

Service honors veterans' sacrifice

Community turns out for Memorial Day observance

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Kaylee Traster of Livonia did her part Saturday, playing her flute with the Churchill High School band as a key part of Livonia's Memorial Day observance.

When it was over, Traster made her way to the bucket of carnations still remaining, selected a red one and quietly placed it at the base of the memorial wall, in honor of her uncle, a U.S. Navy veteran.

Whom she'd never met.

Her uncle died in January 2000, but Traster still felt compelled to honor him with the carnation, as dozens of others had honored their family members. "He passed away two weeks before I was born," Traster said, fighting back the tears. "He was so excited to meet me and I feel bad I never got to meet him. He still holds a special place in my heart. I just wanted to honor him."

Livonia's traditional ceremony, which evaded rain from threatening clouds, honored local veterans who've made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. Veteran of the Year Gary Busch of DAV Chapter No. 114 was honored, as was the Officer of the Day, U.S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Douglas Cowles, who initially enlisted in the navy in 1989.

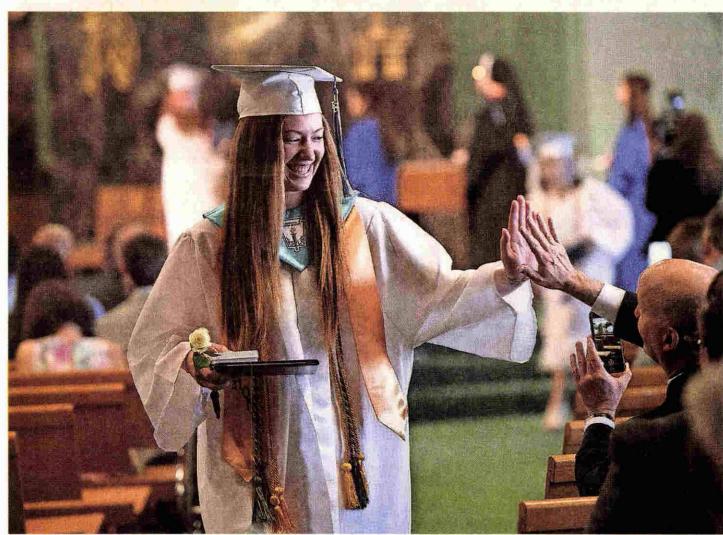
During his service, Cowles spent

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Honoring the dead on Memorial Day. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Ladywood students celebrate final graduation ceremony

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Claire Haase gets a high-five after receiving her diploma. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

While the May 24 commencement ceremony was Ladywood High School's last, Principal Tracey Mocon made it clear the night was all about the 54 graduating students and not about the school.

She said while contemplating her address for the event, she thought about addressing the impact of the upcoming closure of the Livonia school, but realized her words needed to speak to the students earning their diplomas that night.

"Rather, I'm going to focus on the young women sitting before me and how your class represents all that is good and bright in our society," she said. "We need to remember that sadness oftentimes happens because someone, something or an experience in our lives had a positive impact."

Ladywood High School, 14680 Newburgh, celebrated its final commencement ceremony at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. The nave was full of

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· Archer inspires chamber crowd with his story

Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer spoke to 150 people at a multiple-chamber event May 22 coordinated by the Livonia chamber.

Archer, who was mayor of Detroit from 1994 to 2001, recently wrote an autobiography titled "Let the Future Begin," which was a motto used during his

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first mayoral campaign.

"I didn't want to write about 'I, I, me.' Instead, I wanted to write about 'we and us' and that's what I tried to do with this book," Archer told the crowd at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center.

Archer, 76, was born in Detroit, but raised in a small southwest Michigan

town. He was the first member of his family to complete a college degree, started working as a Detroit Public Schools teacher and did that while studying at night to become a lawyer.

His law career launched him into decades of community activism where he, among other things, advanced civil rights, career opportunities for people of color in law and political leadership. Archer was the first African American to lead the 400,000-member American Bar Association and he was appointed, and later elected, to the Michigan Su-

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Livonia Boy Scouts place flags at Holy Sepulchre

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It may have been hot, but several dozen Boy Scouts donned their tan uniforms Monday and headed out to honor fallen veterans for Memorial Day.

Troop 271 from St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 11441 Hubbard, headed to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield to decorate the graves of veterans.

The troop had several thousand flags as its members walked the cemetery grounds, looking for headstones denoting those who had served in the military. After planting a flag, each member would give the deceased a salute, honoring them for their service to the United States.

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Troop 271 Assistant Scoutmaster Dave Hedman salutes after putting a flag on a grave at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Troop 271 spent Memorial Day decorating the graves of veterans with American flags. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"This is our way of paying respect," said Dave Hedman, an assistant scoutmaster for the troop. "It's remembering who fought for our freedoms and that

they made the ultimate sacrifice. This gives us an opportunity to pay back to them, to always make sure that we keep them in our minds."

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After he decided not to run for reelection as mayor in 2001, Archer returned to practice law and become chairman of the Detroit-based firm Dickinson Wright. He is semi-retired and maintains the title of chairman emeritus with the firm.

In his comments to the chamber gathering, he talked about the progress made in Detroit during his term as mayor and how he is thrilled to see the momentum continue today.

"It was an honor to have one of the most-respected political leaders of our time spend time with us," Livonia



Former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer was the keynote speaker at last week's Livonia Chamber of Commerce event. LIVONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

chamber President Dan West said. "Our inspirational message." audience told us they really enjoyed his





Ladywood

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parents, family members, students and alumnae of the school, which will close its doors next month after 68 years of educating girls.

Mocon told the students there's a reason they all came together at the high school: that calling was all a part of God's plan for each of them.

"If we rely on our faith, God's plan will be revealed each day," she said. "It's not a coincidence or chance that you are sitting here this afternoon."

While the school is closing, which was announced late last year, it's certainly doing so on a high mark. The students at Ladywood amassed about \$5.4 million in scholarships to various colleges and universities for next year, it had one student attain a perfect score on the ACT and had a National Merit finalist this year.

Graduate Matyson Vlademar said knowing she was part of the last class at Ladywood was a "bittersweet" experience. She will attend the University of Nebraska in the fall, but has already made plans to reconnect after leaving Michigan.

"I've already made plans to come back and visit," said Vlademar, who lives in Belleville. "I've formed relationships between all the grades."

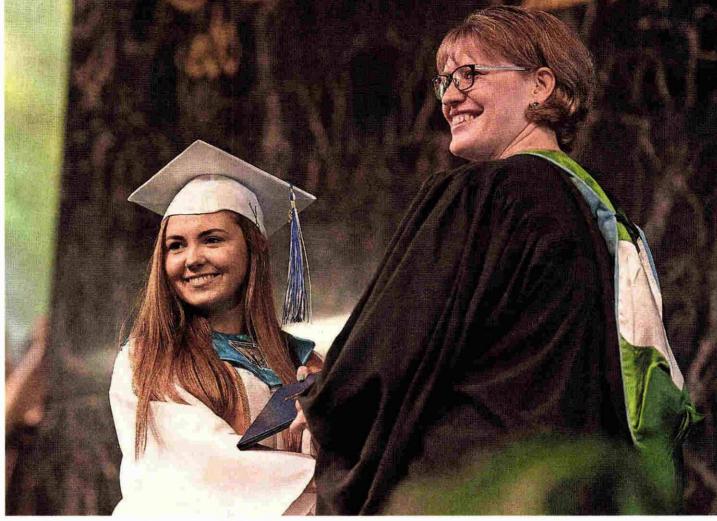
With the school closing, the Felician Sisters have planned a celebration of the school Saturday, June 2. The high school's closing Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., followed by tours of the building after.

Valedictorian Abbey Liana Mellon Reppen thanked several people for making her and her classmates' experience at Ladywood such a positive one. She thanked family members who made sacrifices to send their daughters there and thanked the staff for providing an education she said will never leave her.

"The gift of a Ladywood education will be with us wherever we go and we cannot thank you enough for this opportunity," she said. "Each of you has influenced our lives in immeasurable ways."

Mocon told the students she was impressed with all their talents and that now the world could see what truly each of them could do outside of the school.

"All of you are gifted and talented and



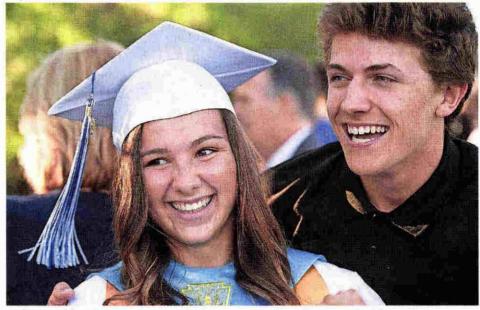
Jenna Kozlowski poses for a photo with her diploma. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"The gift of a Ladywood education will be with us wherever we go and we cannot thank you enough for this opportunity."

Abbey Liana Mellon Reppen

now God is calling you to share your gifts and talents with a new community," she said.

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Ladywood graduate Matyson Vlademar gets a hug from Kevin O'Farrell. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM





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Two men whose military service came before Michigan was even a state were honored May 20 at the New Hudson Cemetery in Lyon Township.

It was a rededication of the headstones for Ambrose Orvis of New Hampshire and New Yorker James Wilsey, both privates who served during the Revolutionary War. Late in life, both men followed family to the new state of Michigan. Each man died in 1844 and both were buried in the now-historic cemetery on Milford Road, just north of Grand River.

Two Daughters of the American Revolution chapters - the locally based Grand River Trail Chapter and the Stoney Creek Chapter from the Rochester Hills area - hosted the rededication and laying of wreaths. The Stoney Creek DAR chapter (then called the Gen. Richardson chapter) was founded in Pontiac in 1900 and is the original chapter in Oakland County.

"We marked the Revolutionary War graves all over Oakland County - we were the only chapter for years," said Debbie Blaske, Stoney Creek Chapter treasurer. The Stoney Creek chapter currently has about 150 members while, statewide, the DAR has some 3,200 members.

The Orvis and Wilsey graves were originally dedicated in 1935 by the then-Gen. Richardson DAR chapter. The Grand River Trail asked the current Stoney Creek chapter to participate in the rededication; a similar ceremony was held earlier in the month at the Highland Township cemetery.

After biographies of Orvis and Wilsey were read and a rededication ceremony held, the color guard of the Michigan Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted a sword salute in full period uniforms.

"We work under a congressional charter. These are not costumes — we consider it a uniform," said Gerald Burkland, who led the color guard unit. "We were in Highland May 5 and two weeks ago in Massachusetts. In April and May, there is a lot of activity, then more in the fall. We have been and getting more requests to work with people.'

Having gotten interested in genealogy in 2000, Burkland said he discovered he was eligible to join the SAR. When the color guard needed members in 2003, Burkland said he joined.

The ceremony, including a rifle salute by American Legion Post 216 in Milford, was well-attended by DAR members and members of the public, including a local Girl Scout troop.

Like other cemeteries in Lyon Township, the ongoing maintenance of New Hudson Cemetery is handled by the township. Clerk Michele Cash and Deputy Clerk April Talaga oversee the maintenance, but also place flags at the graves of veterans annually for Memorial Day.



The color guard was provided by the Michigan Society Sons of the American Revolution. KELLY DOBSON | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



DAR members Barbara Clark Greene and chaplain Mary Jarvis lay a wreath in dedication to these heroic patriots of the American Revolution. KELLY DOBSON | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Troop 7122 stands for the Pledge of Allegiance. KELLY DOBSON | SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"We've done it every year since 2009. We get the cemeteries ready as much as we can," Cash said. "It's maintaining the history of the township. There are so many remaining relatives here. You see them working around the graves Memorial Day, Father's Day, Mother's Day.'

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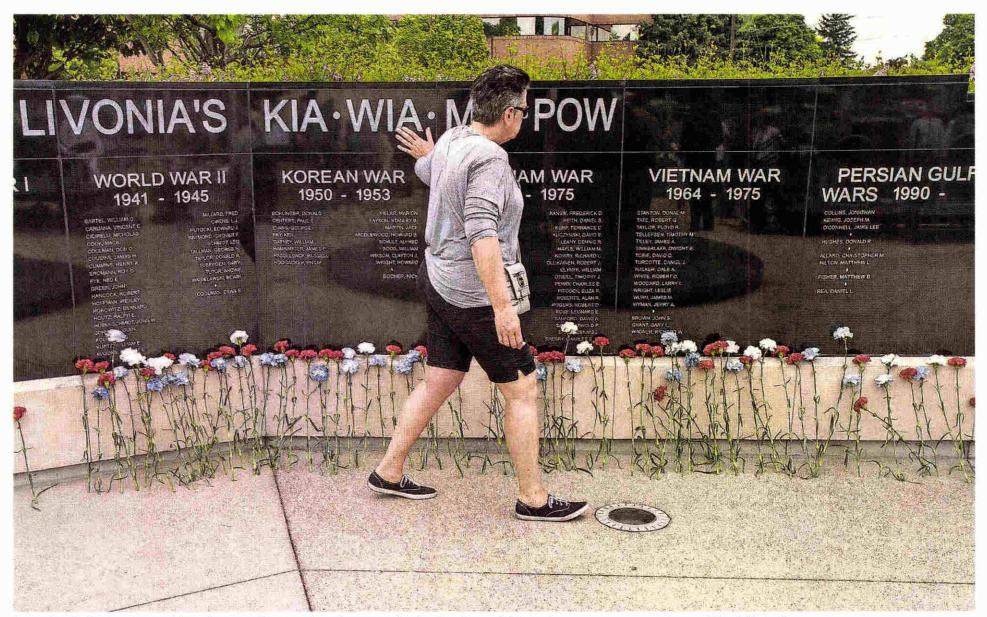
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Leigh Byrd's father, Fernon Feenstra, longtime master of ceremonies for the Memorial Day observance, was a veteran of World War II. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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time deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Storm. He left active duty in 1997, then re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserves following his eldest son's enlistment in 2010.

He currently serves as a logistics specialist at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla.

Cowles, a navy history buff, talked about how his father, also a navy veteran, told "navy stories" when Cowles was a boy. While remembering a certain "here goes dad, telling his stories again" feeling, Cowles urged veterans to continue telling their stories, so their children will remember.

"Those we honor on Memorial Day probably, most likely, did not start off with the intention of being labeled a hero," Cowles said. "On the contrary, most simply wanted to serve out of a sense of honor and duty to family and country.

"Each name on this wall behind me on statues and memorials and each name on headstones now adorned with flowers and flags — represents a story that needs to be told and a hero that needs to be remembered. It's been said that a hero will never be forgotten, as long as their story continues to be told." The ceremony included music from the Churchill High School band and songs from the Livonia Civic Chorus and closed out with "Amazing Grace" played by bagpiper John Stonier.

Linda Grant placed a rose at the base of the wall in honor of her husband, Vietnam veteran Gary Grant, who served in 1966-67.

"It's family," said Grant, who said

she'd been coming to visit the wall with her mother since it was built years ago. "This is a wonderful tribute to the men. They deserve it."

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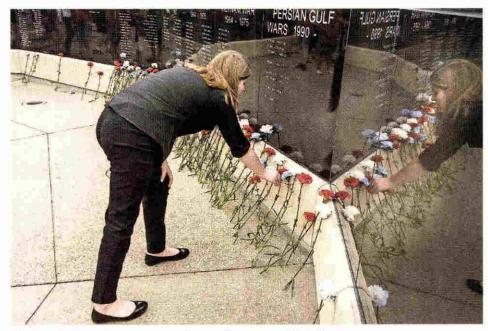
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Senior Chief P.O. Douglas Cowles, U.S. Naval Reserve, served in Afghanistan. He wass the keynote speaker for the Memorial Day observance. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Kaylee Traster places a carnation at the memorial wall. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Blended marriages take careful estate planning



Money Matters Rick Bloom

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At a recent library speech I gave, I was asked an estate planning question that I thought I would share with you. The couple explained that they were both in their 70s and had been married about five years. This was a second marriage for both of them, as each of their previous spouses had died. The couple, when they got married, had combined their finances and were struggling as to how to divide their estate. Their main problem was how to deal with the kids upon both their deaths.

The first question the couple asked was what obligation do they each have to the other's adult children? My answer was quite simple: none. What that means is you have no obligation to leave them anything in your estate. If you adopted the children, that would be one thing, but with regard to step-children, you have no obligation to them whatsoever. You can choose to leave them something or not; it's totally up to you.

Of course, if you do have children, you have some legal obligation. You don't necessarily have to leave them anything, but you cannot forget them. If you choose to disinherit a child for whatever reason, it's important to mention them in your will and trust and state that they are being disinherited.

The couple had four kids between them. The husband had one daughter, while the wife had three sons. They also wanted to know what most people do about dividing the assets after they both died. My answer was I have no idea what the majority of people do and, as far as I'm concerned, it is totally irrelevant. When it comes to estate planning, it doesn't matter what other people are doing — you should do what you feel is best for your situation

When it comes to estate planning, there is no one size fits all. We all have our own family dynamics and our own beliefs as to what is right and wrong. Our estate plan should reflect our desires, not others'.

In today's world, where blended marriages are common, there is no right and wrong and you shouldn't feel pressure from others. Every family situation is different and, particularly in blended marriages, the issues can be complex. Remember, the time to do an estate plan is not when you're rushed or under pressure, but when you have the time to analyze the issues, discuss them with whomever you choose and think about your decision. When you rush, you tend for forget about certain issues that can cause problems when you are no longer around. No one wants that as their lega-CY.

They asked one last question: Should they discuss their estate plan with their children? Once again, it depends on each individual situation. If you have a close-knit family, generally it is a good idea to discuss your estate plan with the children. If your family is not close and you feel that it will cause you problems and aggravation to discuss it with your children, I probably would pass. Every family dynamic is different and there are no one-size answers. You need to look at your situation and decide what works best for your family today and into the future.

Good luck!

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Canton's Liberty Fest not resting on its laurels

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Just when you thought Canton Township couldn't possibly enhance its annual Liberty Fest anymore, it has and the sky isn't necessarily the limit to the additions.

The 27th annual fun-saturated spectacle is set for June 14-16 in the township's sprawling Heritage Park, located behind the Canton Administration building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

In addition to its usual menu of carnival rides and games, delicious and diverse food offerings, musical talent and

Saturday night fireworks, this year's event has expanded its features on the ground and in the air.

"One of the new events we've added is the Firefly Drone Show, which will run twice on Friday night (June 15) at 9:30 and 10:15," said Jennifer Provenzano, recreation and performing arts supervi-

sor. "A show similar to this performed with Lady Gaga at the Super Bowl and, judging by the videos I've seen, it's pretty amazing."

Liberty Fest will also expand its adult beverage offerings by adding a wine tent along with its beer tent. The Canton Optimists Club will sponsor the wine tent, while the Canton Rotary Club will oversee the beer site.

A game area that features a ping pong

table will be set up near the beverage tents.

Saturday morning's Lions Club pancake breakfast has even been jazzed up thanks to an appearance from a professional pancake flipper.

Automotive enthusiasts will be happy to hear that the car and truck show will return to the event following a oneyear hiatus.

"It will be Father's Day weekend, so this attraction is always popular," Provenzano said.

Provenzano said the festival regularly attracts 50,000-plus visitors — if Mother Nature cooperates.

Liberty Fest will be open 1-11 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday.

Single-day wristbands can be purchased that allow attendees on all of the rides without a ticket. Megabands are also available that give ride-lovers access to all the rides for the entire threeday event.

Special sensory hours will be held 1-3 p.m. Thursday, during which carnival rides and midway games, lights and music will be turned off for festival-goers who are sensitive to large crowds and certain stimuli.

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Check out these five events this weekend

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If you're looking to soak up some sun this weekend, there's plenty to keep occupied with.

Head out and enjoy these five events taking place in the hometownlife.com area this weekend.

Village Fair in Birmingham

If you're clamoring for a fair this weekend, head to Birmingham for the 55th annual Birmingham Village Fair.

The fair, which begins Thursday at Shain Park, will feature rides, games and food in the park and on the surrounding streets. Put on by the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber, the fair serves as a fundraiser for several area nonprofit groups.

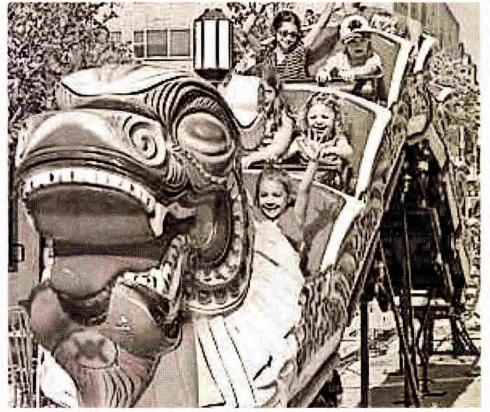
"The chamber is proud to continue what has become an iconic event for the greater Birmingham community," chamber President Joe Bauman said in a statement. "For 55 years, multiple generations of families have enjoyed their neighborhood carnival, which also serves as a critical fundraiser for more than 20 local nonprofit organizations."

Admission to the fair is free and wristbands for unlimited rides are available to buy. Those who buy a wristband by Thursday online or in person by May 31 can save \$5, bringing the cost down to \$20. Presale wristbands are available at the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber at 725 S. Adams, Suite 130; the Birmingham Bloomfield Credit Union, 576 E. Lincoln Street; and Bank of Ann Arbor-Birmingham Branch, 33583 Woodward.

For more information, to go bbcc.com.

Art on the Grand in Farmington

Head to downtown Farmington this weekend to check out plenty of great art during Art on the Grand.



The Birmingham Village Fair runs through Sunday and is located near Shain Park in downtown. These children and experienced the thrills of the Chinese Dragon ride in this 2014 file photo. FILE PHOTO

The annual art festival returns Saturday and Sunday with dozens of artists showcasing their wares in mediums such as painting, pottery, photography, jewelry, wood and others. Returning this year is the kids art alley, which made its debut in 2017. The kid-centered event will include a youth artist market, a community mural and more.

Admission is free and the festival runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, including a list of artists, go to artonthegrand.com.

St. Mary's Fun Fest in Livonia

If you're not able to make it to Bir-

mingham for its carnival, be sure to head to Livonia for the annual Michigan Funfest.

The carnival, put on by the Basicila of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, takes place in the vacant field south of the church beginning Thursday afternoon. Plenty of music will be performed over the weekend, including from groups such as Earth Angels and the National Arabic Orchestra Pop Ensemble with Usama Baalbaki and Michael Ibrahim.

If you're looking for some great Mediterranean food, the festival will have plenty of offerings. And fireworks will light up the sky at about 10 p.m. Friday.

More information on the event can be

found at michiganfunfest.com.

Farm Fest in Northville Township

Head to Maybury Farms on Eight Mile this Saturday to get your agriculture fix at the annual Farm Fest.

The event, taking place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the farm, 50165 Eight Mile, will feature music, live animals, farming demonstrations and plenty of other activities.

Children will have the opportunity to plant their own container garden with the Country Garden Club of Northville, play children's games and visit stations in the new Farm and Home Safety Passport challenge.

Demonstrations on beekeeping, chickens and milking will take place, as well as live music from The Flutter and Wow and Golden Griffon Stringtet.

Admission is \$5 per person; children ages 2 and under are free. For more information, go to mayburyfarm.org.

Flea Circus in Garden City

If your family is ready to take the next step and adopt a furry family member, Garden City will be the place to be this weekend.

The sixth annual Flea Circus returns from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot on the northeast corner of Ford and Middlebelt roads. The Flea Circus is a one-day pet adoption event with several rescue groups.

In addition to animals up for adoption, several veterinarians will be onproviding low-cost vaccines. site Grooming services will also be available, plus free face painting for children.

For more information, go to gcdda.com.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

Circulation Day at Unity

Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, is offering a giveaway event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 2. Take whatever you might need in the way of home and yard goods, pictures, jewelry, toys and much more. Take what you can use and enjoy at no charge.

Run 2 Save Youth 5K

non-Wayne County residents. Cash only accepted day of program. Call 734-261-1990 for more information. Please pre-register 72 hours before the program. Dress for the weather and prepare for possible mud. Meet at the Kinloch Comfort Station, Kinloch Street, south of Lola Drive.

Wear Orange Day

A group called Moms Demand Action is organizing the inaugural Wear Orange Day for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 2, at Stymelski Veterans Park, 14275 Stark Road, in Livonia. The events is to help

dance studio performance, titled "The Experience: Take II" at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$15 in advance \$20 at the door (open at 3 p.m.). For tickets, go to https://www.eventbrite.com.

For more information, call 734-466-5050 or go to www.fdxpuresole.com.

Emmanuel Lutheran camp

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, in in Livonia is hosting Good News Day Camp, a full-day camp for kids age 5 through completing sixth Grade, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 18-22. Activities include worship, games, crafts, nature, Bible stories, snacks and more. Early-bird registration is \$65 for first child in the family, \$60 for the second and \$55 for each additional child. After Sunday, May 27, registration is \$70 per child. Contact Judy Cook at 248-442-8822 for registration information. Deadline to register is Monday, June 11.

Angela Hospice garden tea party

Angela Hospice will host a free garden tea party event and open house from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, at its care center, 14100 Newburgh Road, in Livonia. The event will include a trolley tour of the Felician campus, known for its beautifully landscaped grounds and water features. Tea and refreshments will be served at the Angela Hospice Care Center, where guests will have the opportunity to see demonstrations of special programs, including pet therapy and telehospice virtual assist.

Trolley tours, led by Sister Nancy Ma-

The Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition will host its 12th annual Run 2 Save Our Youth 5K run/walk beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. All proceeds will benefit substance abuse prevention activities in Livonia and the greater community.

The 5K follows a certified course and is professionally timed. Registration includes T-shirts, awards for first-place finishers (overall and in age groups) and more. In addition to the run, the event includes a family fun fest with food, live music, bounce house and a sponsor expo tent. This year, a safe and sober rally will be included in the fun.

Registration can be done online at www.active.com or www.livoniasave ouryouth.org. For more information, call 734-338-9580 or email kbonanno@ livoniasaveouryouth.org or sdavidek@ livoniasaveouryouth.org.

St. Colette car show

St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, in Livonia will host a car show from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2. The grounds will open at 8 a.m. for car participants, with all vehicles in place by 10:30 a.m.

Cost is \$15 per show vehicle, which covers entrance and eligibility for door prizes (drawn every half-hour). Admission is free to spectators and the event will include food and beverages, music and raffles.

For more information, go to www.dooleyknights5492.com or contact bobdebrais@hotmail.com.

Wayne County Parks spring hike

Wayne County Parks is offering a spring hike with a park naturalist from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 2, at Lola Valley in Redford. Recommended for ages 12 and over.

spread gun sense in western Wayne County.

VAAL spring exhibit

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia will present its spring art exhibit by members, set for June 2-29 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive. The exhibit may be viewed in the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor during regular library hours.

The VAAL exhibit is a juried event and will include watercolors, acrylics, pastel and mixed media. Many of the art works will be for sale. A special reception honoring the winners will be held 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 7. Refreshments will be served and the reception is open to the public.

For more information, go to www.vaalart.org. or call 734-838-1204.

Candidates at Livonia library

The Livonia Bennett Civic Center Library, 2777 Five Mile Road, will host a candidate forum at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7, featuring Dan Centers, candidate for state House 19th District, Jason Blankenship, candidate for Wayne County Commission, and Diane Webb, candidate for Wayne County Commission.

Livonia GOP Club

The next meeting of the Livonia Republican Club is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road. Guest speakers will be former U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, candidate for the 11th District, and Shelby Township Clerk Stan Grot, candidate for Michigan Secretary of State.

Livonia dance studio recital

FDX Pure Sole Dance Studio, located Program fee is \$3 per person, \$4 for in Livonia, will hold its second annual

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Senior appreciation dinner

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will be hosting a free senior appreciation dinner 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. The event will include pasta, salad, cake, entertainment and door prizes. Space is limited to the first 300 to RSVP.

Attendees must be ages 60 years or older, residents of the commission's 12th District, which includes Garden City, Inkster and Westland (north of Palmer Road), and RSVP in advance of the event. Limit of two attendees per RSVP.

Contact Anderson's office at 313-224-8855 or send an email to District12@WayneCounty.com. Be ready to provide your name, phone number and address to complete your reservation.

Botsford Pool re-opening

The city of Livonia will celebrate the grand re-opening of Botsford Pool, 19444 Lathers, at noon Saturday, June 16. Improvements as a result of the Wayne County park millage include a new shade structure and security cameras. Funds also served as a match for a grant from Michigan Economic Development Corp., which allowed for the installation of two climbing walls and an interactive water feature.

rie Jamroz, will depart every half-hour and include historical details about sites such as the Felician Central Convent and Chapel, Madonna University and the Our Lady of Fatima shrine, among others. Tours of the Angela Hospice Care Center will be available as well.

RSVPs are appreciated, but not required. Trolley tour availability may be limited depending on attendance. For more information or to RSVP, go to Ask-ForAngela.com or call 734-953-6045.

Livonia Towne Club meeting

Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization that brings together women for social interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's the second Thursday).

The club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more, plus an occasional local day trip.

Food pantry

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road, in Livonia sponsors a food pantry 10-11 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. For more information, call 734-421-8451.

Diabetes support group

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer a diabetes support group 1:30-2:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month in 2018. The group meets in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 11. The support group will offer participants an opportunity to meet others living diabetes and learn from one another. To learn more about the program, call 734-655-2868.

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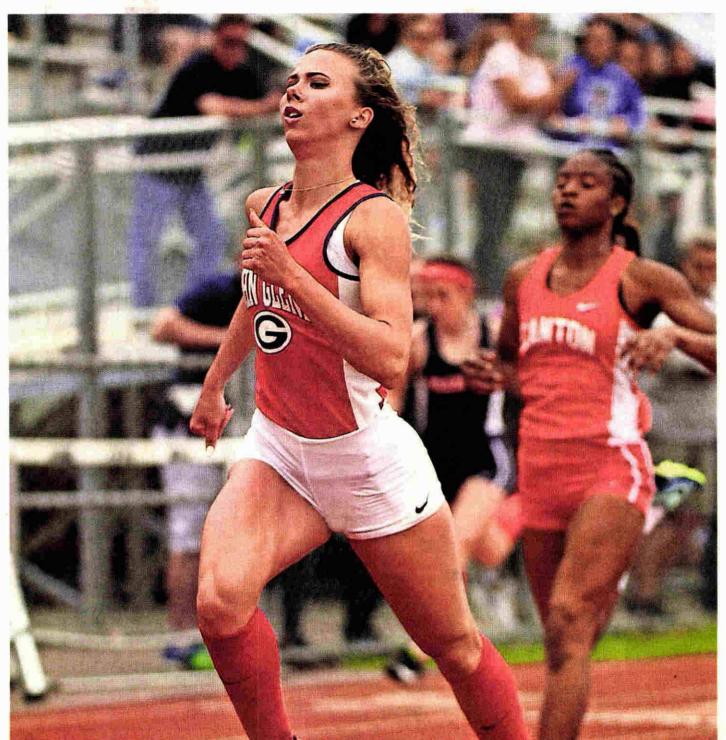


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GIRLS TRACK



Westland John Glenn's Alona Olshevska is ranked among the top sprinters in the state. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Glenn's Olshevska quick study on track, in classroom

N'ville rules KLAA boys golf season

Brad Emons Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Jimmy Dales wasn't about let Salem Hills Golf Course get him a second time.

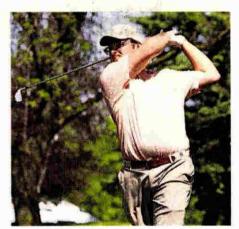
"I played my Michigan Amateur Qualifier here, which didn't go very well," said the Northville senior, who on May 10 tied for 37th while ballooning to an uncharacteristic 82 to miss the cut. "So I was glad to come back out and get my revenge."

The University of Wyoming signee made amends and then some, carding a 4-under 68 on Thursday as the Mustangs clinched the overall Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship.

Hartland, ironically, edged Northville for tourney title, 296-297, while Plymouth placed third in the 14-school field with a 308. Grand Blanc was fourth with 310, while Salem and Livonia Stevenson tied for fifth with 315 each.

But the Mustangs captured the overall KLAA base based on the dual match season (13-0 record) and runner-up tournament finish scoring 26

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try from the Ukraine as a ninth-grader, at this year's MHSAA Division 1 state

hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It's been a long time since anybody has seen a young women at Westland John Glenn High School run faster on the track than Alona Olshevska.

For the senior who came to this coun-

it's shades of the late Kelly Graham, a high school All-America hurdler during the early 1980s who later went on to have a successful Big Ten career at Indiana University.

Olshevska, who was a state qualifier as a sophomore and junior in the sprints, is a serious threat to make noise finals June 2 at East Kentwood.

According to the website athletic-.net, the Saginaw Valley State signee ranks second in the state among all class competitors in the 100-meter dash (11.83 at the Mark Carpenter In-

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Northville's Jimmy Dales shot a 4-under 68 to earn medalist honors at the KLAA Tournament at Salem Hills G.C. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

PREP BASEBALL

Plymouth cashes in with KLAA baseball crown

Bill Khan

Livingston Daily USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

NOVI – It had a state tournament vibe, which is probably the biggest takeaway for Howell and Plymouth after their KLAA championship baseball game last week Wednesday.

Plymouth also took away the KLAA championship trophy for the first time after a 2-1 victory over Howell.

But there was plenty of value for both teams in battling for a championship in

preparation for district action next week. For Howell, there were lessons learned without the gut-wrenching permanency of a postseason loss.

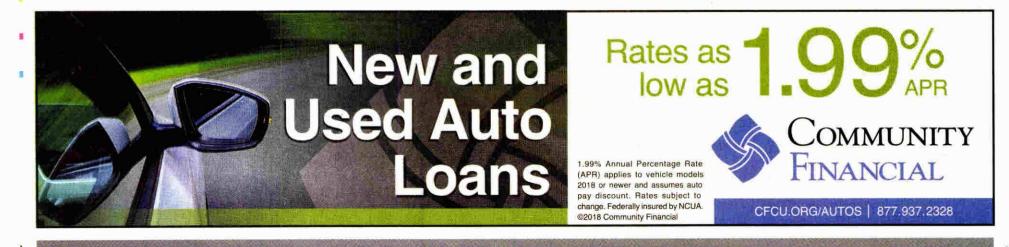
"It gives you that sense of the state tournament," Howell co-coach Mike Weatherly said. "Our kids, I think, felt it. This is only going to help us. It's disappointing not to win, but we'll be ready to go next week."

Plymouth, meanwhile, will head into the playoffs fully confident it can suc-

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Plymouth's Chase Every steals third base, causing Howell's Evan Mazer to stumble in the KLAA championship. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY



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Northville wins the overall KLAA championship based on tourney finish and dual meet record. BRAD EMONS

Golf

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points to Hartland's 25.

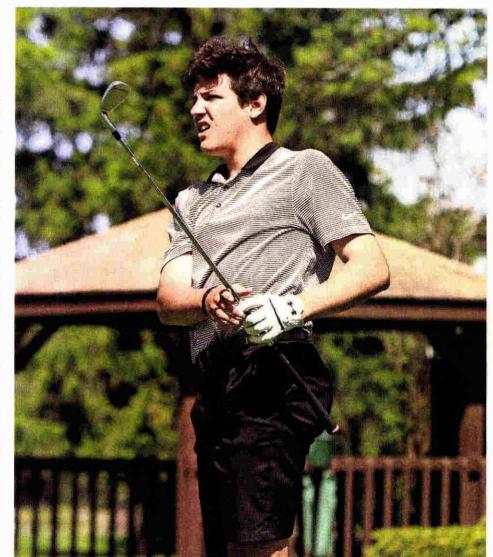
Dales, who started out the morning with the lead group on No. 1, recorded seven birdies on the day including hole numbers 2, 4, 8, 9, 12, 15 and 18. He had a double-bogey on the third hole and a bogey on the 11th.

Hartland's Mitchell Cotten was runner-up with a 71, while four others shot 72s including Plymouth's Josh Wein, Livonia Stevenson's Connor Jakacki and Grand Blanc's Nick Bruett.

"It's the first time I've shot under par in a high school tournament, so it's pretty sweet," Dales said. "I learned that a lot of things that needed fixing. I worked really hard at it and kind of new move to turn over the head, and everything is drawing really well now with my irons and my driver. And I'm putting a lot better."

The best round Dales ever recorded in his junior or high school career was a 67 last year at the IMG Worlds Qualifier held at Tanglewood G.C.

"I was real close to that, a couple of simple mistakes," Dales said of 18-hole KLAA round. "On hole three I hit it in the



player. And Josh (Wein) is putting in a lot of time and this best round he's had all year. Timmy (Baldwin) has been very solid for us, struggled today (87), but has been solid as a senior captain. Justin Lauer is really starting to come on. Luke (Morris) is a freshman and has been a solid varsity competitor and Kyle (Krause) has been pushing the group all year."

After the tournament concluded, the divisional winners were announced led by Hartland (West), Plymouth (Central) and Northville (South). The top 18 individual finishers, all shooting 78 or better, earned All-KLAA.

"We were undefeated this year, which was really fantastic," Cronin said. "I'm happy for the seniors, I've got three captains, and it's kind of nice to go out this way, win division, win conference. Now we set our sights on the regional (Thursday, May 31 at Dunham Hills)."

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

May 24 at Salem Hills G.C. TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Hartland, 296 strokes; 2. Northville 297; 3. Plymouth, 308; 4. Grand Blanc, 310; 5. (tie) Salem and Livo-123, 3. Fyrhous, 305, each; 7. Novi, 316; 8. Howell, 327; 9. Brighton 323; 10. Canton, 351; 11. Livonia Churchill, 356; 12. Westland Johr ilenn, 369; 13. Livonia Franklin, 371; 14. Wayne Memorial, no score INDIVIDUAL MEDALIST: Jimmy Dales (Northville), 4-under

TEAM-BY TEAM FINISHERS Hartland (296): Mitchell Cotten, 71; Alex Willis, 73; Collin Pa-jot, 75; Ryan Gniewek and Dylan Huck, 77 each; Bryce Brief, 80. Northville (297): Jimmy Dales, 68; Abhi Alfuri, 74; Saahith

left bunker. It was like hitting out of concrete because it was so wet. I just scalded it over the green and didn't make the putt."

Despite the soggy conditions, it was an ideal day for golf. There were blue skies, the sun was shining and temperatures reached a comfortable 82 by noon.

"It was real wet today . . . lift, clean and place really helped," Dales said. "But the pins weren't too bad. They were very getable, I thought. You could definitely go at most pins, nothing was really tucked and the greens were pure."

In addition to Cotten's 71, Hartland also got a 73 from Alex Willis, a 75 from Collin Pajot, 75, along with 77 each from Ryan Gniewek and Dylan Huck.

Northville's other three scorers included Abhi Alluri (74), Saahith Mummadi (76) and Nick Boules (79)

"It's a little disappointing to lose to-

Plymouth's Ian Smith shot a 73 to lead the third-place Wildcats. BILL KHAN | LIVINGSTON DAILY

day because 297 is the best score we've shot in a long time," Northville coach Chris Cronin said. "And we knew Hartland was going to be a good team. It was nice to have that buffer coming in. But we won the conference overall. I think the last time was maybe 2007-08 since we last won the conference title, so I'm really proud of these boys and their effort today."

But nobody had a better individual effort than Dales.

"Jimmy had an outstanding day obviously," Cronin said. "Four-under is a

high school career round for him, but he had everything working today. His wedges and his putting were outstanding.

In addition to Wein's 72, Plymouth also got strong rounds from Ian Smith (73) and Justin Lauer (79), while Luke Morris contributed an 84.

"I'm excited for our guys," Plymouth coach Dan Young said. "Ian (Smith) has been our number one all year as a sophomore and just has a bright, bright future . . . hits it as good anybody and is very competitive, very good hockey

Boules, 79; Timmy Braun, 81; Ryan Ga di, 76; Nick

Plymouth (308): Josh Wein, 72: Jan Smith, 73: Justin Lauer 9; Luke Morris, 84; Timmy Bladwin, 87; Kyle Krause, 90. Grand Blanc (310): Nick Bruett, 72; Ranveer Ajimal, 78; Jake

Waun, 79; Brendan Silpoch, 82; Evan Finsterwald, 81; John George, 85.

Salem (315): Jack McCarthy, 73; Josh German, 78; Justin Polce and Bryce Henderson, 82 each; Nathan Anton, 91; Tyler Ger Stevenson (315): Connor Jakacki, 72; Easton Schlatterbeck

80: Griffin Matick, 81: Brendan latraw, 82: Henry Szymanski, 88 an Kimble 93

Novi (316): Ryan Pinho, 75; Niko Hatz, 78; Ben Wilson, 81; Aaosh Jajoo, 82; Jason Wenner, 84; Keane Dolin, 85. Howell (321): Mike Kee, 75; Graham Hassan and Bobby Sam

ples, 80 each; Nicholas Soraruf, 86; Carter Kantola, 89; Dan Eve-

Brighton (323): Max Grant, 78; Davis Codd, 80; Logan Smith

2; Cross Lucas, 83; Nick Tortora, 90; Keagan Tian, 91. Canton (351): Patrick McDougall, 84; D.J. Jablonski, 87; Nick vram, 89; Jonhan Chen 91; Charles Wisger, 94; Ben Samoy, Nick Churchill (356): Logan Welch, 85; Andrew Czajka, 88; Max

Proulx, 91; Keith Peterson, 92; Adam Sinclair, 93; Colin Boyd, 96 John Glenn (369): Gueseppe Crachiolo, 88; James Allen, 90 ohn Lachine, 94; Matt Wilkins, 97; Carter Johnson, 129.

Franklin (371): Brandon Tirador, 79: Jacob Kenward, 92: Ryan aylor, 99; Payton Welch, 101; Cavanaugh Sullivan, 113. Wayne: Andrew Algeltinger, 85. OVERALL KLAA STANDINGS:1. Northville, 26 points; 2.

Hartland, 25; 3. Plymouth, 21; 4. Grand Blanc, 20; 5. Salem, 17.5; 6 Novi, 17; 7. Stevenson, 15.5; 8. Howell, 15; 9. Brighton, 14; 10. Canton, 9; 11. Churchill, 6; 12. John Glenn, 5; 13. Franklin, 4; 14. Wayne no team score. (**Note:** based on dual match points and tourna-ment points.)

Championship

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- ceed under pressure against high-quality opposition. One day after Evan Good pitched a two-hitter in a 3-0 shutout of
- 11th-ranked Northville, Dylan Brown and Robert Begley combined to limit fourth-ranked Howell to five hits.

'Being a part of an atmosphere like this is phenomenal," Plymouth coach Jason Crain said. "That's as good as it gets. Yesterday we won a 3-0 game against a great Northville team. That was pretty intense, as well."

Howell pitcher Ty Weatherly, who has signed with Ball State University, allowed seven hits, two runs and one earned run in five innings. He struck out three and walked two. Johnny Shields kept Howell in the game by pitching one shutout inning, fanning two.

"This is the type of pitching we'll be seeing all over the state tournament,' Plymouth senior Chase Every said. "Ty Weatherly is a great pitcher, going Division I. We'll see that and maybe even better in the state tournament."

It was the first KLAA championship for Plymouth, which won the South Division in 2012, 2014 and 2015 before losing to Northville in the Kensington Conference championship game all three years. When the KLAA was a 24-team league, the conference champions met for the KLAA title.

Plymouth took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on a two-out single by Anthony Sharkas.

When Howell tied the game, 1-1, on a sacrifice fly by Weatherly in the top of the fifth inning, the Highlanders had to feel confident they would come back and win. Howell came from behind in 17 of its 26 victories, including twice Tuesday in a 6-5 victory over Salem in the

KLAA semifinals.

But there would be no late-game heroics this time around.

It was Plymouth that capitalized on lapses by Howell in the bottom of the fifth to push across the winning run.

With two outs and Every on second base, Howell intentionally walked John Beadle to set up force outs at second and third. The possible force at third was taken out of the equation when Every stole third base.

"I actually stole third against them the same way in the regular season," Every said. "I saw that third was sagging back like he was. Catcher was making a slower throw, wasn't firing it back to the pitcher. I was kind of trying to tell the coach. I was pointing to him like, 'Hey, I can take third.' I guess he didn't see it or anything. I just went and did it. I knew it would get rid of the force at third."

Crain said that his players have the green light to steal third.

"I'd say 90 percent of the time we take third, that's going to be the player's discretion," he said. "We work on that and give them the skills to be able to understand what's happening in the game. Smart kids. They do a good job at it.'

The steal proved to be critical when Kyle Aniol hit a hard grounder to third baseman Evan Mazer, who bobbled the ball just long enough to prevent him from throwing out Aniol at first. Every scored what proved to be the winning run on the play.

The game ended when Howell's Anthony Sells grounded into the third double play turned by Plymouth.

"It's a bummer, but it was a great ball game," Mike Weatherly said. "Give credit to the pitchers; they did a good job keeping us off balance. They made some plays when they had to. They had some big double plays that took them out of a jam. That's what you do when you win big games."

and she's doing fine."

Track

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vitational) and 200 (24.57 at the Canton regional).

Only Oak Park senior Miyah Brookshas has gone faster with 11.74 in the 100, while Oak Park sophomore Aasia Laurencin is the only sprinter who ranks ahead Olshevska with a clocking of 24.32 in the 200.

Although she was a state qualifier as a sophomore and junior, Olshevska did

not score individually.



But now she believes this is her time and stage. "This year, I'm definitely placing and I'm not

Olshevska

three," Olshevska said. "I'm seeded second right now, so I'm going for first

going lower than top

place in at least one of my events. I'm running the 100, 200 and the (400 and 800) relays, so I want to place at least in one of my personal events and then top three in every other event."

When Olshevska isn't practicing with her teammates at Glenn, she's working out at the gym, doing cardio work. One early week workout after practice included 20 minutes on the stepper, 20 minutes on the elliptical and 20 minutes on the bike.

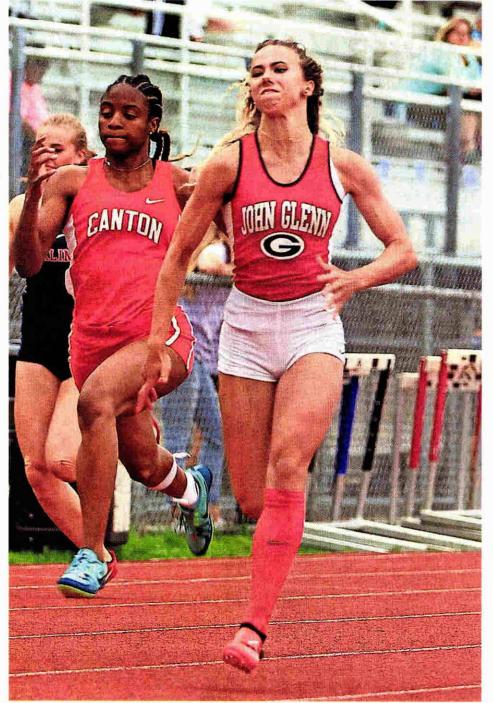
"Last year, I wasn't going to the gym as much as I am now, so basically last year I focused more on my endurance, which was good, but I didn't get any stronger, so this year I focused a lot on the gym," Olshevska said. "I would go to the gym every other day after practice to get a lot stronger and it helped me a lot with my speed and everything. Definitely lifting weights helped a lot. Last year, I weighed 107 pounds and now I'm up to 120 in all muscle weight. It definitely helps."

She is bypassing the Wayne County Invitational this week in order to get rested and healed from shin splints and blisters on her feet.

"It just started getting better," Olshevska said. "Next week, I'm going to work even harder to prepare myself for states.'

It's been a impressive month for Olshevska, who has set Glenn school records in the 100 and 200 dashes.

She scored 25 points for her team in the Division 1 regional meet May 18 at Canton, sweeping the 100 and 200 dashes. She also anchored the Rockets



Westland John Glenn senior Alona Olshevska dominated in the KLAA and regional meets in the sprints. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

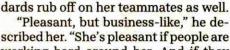
to first in the 400 relay (48.97) and 800 relay (1:43.30), along with teammates Taylor Watkins, Kyanna Stribling and Nikole Gipson.

The previous week in the rain, wind and chill at the Kensington Lakes Activities Association meet, Olshevska captured first in both sprint events, along with the 400 relay. Glenn was second in the 800 relay.

Earlier in the month, she also ran an impressive 58.93 in the 400 at the Golden Triangle Invitational at Saline.

And it's been Olshevska's strong work ethic that has separated her from the rest.

"I got one problem with Alona ... she works too hard," fourth-year Glenn coach Harry Weaver said. "I have to argue with her to make her back off so she can rest more. Her success this year is doing a lot of extra weight training on her own and it's made a whole lot of difference. She's a lot stronger this year



scribed her. "She's pleasant if people are working hard around her. And if they don't, she's not pleasant at all to the point where she wants to kick them off the team if they don't work hard."

Weaver said Olshevska's high stan-

Although Weaver often has to pull in the reins sometimes with his star sprinter and make her back off from her strict training regimen, she's a delight to be around.

'She's one of the best I've had in my 44 years of coaching, so I'm very proud of her," said Weaver, who also coaches Olshevska during the off-season with the Detroit Cheetah Track Club. "But more importantly, she can read. She's a 4.0 student."

Growing up in the Ukraine, track wasn't on the radar for Olshevska, whose native country has produced such famous athletes as pole vaulter Sergey Bubka, boxing brothers Wladimir and Vitali Klitscho and figure skater Oksana Baiul.

Olshevska, an only child, grew up in the central city of Cherkassy, two hours from Kiev. She arrived in the U.S. with some athletic genes. Her father Igor, a carpenter at Beaumont Hospital, did motocross, while her mother (Luidmila Olshevska) ran track as a teenager.

"I came 10 days before my freshman year - Aug. 20, 2014," Olshevska said. "My dad moved here a long time ago when I was, like, 3 or 4 years old to come here to work. And then he just decided to stay here for his life. He got his citizenship here and then he decided to bring me here and also get me to live here, because it's better opportunities and the life is much better than being in the Ukraine.'

Olshevska had to adapt quickly because of the language barrier.

"I barely spoke any English," she said. "I could say, 'Hello, how are you?' I had a big accent, so nobody understood what I was saying. But I would say in about four to five months, I started speaking and started making friends, so I learned pretty quick."

Between going to school at Glenn and joining the basketball team, Olshevska began to make inroads.

'That's actually when I started communicating with people more and making friends," she said. "That helped a lot and I also started watching movies just

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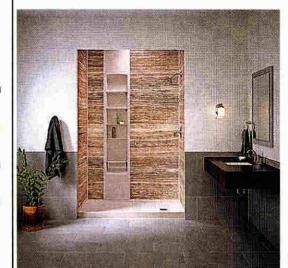


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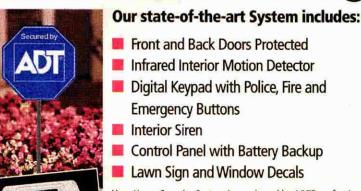
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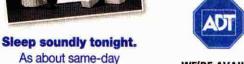
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Seaholm's Longe wins weekly voting poll

Brad Emons

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Birmingham Seaholm's Bryn Longe would be the first to admit there was an adjustment period going from JV to varsity softball.

Through the first eight games this season, the sophomore second baseman was hitting a paltry .133, but during the past month, Longe turned things around dramatically and quickly proved she belonged in the Maples' starting lineup.

On May 19, Longe helped lead Seaholm to the Forester Invitational championship as the Maples defeated Petersburg Summerfield in the title game when her seventh-inning single scored the tying run en route to the 4-3 win. In the a tourney-opening win over Detroit Renaissance, she went 2-for-2 with two doubles.

And May 18, Longe smacked a tworun, walk-off double to give Seaholm a 5-4 victory in 10 innings over Rochester

Adams in the second game of a double-header.

For her efforts, Longe was voted hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week as she garnered 52.51 percent of the vote to edge Farmington track and field standout Valadian Pallett, who tallied 45.69 percent.

"I think it's mostly mental," Longe said of her transition phase. "Going from JV to varsity, I think, I thought it was a bigger step than it actually was. I think I was just getting in my own head, psyching myself out. And the coaches are really good. They definitely know what they're doing with the batting, with technique and everything. I had never hit like this before joining varsity."

Through Seaholm's first 26 games, Longe was batting .349 with 10 doubles (tied for second), two triples (tied for first) and 19 RBIs (tied for third) as the Maples stand 17-9 overall and 7-5 in the Oakland Activities Association White Division.

She has gone from hitting eighth and ninth in the lineup to fifth and sixth, and

is being considered now for the Maples' cleanup spot.

"We had her up last year for a short period of time, she was just an average hitter, didn't know what to expect," Seaholm coach Bill Schuerman said. "It's a real surprise in terms of how quickly she kind of figured out the varsity game and has been playing a really good second base, just smacking the heck out of the ball.

"At the beginning, she made a couple of errors, but as the season has gone on, she is really covering the position well and is moving surprisingly fast and I think she's been a great surprise and playing very well at second base."

When she's not playing softball, Longe is involved in a variety of extracurricular activities at Seaholm.

Last fall, she ran for the JV cross country team. She participated during the winter in the school musical and also plays in the school band, while carrying a weighted 4.0 grade-point average.

Longe has played softball since the mons@hometownlife.com.

second grade and, during each summer, plays travel for the Birmingham Jaguars.

"I really like when we bond at tournaments," Longe said of her high school softball experience. "In between games, we can talk about what we did right and what we did wrong and even stuff that's not softball-related. I love the relationships I get and, ultimately, I just love the game itself."

In the final hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week poll, Longe racked up a total of 7,212 votes, much to her surprise, while Pallett finished with 6,275.

"It was amazing," Longe said. "It was just crazy to see the amount of votes and how much people wanted me to win. My family really supported me. My aunts and my uncles were all texting me, 'We all voting tonight, as soon as we finish dinner we're all voting for you.' It was just really sweet to know that people really care about me that much."

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Track

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in English, without any translation, so it helped me to get rid of my accent kind of ... although I still have it. At some point, it definitely helped. It also helped that I had an English home teacher for a month, so she also helped me a lot."

Yet there was a bit of a culture shock, for sure, when she arrived in Westland.

"The first couple months, it was a big difference because, in the Ukraine, we only have one race," Olshevska said. "It wasn't, like, shocking or anything. I just had to get used to how people are here. It's also in the U.S. that people are much more friendly, so I had to get used to that. People wanted to be friends with me right away without even knowing me coming over from the Ukraine, so that was different."

She originally had other interests besides track and field.

"I love dancing, singing, also like race

rollerblading," she said. "I compete at a hobby level. I'd come to the Skatin' Station, where they'd have little competitions, but nothing big. I love racing and going to the gym, keeping up with my body and shape."

Olshevska never paid attention to the sport of track and never envisioned doing it here in the U.S. In addition to playing basketball as a ninth-grader, she did cheer and pom pon.

"Basically, my freshman year, I decided to try out for track, maybe getting ready for basketball," Olshevska said. "But then I ended up falling in love with the sport, especially thanks to coach Weaver. My sophomore year, I decided to commit myself to track and field completely."

And as Olshevska began to progress, colleges began to show interest, some more serious than others. They not only saw a diamond in the rough, but also a gem in the classroom.

Saginaw Valley State University coach Rod Cowan didn't waste any time offering Olshevska a scholarship, even though Big Ten schools Michigan and Ohio State had made some inquiries.

"It was tough for me, because I really wanted to go to the University of Michigan," Olshevska said. "I was talking to a lot of coaches from Michigan, Ohio State ... but then, I kind of started doing it late for some reason. I'm not sure why I did that. So since it was so late, they didn't have any money left. They had some money to offer me athletically, but it would be incomparable to what Saginaw offered me, which was a full ride, and the Big Ten schools) were kind of taking a long time also, so I just decided to go to Saginaw Valley, because I couldn't just let the full ride go out of my hands. So I decided to commit and it's a pretty good college and I've been to Saginaw Valley since my sophomore year and I fell in love with their (indoor) facility, so I've there for a while."

Alhough math is her favorite subject at Glenn, Olshevska said she plans to major in criminal justice at SVSU.

And Weaver believes she made the right decision both athletically and aca-

demically. He said Division I schools missed the boat.

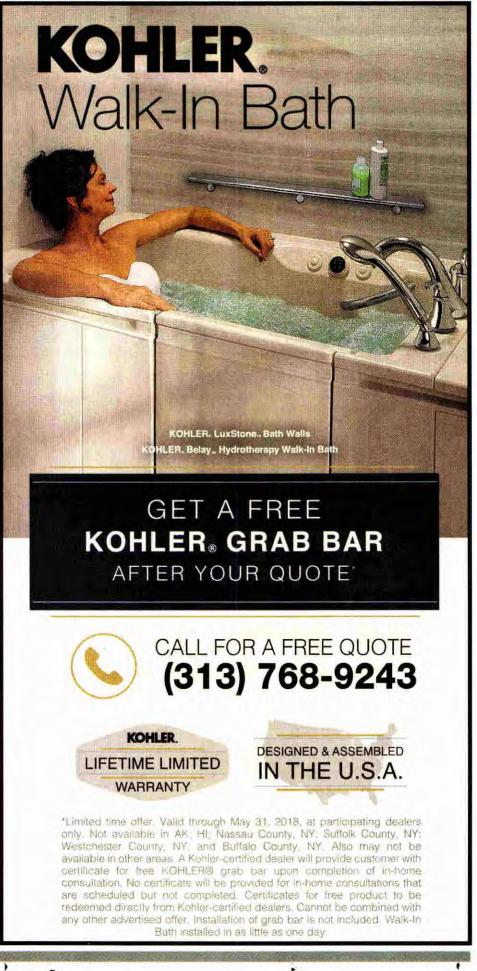
"She didn't know if she was going to go there or not, but (Cowan) showed more interest than everybody else did," Weaver said. "He didn't talk about him being interested in her, he showed he was interested in her. He took care of business and went after her like somebody should if they really want somebody. So he did a very fine job and I'm pleased with him and I'm very pleased with her choice."

As she has done the past two summers, Olshevska said she will return to the Ukraine before returning to the states.

And like the late Kelly Graham, she would like nothing less than to bring an MHSAA state championship medal to show off back to her native country.

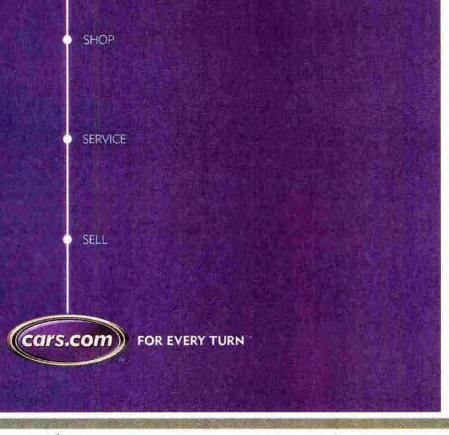
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Sprinter Stark a strong state-title contender

Marty Budner

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The girls high school track and field state championship meet is next up for Grace Stark and she can't wait to clear the next hurdle, so to speak.

White Lake Lakeland's standout student-athlete was second at last year's state meet in both the 100-meter hurdles and 100-meter dash. There's nowhere to go but up and that would mean individual state championships.

Stark is eagerly looking forward to the challenge at the Division 1 state final set for June 2 at East Kentwood High School.

"I'm really hoping to finish first this year," said Stark following her recent regional performance where she convincingly won both events. "That was my goal coming into the season."

This is Stark's third straight year as a state qualifier.

Coming in as a freshman, Stark qualified for the 100-meter hurdles and earned All-State status in her first year of high school track with a seventhplace finish (15.51). Last year, she improved by five spots, shaving two seconds off her time (13.62) and placing second to again earn All-State recognition.

Stark also qualified for state last year in the 100-meter dash, where she finished second in 12.02 to attain All-Stare honors in that event as well.

The Lakeland junior is closing out another stellar season.

Stark captured top honors in both those events at the recent Lakes Valley Conference meet.

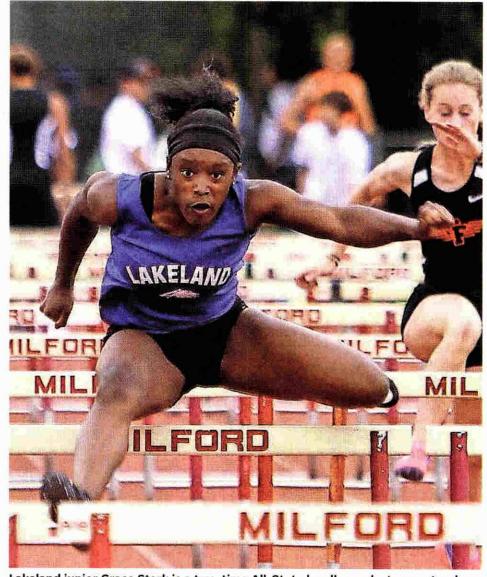
At the regional held May 18 at Milford High School, Stark was uncatchable.

She raced to first place in the 110 hurdles with a time of 13.58 and was energized enough to win the very next event -- the 100 dash in 12.12.

"I was really glad with my 100 hurdles time because I haven't been running my best times," she said. "I wanted to get back into the 13.5 area and I'm glad I got to do that today."

Kababik: Stark is the best

Head coach John Kababik considers



Lakeland junior Grace Stark is a two-time All-State hurdler and a top contender to win this year's state title. WILLIAM KHAN

Stark the best hurdler and sprinter he's seen in his 41 years at Lakeland.

"She is so consistent. She never loses. She just always wins," said coach Kbabs. "She had her best performances of the year at the regional when you should. These were her season best times.

"She just peaks at the right times and I think she'll do even better at the state meet. But, I'm not going to jinx her. I'm going to say she has the potential to be a state champion, but you never know what can happen, you could hit a hurdle or something. You just don't know. "She has the ability and the determination to be a state champion," he said. "Now, if it all comes together on that particular day, and God-willing, she has what it takes to be a state champion."

Stark started running track in sixth grade and trains year-around with a private coach. She has improved in each of her three seasons at Lakeland.

This past winter during the indoors season, Stark finished second in the country in the 60-meter hurdles.

Kababik said it's an innate desire to succeed which makes her a premier track athlete. In addition, she is a good teammate.

"It's a combination of God-given talent, and very hard work. And she's driven," said Kababik. "Even if she wins and it's not the time she wants to win by...it's not a competition thing for her. It's just a thing that she wants to get a certain time.

"So, she's going against the clock as well as the competition. She wants to be number one as far as finish, but she wants her times to be where they think they should be.

"And she has great grades, is loved by her teammates and all those good things," he said. "She's a very friendly person."

Major college interest

Stark has shown so much ability that some of the country's most prestigious programs are tracking her down. Georgia, Florida, Ohio State, Illinois are among those schools which have made inquiries.

"There are all kinds of colleges looking at here," said Kababik. "I've never had an athlete who's been sought out by so many schools. That's how good she is.

"The SEC (Southeastern Conference) has by far the best sprint schools in the United States,"

he said. "LSU is the premier women's team in the U.S. They won indoors last year and they might win outdoors this year. Maybe she can get there. She can pretty much go anywhere she wants."

One of the biggest obstacles for Stark to overcome is the fact both her primary events are contested back-to-back as the state meet's first two events. She barely has time to rest up. But, that doesn't seem to bother her any more.

"Over the years it's gotten a lot easier since this is my third year of doing it and I do it a lot during my indoor season," said Stark, who also anchors the school's 4x100-meter relay which races later in the meet.

Stark aims to have those two state titles safely secured by the time the relay rolls around.

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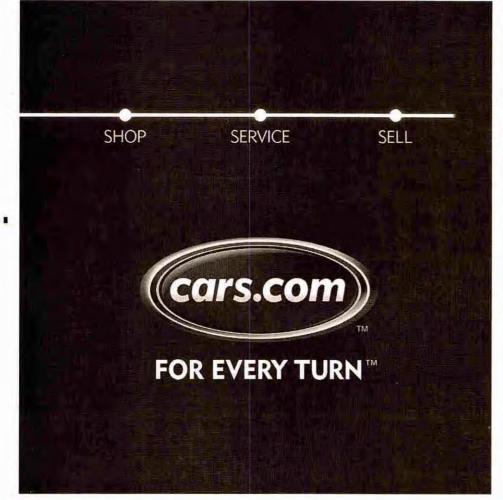
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Petition #2872-M. Benedict-29122 Brody

Req. for a side yd. fence location variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code, to instal 4' high privacy fence in the west side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that of rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence.

Petition #2873-R. Delaney-6398 N. Radcliffe

Req. for a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Article X of the Westland City Code of Ordinances to install a 6' high fence in the north street side yd. of the home; whereas Sec 303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING June 4, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan

on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below.

ORDINANCE NO. A18-xxx

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON JULY 1, 2018, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2019.

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: MILLAGE LEVIES AUTHORIZED.

In order to defray expenditures and meet the liabilities for the City of Garden City for Fiscal Year 2018/2019, the following millage levies are hereby adopted: 13.5783 mills for general operating purposes; 0.8200 mills for garbage and rubbish collection and disposal; 3.1990 mills for judgment debt; 0.9811 mills for Library; and 3.4337 mills for Police and Fire. The total millage levy shall be 22.0121 mills per \$1,000 of taxable valuation within the City. SECTION 2: BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS ADOPTED.

The following appropriations, representing the various budgetary centers of the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget as defined by Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, are hereby adopted for the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 as shown below in the estimated revenue and expenditures summaries of the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget document:

G	ENERAL FUN	DSUMMARY	
REVENUES	1	EXPENDITURES	
General Property Taxes	7,671,721	Mayor & Council	46,622
Business Licenses/Permits	30,000	21st District Court	1,014,664
Non-Business Licenses/Permits	14,000	City Admin/Personnel	424,334
State Shared Revenues	4,010,694	Clerk-Treasurer	1,036,853
Grants - Local Units	1,223,264	General Services	1,415,695
Charges for Services	684,600	Transfers to Other Funds	8,403,719
Fines and Forfeits	805,500	Dept. of Public Services	1,947,014
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,028,550	Parks and Recreation	1,034,386

CITY O	FWESTLAND
SYNOPS	IS OF MINUTES
MTG	G. 11 5/21/18
Presiding: President Pro-Tem Herzberg	
Present: Green, Hammons, Hart, Johnson	n, Londeau
100: Minutes of regular meeting held 5/7/	18.
- Minutes of special meeting held 5/7/18 @	
- Minutes of study session held 5/7/18 @ 5	:30.
- Minutes of study session held 5/7/18 @ 6	:00.
- TNT Fireworks tent 6/28-7/4, 37201 War	rren Rd.
- Blues, Brews & BBQ 8/3-8/4.	
- Norwayne Boxing Club "International Ye	outh Boxing Tournament" 6/16-17 at Mike Modan
Ice Arena.	
 Intro Budget Amendment 2018-02; 3rd 6 	
 Waive procedure to intro & adopt in sam Quarter of FY ending 6/30/18. 	ne meeting, Budget Amendment 2018-02; 3rd
- Adopt Budget Amendment 2018-02; 3rd	Quarter of FY ending 6/30/18.
101: GLWA Contract amendment effective	r i i ci
102: Minutes of study session held 5/17/18	
103: Rev. site plan for prop. cooler additio	
104: Spec. land use for prop. Lucky Treat	
105: Spec. land use for prop. Little Caesar	
	8-04-0042-000 & -0046-000, w/contingencies.
107: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,653,068.59.	
Mtg. adj. at 8:08 p.m.	
James Godbout	Richard LeBlanc
Council President	City Clerk
Published: May 31, 2018	LO-0000342855

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REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	1
CATV PEG Fees	78,000	Personnel	119,716
Grants		Expenditures	19,509
Transfer from Gen'l Fund	45,725		
Use of Fund Balance	15,000		
Interest	500		
TOTAL REVENUES:	139,225	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	139,225

COMM	UNITY DEVELOP	MENT BLOCK GRANT FUND S	UMMARY
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
CDBG Grant	146,863	Expenditures	25,000
		Housing Rehabilitation	87,648
		ADA Compliance	
		Public Service Activities	20,529
		Administration	13,686
		Planning	
TOTAL REVENUES:	146,863	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	146,863

	BUILDING DE	PARTMENT FUND SUMMAR	Y
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Building	449,000	Building	524,366
Planning	11,430	Planning	86,250
Trf from Other Funds	150,186		
TOTAL REVENUES:	610,616	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	610,616

POLICE DRUG FORFEITURE FUND SUMMARY						
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES				
Confiscations	15,000	Expenditures	30,500			
Interest on Investments	500					
Use of Fund Balance	15,000					
TOTAL REVENUES:	30,500	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	30,500			

HOUSING REHABILITATION REVOLVING FUND SUMMARY					
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES			
Repayments of Loans	10,000	Housing Rehabilitation	10,000		
TOTAL REVENUES:	10,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	10,000		

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND SUMMARY REVENUES EXPENDITURES

Contributions/Public Enterprises	425,000	Community Resources	1,256,067
Contributions/Other Funds	1,267,356	Boards & Commissions	9,450
		Debt Service	571,881
TOTAL REVENUES:	17,160,685	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	17,160,685

MAJOR STREETS FUND SUMMARY				
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES		
Gas & Weight Tax	1,804,968	Expenditures	3,025,384	
Interest on Investments	20,000			
Federal Grants				
State Grants				
Use of Fund Balance	1,200,416			
TOTAL REVENUES:	3,025,384	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	3,025,384	

LOCAL STREETS FUND SUMMARY					
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES			
Gas & Weight Tax	730,532	Expenditures	1,698,016		
Transfer in-Major Streets	902,484				
METRO Act Revenue	60,000				
Interest on Investments	5,000				
Grant Revenue					
Use of Fund Balance					
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,698,016	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,698,016		

PUBLIC SAFETY FUND SUMMARY				
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES		
Tfr from Gen'l Fund	7,917,208			
Trf from 911 Fund	142,000	Police	6,486,271	
PS Millage – Real	1,646,476	Fire	4,005,825	
PS Millage – Personal	78,862			
Charges, Interest, Penalties	10,100			
Police Revenues	68,375			
Fire Revenues	424,075			
Grants	205,000			
TOTAL REVENUES:	10,492,096	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	10,492,096	

STREET LIGHTING FUND SUMMARY				
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES		
Revenues	350,500	Expenditures	474,200	
Gen'l Fund Contribution	120,700			
Use of Fund Balance	1			
Interest/Penalties	3,000	A FLUIS PATE AND A		
TOTAL REVENUES:	474,200	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	474,200	

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REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Revenues	140,000	Expenditures	
Interest on Investments	2,000	Increase Fund Balance	
Use of Fund Balance		Transfer to Pub. Saf. Fund	142,000
TOTAL REVENUES:	142,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	142,000

Trf from General Fund	119,900			
Trf from Court Bldg Fund		Patrol Cars	75,000	
Use of Fund Balance		Citywide MIS	45,000	
Interest on Investments	100	Other Expenditures		
TOTAL REVENUES:	120,000	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	120,000	

WATER/SEWER FUND SUMMARY					
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES			
Water/Sewer Revenue	8,374,481	Water Distribution	3,027,640		
Other Revenue	283,2 00	Sewage Disposal	4,626,905		
Decrease Retained Earnings	2,661,300	Personnel/ Administration	3,664,436		
TOTAL REVENUES:	11,318,981	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	11,318,981		

RUBBISH COLLECTION FUND SUMMARY							
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES					
Revenues	1,670,300 Expenditures		1,678,300				
General Fund Transfer							
Use of Fund Balance							
Interest on Investments	8,000						
TOTAL REVENUES:	1,678,300	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	1,678,300				

DOWI	NTOWN DEVELO	PMENTAUTHORITY FUND S	UMMARY	
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES		
Tax Revenue	379,348	Projects	5,000	
Use of Fund Balance	37,025	Administration	310,432	
Interest on Investments	1,000	Debt Service	204,241	
Other Revenue	102,300			
TOTAL REVENUES:	519,673	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	519,673	

LIBRARY FUND SUMMARY					
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES			
Millage	495,975	Personnel	315,782		
Other Revenues	52,150	Operating/Services	17,100		
Use of Fund Balance		Professional/Tech Services	151,493		
nn stans on		Capital Outlay	63,750		
TOTAL REVENUES:	548,125	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	548,125		

ALL FUNDS SUMMARY REVENUES - ALL FUNDS: \$48,114,664 EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS: \$48,114,664

Note: Total of all funds includes transfers between funds.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **PROPOSED 2018 TAX LEVY** MONDAY, June 4, 2018

Please take notice that, on June 4, 2018 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed property tax millage rate for 2018.

The Board may not levy its proposed property tax until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed tax levy rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

MELANDIE HINES, Secretary

iblished: May 31, 2018

SOUTH REDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the South Redford School District Board of Education will hold

a public hearing on Monday, the 11th day of June, 2018, at a Board of Education meeting that begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Jan W. Jacobs Educational Services Center located at 26141 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, MI, 313 535-4000, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the South Redford School District for the fiscal year 2018-2019. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the South Redford School District proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Superintendent at 26141 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, MI. (MCL 141.412).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

South Redford School District

on the Adoption of the Budget

for

Fiscal year 2018-2019

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE

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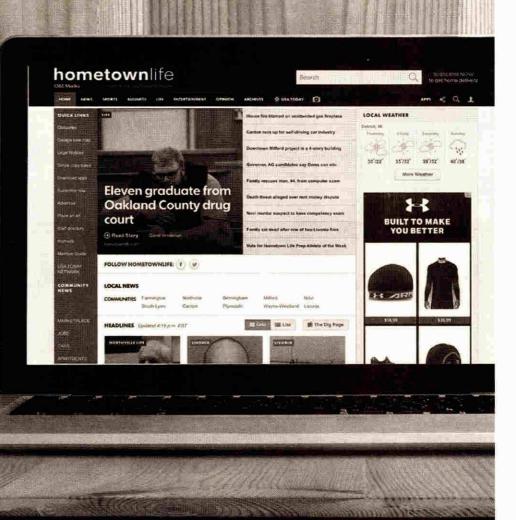
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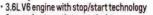




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