Franklin was third with 38 , while Clarenceville scored one point to place fourth.
Hall, a senior, impressed by winning the high jump ( 6 feet, 1 inch), long jump (20-43/4) and 300 hurdles (42.97), while also teaming with Justin Carter, Will Hengy and Momeyer for a victory in the 1,600 relay ( $3: 35.97$ )
compete, just another day being out compete, just another day being out
here with all my boys and just compete for another championship," Hall said. "I was happy with it, but I still have a lot more work to do this season with some more meets coming up. But it's hard with the weather and everything

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Churchill's Josh Momeyer (left) and Taji Hall both figured in four first-place finishes at the Livonia city meet. BRAD EMONS


## GIRLS TRACK

# Churchill repeats as Livonia city champion 

Moultrie, Swider lift
Chargers over Stevenson, Franklin

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The Livonia Public Schools district girls track and field city meet was almost too close to call.
Churchill, however, continued its ong reign by repeating as team champion, but it was by a razor-thin margin as the Chargers scored 88 points. Host Franklin and Stevenson were a close spectively.
Junior Iamani Moultrie and senior Gabrielle Swider helped tip the scales in Churchill's favor.
Moultrie, a junior, swept the 100- and 200 -meter dashes in 13.33 and 26.73 , respectively. she also was second in the ong jump ( $15-63 / 4$ ).
Swider, headed to Michigan, won the 800 (2:24.78) and 1,600 (5:23.59), while also placing second in the 400 (1:02.07).
Iamani is an incredible athlete, because she never lets anything else affect her performance, first-year Churchill tently hungry for the win, regardless of the circumstances, regardless of the cold or anything that's going on. Gabi is the same thing, always gives 100 percent, 150 percent, all the time. She always has her game face on. I'm consistently amazed on how these athletes perform.
Other first-place contributions for the Chargers came from Cate Visscher (pole vault, $11-0$ ) and Jessica Maladecki
(high jump, 4-8), who also was runnerup in the $200(28.52)$, as well as third in the 400 (1:02.83) after running back-toback with a leg in the 400 relay.
"Outstanding performance turned in
by Jessica," Barnes said. "She's got a lot of heart."
With temperatures hovering around at 39 degrees for the 9 a.m. Saturday start, coupled with a 15 mph biting wind, conditions were less than ideal.
Churchill was also running its fourth neet in nine days
"With injuries and as far as being able


The Churchill girls track and field team repeated as Livonia Public Schools district champion.
to come up with our strategy on how to win, we ask athletes to take on different roles that they might not be comfortable doing," Barnes said. "But as we work it through and score it different ways, ev erybody has to step it up in different de partments and today they did that."

Churchill also survived a dropped baton that caused a disqualification in the 800 relay.
My thoughts were, 'What?' Stuff happens and it's hard for the athletes," Barnes said. That didn't go our way at
all and it was actually a glitch, if you can call it. But everybody kept their chins up, kept their eyes on the prize, went hard and we were able to overcome it."

Franklin, meanwhile, garnered eigh first-place finishes, led by sophomore Kelly Peyton, who swept the 100 and 300 hurdles in 17.9 and 51.17, respective ly. She also teamed with Alaina Herrera, Brooke Gietzen, Emily Esker for a vic tory in the 800 relay ( $1: 54.53$ ).
ther ( $32-0$ ) and discus ( $86-5$ ) , while junior Erin Seibert captured the 3,200 (12:25.82) after placing third in the 600.

Sophomore Jessica Huddleston also captured the long jump ( $15-63 / 4$ ), while the Patriots 400 relay team of Cierra ccheblem, Gietzen, Josie Ransley and "Ora was victorious (53.06)
"Our girls made a great showing to day," Franklin coach Megan Morris said We lost to Churchill by four points in
eight first-place finishes, which really hows off how versatile this team is. I'm so proud of the dedication I saw from all my girls today. Across the board, everyone had their head in the game and bad were super-focused. It is easy on wrappeather days like this to get however, didn't let cold it is. My girls, could not dave let that get to them. them today."
Stevenson, only six points out of first place, got a win from junior Allie Terry 400 (1:01.66), who also teamed with Ky eallison, Gracie Droz and Emily Lauzon for a triumph in the 1,600 relay
partans 3,200 relay team Droz, Callison, Cassie McDougall and Lauzon also placed first (10:17.75).

## LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS <br> GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD MEET

April 28 at Frankim
TEAM Sranklings. . Churchill, 88 FIELD EVENT RESULTS
Shot put:1. Anna Lauber (F), 32 fe 2. Alexa Pierzynski (S), 29-4;3, Jessic Mancini (S), 28-9; discus: 1 Lauber ( S ) 86-5; 2. Mya McKinney (C), 85-7; 3. Emi y Thompson (F), 82-3; high jump: jessica Maladecki (C), 4-8; 2 . (tie) Ky Dooley (C) and Iamani Moultrie (C), 4-6 each; long jump: 1. (tie) Jessica Huddleston ( F ) and Moultrie (C), $15-6 \frac{1}{4}$ each . Josie Ransley (F), 15-6/4, pole vault.
(C), 9-0; 3. Kyria Gowman (S), 8-6 RUNNING EVENT RESULTS 100-meter hurdles: 1 . Kelly Peyton (F), 17.90; 2. Abbey Curtis (S), 18.11; 3. Samantha Hinkle (S), 18.48; $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ hurdles: 1. Peyton (F), 51.17, 2. Beth White (S), 52.37; 3. Curtis (S), 53.44; 100 dash: 1 Moultrie (C), 13.33; 2. Ransley (F), 13.96; 3. Brooke Gietzen (F), 14.06; 200: 1 . Moultrie (C), 26.73; 2. Maladecki (C), 2. Allie Terry (S), 1.01.66: 2 Gabrielle Swider (C), 102, 07.3 Maladecki (C) 1:02.83; 800: 1 . Swider (C), 2:24.78; 2 Emily Lauzon (S), 2:28.36; 3 . Kylie Callison (S), 2:32.53; 1,600: 1 . Swider (C), 5:23.59; 2. Lauzon (S), 5:35.01; 3. Erin Seibert (F), 5:40.23; 3,200:1. Seibert (F), 12:25.82; 2. Cassie McDougall (S), 12:34.33; 3. Sierra Greener (F), 12:41.10. RELAY RESULTS 400: 1. Franklin (Cierra Echeblem, Gietzen, Ransley, Herrera), 58.13; 2. Stevenson, 1.00.62, 800:1. Franklin (Herrera, Getzen, Emily Esker, Peyton), disqualified; 1,600: 1 . Stevenson (Callison, Gracie Droz Lauzon, Terry) 10:17.75; 2. Churchill, 5:44.05; 3,200:1 Stevenson (Droz, Callison, McDougall, Lauzon), 10:17.75; 2. Churchill, 10:56.51; 3. Franklin, 11:50.19

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## City

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going out there.,
Momeyer, a junior, swept the 400 and 800 -meter races in 52.87 and of the victorious 3,200 relay team part with Hensy Camren Thay with Heng, Cab) in Thoms the first-place 1,600 relay.
"Definitely getting sore, definitely feeling all the races," Momeyer said. 'I'm just happy to run for my team, just a bunch of my hilarious, fun teammates that I love to be around and cheer them on. Just to be out here in front of the other Livonia teams is a great experience. Hall accounted for $19 \% / 2$ of Churchill's points, while Momeyer figured in 15 . winning in all four events," Churchill winning in all four events," Churchill talk enough on how much they do for us. Taji is actually just running his first meet of the season this week, soit took a while to get him to get up to speed and right away he showed it.
Other Churchill wins came form Deon Pitchford in the 100 dash (12.08) and Michael Parrish II in the discus (128-7). It was not an ideal day for track and field, as temperatures barely reached 40 with a stiff north wind.
Today, we did really well with places, but the times are not there yet
because of this weather we've had this because of this weather we ve had this
season has been horrible," McClellan season has been horrible, McClellan last week-and-a-half. Weird schedule this year with the KLAA changes, weather delays and all that kind of stuff. There's an issue with Plymouth's track being out of commission, so it's caused a lot of schedule changes this year. It's made it tough, but our kids fought through the adversity, came out here, competed, came out with the win."


Livonia Churchill repeated as boys track and field city champion. ELIZABETH HENGY

Stevenson was paced by senior Ben Griffith, who swept the $1,600-$ and 10:16.74 , rer runs in 4:45.94 and wins came from freshman Caden Woo dall, 200 (24.6); Brendan Plue, shot put (43-11); and Collin Bowersox, pole vaul (12-6).
Senior Marcus Martin led Franklin with a win in the 110 hurdles (16.41), ter, Ethan Porecca and Doug Neal for victory in the 800 relay ( $1: 54.53$ ).

## LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD MEET April 28 at Franklin
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Churchill, 10 points; 2. Stevenson, 94; 3 . Franklin, 38 Clarencevile, 1

FIELD EVENT RESULTS
Shot put. 1 Brendan Plue (S), 43 feet

Camden Gould (S), 42-4; discus: 1. Michael Parrish (C), 128-7; 2. Nicholas Leginza (S), 124-6; 3. Plue (S), 119-6; high jump:1. Taji Hall (C), 6-1, 2. Chris Brown (C), 5-6; 3. Martell Dooley (C), 5-6; long jump: 1. Hall (C), 20-43/4; 2. Dooley (C), 19-6; 3. Aidan Pittenger (F), 18-0; pole Jackson Ramsay (C) 12-0. 3 Russell Rusnell (F), 11-0.

## RUNNING RESULTS

110-meter hurdles: 1. Marcus Martin (F), 16.41; 2. Jake Kaupp (S), 17.0; 3. Xavier Loggins (C), 17.5; $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ hurdles: 1 . Hall C), 42.97; 2. Kaupp (S), 43.04; 3. Nithin Philip (S), 44.52; 100 dash: 1. Deon Pitchford (C), 12.08; 2. Caden Woodall (S), 12.12; 2. Darrell Mason (C), 12.17; 200: 1. Woodall (S), 24.6; 2. Pitchford (C), 24.72; 3. Mason (C), 24.93; 400: 1. osh Momeyer (C), 52.87, 2. . Yevor Klat Momeyer (C), 2:03.96: 2 , Michal Ma.
iewicz (F), 2:06.19; 3. Will Hengy (C), 2:06.21; 1,600: 1. Ben Griffith (S), 4:45.94; 2. Hengy (C), 4:47.96; 3. Owen Rowader (S), 4:50.47; 3,200: 1. Griffith (S), 10:16.74; 2. Eric Pensari (C), 10:21.23 . Rowader ( S ),10:30.07. RELAY RESULTS
400:1. Churchill (Pitchford, Almo Regazi, Tyrese Williams, Mason), 45.83; 2 800:1. Franklin (Martin, James Carpenter, Ethan Porreca, Doug Neal), 1:38.25; 2. Stevenson, $1: 38.28 ; 3$. Churchill, 1:38.96; 1,600:1. Churchill (Justin Carter, Hengy, Hall, Momeyer), 3:35.97; 2. Stevenson, 3:45.58; 3. Franklin, 3:51.29; 3,200: 1. Churchill (Hengy, Camren Thomson, Pensari, Momeyer), 8:36.36; Stevenson, 8:38.08; 3. Franklin, 8:47.36

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# State-ranked Seaholm singes Farmington, 6-2 

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Farmington certainly got off on the right foot April 26 in the OAA White Division girls soccer game against stateranked Seaholm at Maple Field in Birmingham.

Senior captain Erin Abramczyk Pople to the far side of the net by Marlee utes into the game to put the Falcons up $1-0$. It marked just the second time all season that Seaholm trailed in a game. The Maples stormed back, however to take a 2-1 halftime lead and took control with a sizzling four-goal second half en route to a 6-2 victory.

Seaholm's outstanding play on the pitch certainly impressed Farmington head coach Shaun Gray.
"Overall, they play fast. When they have the ball, they play quickly and they try to get from one end to the other as
fastas possible," said Gray, in his second season at Farmington. "They really put the pressure on. As soon as we turn the ball over, we just found it really hard to defend from that moment. And the longer the game goes on, the harder it becomes.

We took that early lead and I think that kind of shocked Seaholm a bit," he added. "At halftime it was still close and at 3-1 we had a couple chances that we didn't score on and if we convert those chances it could be a different game

## A wake-up call

Veteran Seaholm head coach Manuel Rodrigues indicated that early deficit served as a wake-up call for his talented squad. The Maples were sparked by senior captain Zoe Gaffney who finished with four goals and an assist.
"I wasn't worried that they scored the first goal, because we can kind of get them in bunches," said Rodrigues, whose No. 7 -ranked squad (Division1) is a perfect 9-0 this season. "But funny kind of settled us. We started passing the ball around and started playing the the ba
"We know everyone is coming in her and they know that we're ranked and they are all giving us a good game," he added. "I give Farmington a ton of credit. They are strong, well-coached and they gave us something to think about.
After Abramczyk opened the scoring, Gaffney nearly tied it five minutes later with a deflected shot that Farmington tion to make the key save A few minute later, junior Cate Brown appeared to have scored for Seaholm, but the goa was disallowed because of offsides. The Maples finally broke through a the 22:08 mark, when junior Ashley David booted a 25 -yard shot from the right


Farmington senior Erin Abramczyk (right) celebrates the game's first goal against Seaholm with teammates (from left) Kristina Agee, Marlee Pope and Casey Borden. MARTY BUDNER
side that hit the post and caromed into the net. Then, with $7: 12$ left in the first half, Goffney, wored her first tre frot 5 yards out, on an assist from junior Bella Radrigues.

## Seaholm's big second half

Seaholm quickly made it a 3-1 game a minute into the second half, when the

Liberty University-bound Gaffney connected from 20 yards out with a leftfooted shot that bent into the far side of he net.

Farmington had a chance to cut into the lead at the 25 -minute mark, when Abramezyk right in front of the net. However, Seaholm sophomore goalie Maya Nesti made the save to keep it a
two-goal game.
From that point on, it was all Sea holm.
Junior Caroline Esper scored on a turnaround shot from 15 yards out di rectly in front of the net at 19:02 and Gaffney followed less than a minute lat er with a brilliant header into the far cor ner, which was set up by senior Natalie Erne.
Farmington sophomore Kristina Agee scored at the 12:45 mark and Gaff ney finished off her big night with a goal at $9: 23$.
"It was a tale of two halves. I told them at haltime it was a terribly messy our game is the possession game and ur ge pass the ball around and we when we pass the ball around and w "I space, we're OK
I didn't really say too much at halfd. "The reality was that credit," he addpoor game and they had to step it up and they did."
Seaholm dominated the game statistically, out-shooting Farmington by a 21-5 margin and taking nine corners to ne. Nesti made four saves in goal fo made eight.

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## Lacrosse

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Plymouth goalie Blake Nowicki made nine saves, with help defensively com ing from Charlie Shaver, Jake Marciniak, Josh Montroy, Grant Caswell Mitchell Bates and Mike Mathias.

Outside of $X$ 's and $O$ s, our message was clear that we were going to outwork them because this meant more to us," Miller said. "In my opinion, that's exactly what we did. We won the little battles, which ultimatel"

Top scorers for Canton included Jack Cervantes (two goals, one assist), Zach Sweet (two goals), Nick Polydoras (one goal, one assist) and Chase Meredith (one goal).

We kind of carried the play in that first quarter," said Canton coach Josh
simmons, whose team led 3-1, "but the ame was won and lost on ground balls. They just boat us to lo to ground balls. When the ball was on the ground we just couldn't come up with them, especially in the defensive zone" ally in the defene zone,
balls, while goalie Sam Bowling mad seven saves for Plymouth.
They scored their first couple of oals off of fast breaks from scooping up ground balls in their defensive zone, Simmons said. "They took two straight fast-break goals and tied the game. Once they got a couple of more goals, after that we just really couldn't get our with I thought both our face-off guys did a very good job."

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Plymouth players and coaches celebrate after beating Canton, 11-6, for the P-CEP title MICHAEL VASUNEK

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## Stadium

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Macomb won the opener 18-3 in six innings. Schoolcraft came back to win Game 2, 8-7.
"If you're a baseball guy, old Tiger Stadium has a lot of meaning to it," schoolcraft head coach Rob Fay said. And obviously, our
"But I thought it'd be a great time for them to get out and get some more experience and learn the history of baseball a little bit."
All it took was a telephone call, an email, and a check for $\$ 500$ to book the all-turr field for a haild, Ford Field in Livonia, was unavailable all weekend due to a household hazardous waste and electronic waste drop-off event
Little League and high school teams in the city now have a permanent place o hang their gloves and bats and with that are hopes that baseball will begin to flourish with today's youngsters
"It's good for the city, because there was a vacant ground for a while," said Ocelots pitcher Nick Cotter, a Livonia pevenson alum. But 1 know a lot of people kept it up after they tore the sta-
dium. "A lot of
They won a World Series here, so ite. kind of cool to say I played on the same ground."
Another Stevenson graduate, Michael Diponio, added, It's just cool to play at the famous venue downtown. A lot of greats have played down at the old Tiger Stadium. It's just cool to be a part of it. It's a pretty nice field."
Northville alum Ben Harthun played in the same spot Hall of Fame player Al Kaline did, in right field. He had to pinch himself
"It's a good feeling. (I'm a) big Tigers said. "It's really cool to be out here on the same location some of the greats were at. It's wonderful, a great ballpark."
Nick Powell, who hails from Walled Lake Northern, grinned about the unique opportunity
"The all-turf field is really cool, l've never really played on anything like it. It's really nice, Powell said. "It's really old Tigers and all the old greats."

hat is painted into the turf in foul terri- lot of fun. tory. He shook his head and smiled. "It's a field of dreams, a lot of history oday," Kontos said. "Earlier today, sang the boys a song about the old stadium and they all got a kick out of it, be ause there's so much history since 1912 "Just amazing. When I was growing up I couldn't wait to come here as a kid. till a kick to be here.
That tune was The Park at the Cor er" by folk singer Russ Franzen
Fay said he would ike to see School Corner Ballpark "With the we
With the weather being what it is and losing games early, because of no having artificial turf, it would be great or us," he said. "We just got done play postponements.
Tim Riches, thletic Anletic League, said response to the positive since it been overwhelming "Wesitive since it opened March 24. We re happy to have so many people feedback about the field and how we've honored the history here," Richey said. "And at the same time, created a really sate-of-the-art facility that will allow kids for generations to come to make heir own memories out here. It's been a

There are displays and kiosks around the ballpark that delve into Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions history (the NFL team also played at old Tiger Stadium). Our campaign was The Kids at the Corner Campaign,' which was designed to give kids a chance to play at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull," Richey said. "But just as importantly, (it gives) a chance for kids to play at every corner in Detroit.
will really relp serve as a this corner here will really help serve as a beacon for oth-
er corners in Detroit and allow PAL to er corners in Detroit and allow PAL to throughout all the neighborhoods."

Richey said interest in PAL "diamond sports" such as baseball, softball and Tball are on the rise.
"But PAL's always had a very strong diamond sports program," Richey added. "We get grant dollars from the Detroit Tigers Foundation and others to support the diamond sports. is going to tep arowing frob base

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