## Old city hall demolition underway <br> The city hall building, vacat

| LeAnne Rogers |
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| Staft Writer |
| A fixture on Ford Road for |
| more than 50 years, the former |
| Westland City Hall is being |
| demolished. |
| sThey were expected to |
| start with the (former) Bailey |
| Center. The estimated time for |
| demolition of city hall is two |
| weeks and an additional four |
| weeks for the Bailey Center," |
| said Westland Mayor William |
| Wild, whose former of fice |

could seen from the street after
exterior walls were removed.
The project is beeng com-
pleted by Dore and Associates
Contracting Inc. Once the
buildings are down, Wild said
it's expected that the debris
will be removed, holes filled
and the site leveled by Memori-
al Day.
"The contractor is very
experienced. The demolition is
very systematic and they are
recovering steel and copper,"
Wild said. ed in 2014 when the new city hall opened on Warren Road
west of Central City Parkway, was constructed in 1964. That pre-dates the city, celebrating year, by two years and goes back to the Nankin Township
days. Bailey Center had housed recreation programs
including an outdoor swimming including an outdoor swimming

## 'INTO THE WOODS'



John Gienn High School presents "Into the Woods," by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. Cast members include (foreground) Cinderella (Zanaisha White), the baker (Jonah Wallace), Little Red Riding Hood (Payton Kilgore), standing from left, Cinderella's father (Jeremy Singleton), Cinderella's stepsister Florinda (Ryanne Hamill), stepmother (Hannah Beal), stepsister Lucinda (Abby Hardin), the baker's wife (Emma Diamond), Jack's mother (Ave Maria Awosika), and Jack (Korey Corona)

John Glenn actors bring musical to life Brad Kadrich

AveMaria Awosika doesn't have any problem playing a

School production of "Into the Woods," which starts tonight (Thursday).
OK, maybe OK, maybe one problem. Awosika, a senior last seen
playing Lucille in "Acts of

Murder,", plays Jack's mother in Glenn's production of the James Lapine novel.
And that's the problem (her And that's the problem (he
only one, really) for Awosika: She's a year younger than the actor (Korey Corona).
difficult connecting with (Cor
ona) ... He's a year older than me," admitted Awosika, who is also a student
assistant director on the show. "Taking on a motherish role was difficult. As we went on, it got easier.

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## Municipal leaders work to fill commercial vacancies

## Garden City mayor cites

 blight as top concern Julie Brown
## Older, more established

 Older, more establishedcommunities face blight issues. Garden City Mayor Randy Walker said his top com-
plaint from residents is blight plaint from residents is blight, including residential and com"We deal with both," Walke said. He noted the former ship on Ford Road in Garden City had issues before it was re-purposed to partial private commercial use.
the grass," Walker said. "We
want the city to look good all want the city to look good all around."
Some commercial proper ties that are vacant are bankowned, he noted. "Every city has the same issues. All cities
have crime, all cities have blight," Walker said. Communities that were
once mainly agricultural once mainly agricultural and now suburban also face chalCanton help with vandalism issues at vacant properties, although Kristen Thomas, ager for the township, said vacancies aren't a major issue.
The Busch's supermarket at

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Hawthorne Valley on Merriman Road, north of Warren Road, in

Wayne home values rise 7.6 percent LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Wayne homeowners are seeing an average 7.6 -percent increase in property values for
2016 - the first significant rise in values following several years of steep declines or minimal increase.
Those are in Those are increases in the
State Equalized Value so home owners won't see that increase reflected in their taxes. State law limited the increase of the taxable values to 5 percent or
the rate of inflation, whichever is less. That means a 3 percent tax increase in 2016. Industrial property values 2.7 percent but it's not all good news for the city, Commercial property values dropped an
average 9 percent. All of the average 9 percent. All of the
values are based on appraisals done by Wayne County Equalization.
"I thin "I think that the (commerThat's what I believe," City Manager Lisa Nocerini said The city's SEV for 2016 is
$\$ 356.4$ million down from $\$ 356.4$ milion, down from means a mill property tax levied in the city is worth less which get. "We're waiting for some things but the budget is 90 percent done. We'll have the
budget to council April 19 for budget to council April 19 fo
adoption in June," Nocerini said. It will also affect any roll back that might be made if voters in August along with membership in the South Macomb Oakland Regional Au "This (SEV decrease) will have a serious impact. Now you know why we need to ask for the SMORS,"' Mayor Susa Rowe said evaluate the financial impact of the changes in personal proper ty tax law, which begins phas-
ing out this year, and any potential reimbursement from the state. "The personal property tax
is killing us. We have $\$ 1$ mil is killing us. We have a $\$ 1$ mil-
lion loss on the Downtown Development Authority due to personal property taxes," No-
cerini said. "The DDA will only

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BilL BRESLER ISTAAF PHOTOGRAP Monday morning and is moving ahead quickly.


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The play runs April
14-16 with 7 m shows 14-16 with 7 p.m. shows in the John Glenn audi
torium. The 22 -memb cast went through auditions in late January, and
started rehearsing in started rehearsing in
early February. Another early February. Another
30 or so crew members have been busy putting sets together, handling
the lighting and doing the the lighting and doing the
other backstage things necessary to a show. Drama teacher Kevin Gidley said the actors
and crew have adjusted and crew have adjusted
pretty well to the schedule, although he admitted as the production made its way through tech week this week the kids
were "probably all a little were "probably all a little
tired."
Still, he said, everyone Still, he said, everyone
was excited about the was excited about the
show. "Into the Woods" weaves together the plots
of several Brothers of several Brothers Grimm and Charles Perrault fairy tales, exploring the consequences o and quests. It was chosen, Gidley
said, over "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"" "This had been mentioned in the past, and I
knew the kids would like it," said Gidley, in his fourth year leading Glenn's drama program. They were pretty fired it.", Senior actor Eric Kudlawiec, who is in his production at John Glenn, is playing Prince Charming, a character he
says is different from the says is different from the
others he's played. "He's royalty ... He kind of full of himself,"
said Kudlawies said Kudlawiec, who

## HOMES

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receive $\$ 500,000$." Wayne's SEV in 2008, was over $\$ 600$ million.

Jack (Korey Corona) learns from Mom (AveMaria Awosika) about getting a good deal at the market.

## INTO THE WOODS

 What: John Glenn High School's production of "Into the Woods" When: April each night. School auditorium, 36105 Marquette, Westland Tickets: $\$ 10$ (students) dults) at the door. came into the programthe same year Gidey took over "And I've never had this many songs." different pattern than most of the shows Glenn With the cap on taxable
value increases at the
rate of inflation even at rate of inflation even at a rate of 2 percent, Noceri-
ni said the city estimates it will take until 2046 for the city to get taxable values
els.

has put on. It's a musical that relies on "a fairly seamless" stream of masic, different musical num bers, according to Steve Goldberg, a John Glenn graduate working on his
3th show in the program "It's something we're ot used to, so it's more difficult," said Goldberg
who is studying secondary education at Eastern Michigan University. More modiern pieces are Goldberg isn't the only outside influence in the show. Student teacher
$\qquad$
"Those are some big
numbers," she added. The city is projecting a more than $\$ 2$ million fiscal year ending June 30. Plante Moran, which serves as the city's fi-
nance director, is predic


BILL BRESLER |STAAFF
PHOTOGAPHER Little Red Riding Hood
(Payton Kilgore) runs into the (Payton Kilgore) runs into the


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| PHOTOGRAPHER | Zanaisha White is Cind

Gabrielle Blakemore, who is teaching chem-
istry at John Glenn while pursuing her bachelor's degree in secondary education at Western Michigan University, is
helping out with costumes.
"I did a bunch of theater in high school," said
Blakemore, who went to Blakemore, who went to
school in Ann Arbor. "I loved it. You never stop being a drama kid.
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## Men sought over counterfeit bill

The Westland Police are
seeking the public's assistance in identifying two sus-
pects who allegedly attemptpects who allegedyy attemptat the China Star Restaurant, 270 S. Wayne Road. After the clerk examined the money and found it to b
fraudulent, both suspects
rant.
One suspect is described as a black male, approxi
mately 20 years old 5 -foot-10, weighing 150 pounds. He can be seen wearing a Detroit hat and a blue and gray hooded sweatshirt.
The other suspect is de-

## WESTLAND COP CALLS

## Larceny

 A Canton man told policeApril l 0 that he arrived at a vacant home he owns in the 800 block of Van Sull to find someone had cut the lock box
off the door. The house is for sale and the key had been used to enter the house. Inside, the man said he found someone had stolen the
copper piping and there was abput a foot of standing water in the basement.

## Larceny

"Two residents in the 29000 block of Julius told police April 5 that someone had sto len the exterior copper pipe
to their lawn sprinkler systems. Neither resident could say when the theft happened. block of Marshall told police that the copper water sprinkler head units had been stolen April 8 . The owners each said
they thought the unit had been stolen overnight. "On April 9, a resident in the 29000 block of Marshall told police that someone had
stolen the copper sprinkler head unit from the exterior of her home. She said she believes she had last seen the unit a few days earlier.
Larceny from a vehicle "Overnight April 8 , a resi-
dent in the 29000 block of Lacy dent in the 29000 block of Lacy
told police that someone had told police that someone ha
stolen his wallet from his locked vehicle. He noted a large scratch under the driv-
er's door handle, which led him r's door handle, which led him to con inserted into the latch $/$
lock assembly.
The man reported his license and assorted credit cards, which had already been canceled. He told poice a credit card had bee attempted $\$ 1,300$ online
purchase.
„A pair of sunglasses "A pair of sunglasses
were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 1500 block of Woodbourne over night April 8. The owner said she found her car had went outside in the morning.

## Vandalism

"On April 7, a resident in the 36000 block of Palmer fold police that someone smashed the rear window days' prior a neighbor had called him to alert him to glass breaking and he found he damage.
"A second resident in old police that someone had shot out the rear winwhile it was parked in the driveway.
$"$ On April 5, a Garden City man told police that he block of $S$. Carlson about an hour and returned to find someone had shattered the indshield with what apofficer noted similar damage to a second vehicle in the 1400 block of $S$. Carlson.
scribed as a black male, approximately 20 years old, 6
feet tall, weighing 200 feet tall, weighing 200 green coat.
If anyone can help identify the suspects, contact the Westland Police Department
at $734-722-9600$ or Sgt. Jerry at 734-722-9600 or Sgt. Je
Farrar at $734-467-7912$.


## A lesson on Miranda rights

> Whe following is a real con
versation between a versation between a
trooper and a witness Trooper: OK, sir, if I could just get your statement to what you saw we should be all set. Witness: OK, go ahead and Trooper: You don't need to be "Mirandized" - you're not under arrest. Witness: Yeah, I know, but don't want my statement to get thrown out because you didn't read me my rights. you you're rights. Reading Miranda is reserved only for the criminal once he is in custody. You're not a criminal and you re not under arrest. We
have the criminal in custody and we have already interviewed him.
> Witness: Are you sure I don't need to be "Mirandized?" Trooper: Positive. You don't watch a lot of police shows do
> ${ }^{\text {you? }}$ Witness: Nah, not really. I
> Witness: Nah, not really.
ove reality television like "Keeping, up with the Kar-
> dashians." I
> Trooper: I would never hav
guessed.
Witness: Can you still "Mi-
> Witness: Can you still "Mi-
randize" me anyways, just so


Sgt. Michael
Sura ASK A TROOPER
can say I was? My friends will think it's cool. Trooper: Sure, if it will help
end this conversation and allow me to get a statement. This week's question comes from a local high school student: When and why do police
officers have to read someone officers have to read someone
their Miranda waiver? Great question. The Miranda rights was a decision made in 1966, by the Supreme Court. Ernesto Arturo Miranda had
committed several felony offenses, and during the course of the investigation, the Su-
preme Court felt that his Fifth preme Court felt that his Fifth Amendment and Sixth Amend-
ment rights had been violated. Just so you know - Miranda
was subsequently retried for was subsequently retried for
the offenses and convicted the circumstances trigo ing the Miranda safeguards, or Miranda rights, are custody and interrogation. Custody
means formal arrest or the means formal arrest or the
deprivation of freedom. Interrogation is asking explicit
WAYNE COP CALLS

## Vandalism

A resident in the 35000 block of Glover told police April 7 that someone had smashed the
rear window on his vehicle. He rear window on his vehicle. He
said he went outside to smoke
ground.
Suspicious circumstance A caller told police April 4
that just after 7 p.m. three teens were in the grassy area at
questions, or actions, that are incriminating response. The Supreme Court did not specify the exact wording to use when informing someone court did create a set of guide ines that must be followed. The ruling states that a person terrogation, be clearly informed of their right to remain silent and that anything they say can and will be used person must be informed that they have a right to an attorney and can have the attorney present during questioning. It is also explained that if you o will be appointed for you if you
Further, if you start an swering questions without an top ney present and decide to questions at any time and talk to an attorney. The last thing is that you know and understand your rights as they are explained.
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Howe and Van Born attempting o break out the street light. The teens were gone when officers arrived.

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## Police: Robbery suspects may be connected with car wash break-ins



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proves and real estate
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grams. ReLeaf Michi-
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planting zones. The trees are able to prosper in both rural and urban areas.
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container or balled and burlap trees. The ever-
greens are in small congreens are in small con-
tainers. Tree and shrub orders
must be placed by Monmust be placed by Mon
day, April 18. Pick-up date is April 30 at Handy Park in Redford and Washtenaw Farm Coun-
cils Grounds in Ann cils Grounds in Ann
Arbor. Online ordering is Arbor. Online ordering is
available at www.Re-
LeafMichig. LeafMichigan.org.
David Veselenak
Staff Writer

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Two of the suspects accused of armed robbery at a downriv-
er charity poker room er charity poker room
are also suspects in various break-ins at car washes across Livonia and other
surrounding communities.
Livonia police say Livonia police say
Daniel William Freder ick, 29 of Dearborn
Heights and Michae Eugene Pennington, 26 of Flat Rock, are sus-
pects in three separate pects in three separate
break-ins of car washes during the month of March.
Police say the two were suspected of Auto Wash and Detailing, 29067 Plymouth Road on March 14, the
$\$ 3.50$ Car Wash at 15518 Middlebelt o March 17 and the Soft Touch Auto Wash at 36001 Plymouth Road
on March 26 . Nothing was taken from any of the facil ities, though some damage to the facilsuspects trying to gain access, said Lt. Tom Goralski of the Livonia Police worked to develop suspects, and through finding a fingerprint at one of the odetect a possible suspect. A Livonia officer saw a news eport regarding the Momo's Poker Room in the 5800 block of Telegraph in Taylor, where pects entered the faciity and robbed patrons during a charity poker believed those susbelieved those sus same ones thought to

if that request is ap-
proved, the men would be proved, the men would be
arraigned in Livonia's arraigned District Court some-
time in the next few days. time in the next few days.
Livonia police say the Livonia police say the
men could be involved in men could be involved that have taken place in surrounding communities such as Farmington
Hills, Plymouth TownHhis, Garden City, Westland and Novi. Goralski said he was
proud of the ways the proud of the ways the
officers investigated the crimes and were able to located and apprehend the suspects.
"I'm very pleased with the hard work of the de-
tectives on this case." he tectives on this case," he said, "Good, hard hit-th pavement detective work ${ }_{734-678-6728}^{\text {dreselenak@ }}$


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## Developer: Finding right space key to fill vacancies

$\underset{\text { Staff Writer }}{\text { David Veselenak }}$
Location still plays a big factor when it comes to deve
oping land or buildings that oping land or buildings that
have sat vacant over the years have sat vacant over the years
Just ask Jeffrey Schostak, a
vice president and director of vice president and director based and major area
oper Schostak Bros. Building on desirable, vacant landing is great, but it needs
to be in a great place to really to be in a great pl
bring in interest. really, the key is a a good piece
of dirt," he said. "Middlebelt Road, for example. That corr dor has become one of the ro Detroit." Schostak Bros. has some
stake in Livonia along Middleeveral south of 1-96, owning stretch, which has gone from fairly vacant to jam-packed in e last several years, with th big-box stores and retail cenBut moving on vacant propbuildings designed for another use is a bit trickier for developers, Schostak said, as many
tenants are looking to jump ight into a facility without to it. The company has been inseveral area communities, including Livonia, Redford, orthville Township and SaThat's why the company has moved forward with revitalizing the former Home Depot site, 12100 Inkster, in Redford
The 14 -acre property, located The 14 -acre property, located
just north of Plymouth Road,
has been vacant for several has been vacant for sever years after Home Depot
moved farther west. Retail location didn't work Middlebelt Road," Schostak aid. "Then it turned into an ing on the market for a coupl years trying to lease or sell a building." Today, the company is lookight industrial, with some space reserved for keeping ome commercial options

## VACANT

Canton Center and Cherry Hill with a delayed opening, now set for this fall
the bud," she said of vandalsm issues with vacancies. The ent years, although it has Cantl-maintained. cusy place especially one Ford Road and now Michigan Avenue. "The more businesses you
have, the more businesses want to be there" said Thom as. "They want to be there because of the traffic counts. national retailers and man international, with the Swedish IKEA on Ford Road. "It creates this kind of synergy," sai Thomas, in her job four year some 19 years. criteria and statistics look for noted. "We just happen to fit
the bill, especially on Ford Road," she said. Thomas described higher-
end residential development Canton, south of Ford Road as
well as south of Cherry Hill


House of Denmark is on Plymouth Road in Livonia

Getting it ready for poten-
tial clients and knowing what they want before it being
shown is a key to large vacant properties off the market, Schostak said. If a company can move right in
without having to make many changes, more movement on a piece of property can happen at a faster pace. because you're already showing them something in theirwheelhouse", he said. "Users today don't have a lot of time
when they're searching for when they're sear
Working with local governments These developments tend to not be worked on solely by
developers. Lots of other developers. Lots of other
stakeholders play stakeholders play a rote, in
cluding local municipalities, many of whom work with zoning requirements, site plans and other conditions that af fect the property.
Schostak said entities has gotten better as the economy improves from the recession and that the company has gelationships with sur rounding communities when they're looking to develop.
With tax bases seeing increases and a need for mor revenue emerges, he said working with local governments has moved to a better location. takes a large amount of public private collaboration," he said "Things got a little easier post

Road starting in the 1980s.
Canton became less rurav Canton became less rural/
agricultural, with its devel agricultural, with its devel-
opment pushing south and west. "It kind of put Canton on the map, I think," she said.
When I-275 was built in in the 1970s. "Canton was very agricultural. It didn't necessarily need all those exits off the
freeway."
She acknowledged traffic issues. "It's been a curse and a blessing" in that regard, Thomas said. "It's made Canton what it is today. She praised the township's master plan and those responsible for it, noting it's provided fond ample public parks. "That kind of planning has also helped," she said. "It's not just
willy-nilly." Wily-nilly Commercial zoning districts are pretty firm, she said: "It's very carefully thought out."
Canton has no downtown, but its leaders tout other amenities. "Plymouth is great and their downtown is great. We try to capitalize on what we do
have." Thomas said, including Leisure Services and its exten sive programming, the Summit on the Park building and a
diverse population. "Because of our able to provide those services
recession."
Mark Taormina, the planning director for the city of
Livonia, said vacancy rates across the 36 -square-mile city have decreased throughout the last few centers even seeing attractive facelifts being done as
funding becomes more funding becomes more "I think what's a really positive thing that we've seen is that even the owners of our older retail plazas are
recognizing the need," he said. "Many of them are finally in a position where they can upgrade their, properties and respond."
Livonia is home to plenty of vacant buildings and lots, the more noticeable ones being the former Chi-Chi's
restaurant site at Schoolrestaurant site at School-
craft and Middlebelt, as well as the old House of Denmark facility at 35555 Plymouth Road. Some of these older va
cant sites, especially the House of Denmark site, can be difficult to find a tenant, as the building's single-use attract another former of business, Taormina said. ties that are a challenge, because they were built as a single-use property for a
ingle use," Taormina said. single use," Taormina sai "It is difficult to find an properties."


## Northville-based architects see the world and Detroit suburbs' potential, too

## $\underset{\substack{\text { Julie Brow } \\ \text { Stater }}}{ }$

Architect Bob Piatek sees potential for Detroit and its Of downtown Detroit, Piatek said, "It's incredible what's happening down there. There's And also office space now" is in great demand in downtown great dem.
De
He see
He sees heavy mixed use in he next two years, including and townhouses in downtown Detroit.
Piatek is director for the Detroit office, based in North
ville, of HKS Architects a worldwide architecture firm. We love being here," he said Northvile. es have a center, he said, in ome cases a downtown or a entral spot., "That's where oth in terms of people, but aso walkability, culture and entertainment.
That's what the young folks Young people and some emptynesters are relocating to urban enters, with older people re-
naining in suburbs.

## Royal Oak sees growth,

hange
He cited Royal Oak locally hings, as well as large cities ike Chicago and Boston. "How do we keep that interest?" Thatek said of local leaders. or any city."
He earned his architecture degree in a four-year program dded, at Lawrence Technoogical University in South ield. Piatek has been with HKS Architects about 18 years ome 35 years.
"There's lot of potential for those, depending," he said of building has a good structure and a good exterior, then adaptive reuse makes a lot of ense." Some buildings in the subhistoric, he noted, "or just because it's been around in the community. It just depends on
matching the building to what me use is."


Bobpratek Bob Piatek
is director
for the for the
Detroit
office, office,
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Northville, of HKS
Architects, a Architects, a
worldwide
architecture architecture
firm. "We
love being love being
here," he
said of said of
Northville.
structure can have their me-
chanical, electrical and plumbing gutted without much diffi-
culty Piatek noted. "You see a lot of that happening in urban centers," he said. was developed "specifically for big-scale retail. That takes
some real thought" to reuse some real thought to reuse,
said, including inviting the developers to weigh in on best use of the campus with its ex-
tensive parking tensive parking. to get at," he said. Piatek described a Sears building he recently saw on a
Memphis trip in which no one Memphiser could use it that developer could use it. That
city teamed several developers for the downtown site, including St. Jude Children's Research Hospital offices, condo
miniums and apartments Some 1970 office buildings weren't made to last, Piatek said. "They were built to be
turned over quickly"

## 'Going to stand forever'

 "big box"s retail with its lightweight joists and other features. Of structures from the 1920s, 1930 s and 1940 s , he said, "They're going to stand forev-minimal vacancies in Farming
ton Hills. "Part of it is geog-
and aphy. We are well-placed." business in the Hills makes erving clients easier, noted Stephens, who also praised eity staff, services and procWe're very easy to deal with, he said.
When a Farmington Hills vacant, city officials find out acant, city officials find out if with our larger businesses, we
ry to have conversations with hem as often as possible," tephens said.

## "Having those

relationships really helps
One local business outgrew ts site and relocated within armington Hills. City staff on the outgrown building so hey were able to tout it as a those relationships really helps," Stephens said. Understanding local comto be quicker on your feet," Stephens added. He, too, works with brokers. "This is very muct."
Farmington Hills also has a
master plan in place, which is updated. Stephens cited basics
of a community - health of a community - health,
safety and welfare - along with people needing a place to live, play and "have the income to pay for their living,
and recreational activities, and recreational activities.
A functional community includes locating different
uses "so they have the uses "so they have the least
negative effect on another" negative effect on another," $h$
said. An industry with many trucks and smokestacks, for example, isn't suited to a resi-
dential area on either side dential area on either side.
He favors putting function adjacent that "at the very least are not going to have negative effects one on the other." Farmington Hills doesn't
participate in the Las Vegas International Council of Shopping Centers conference, but does in some such metro De-
troit events. Stephens said those are good for franchisees and building owners to meet. "We just try to stay very
connected with our business connected with our business
community," Stephens said. "We can act proactively to minimize how long a vacancy
is there." If he gets a call for is there." If he gets a call for
40,000 -square-foot site, he follows up, including callin brokers or the MEDC when needed.
jcbrown@hon
Twitter: ©248

## Gannett lends a hand during Flint water crisis

Gannett employees, including staffers from the
Observer Newspapers, made the trek to Flint last week in the company's continuing efforts to help resi dents affected by the water crisis. tions, stacking and distributing water to resident three fire station centers, and packing food boxes at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan for future dis-
tribution tribution.
Gannet
copies of a resource guide published earlier this month. In addition, the Gannett Foundation matched employee donations of $\$ 25$ or more through the end of March

 packaging integrity
and placed on a and placed on a
moving belt where they are sorted by volunteers.
Left: It takes a
Left: It takes a
crowd to sort donated foods.
Below: Daniel Mears, Detroit New
photographer, and Photh volunteers
other
sort donated items.

Bread and other baked goods are stacked on rolling racks.


Meeting the April 18 deadline to file your tax return
t's hard to believe that
it's April and tax reit's April and tax reMost people have alread completed their returns and, thus, have no probnot yet completed their returns, time is ticking. In that regard, you have two options to consider. complete and submit your return on or before April 18 . the Emancipation Day holiday (observed April 15 in Washington, D.C.), we have a little extra returns. Therefore, you still have a couple of weeks to complete your return. If you generally
have a professional do your return, they may not be able to have the return completed and view before the April 18 deadline. If that is the case, or if for some reaSon you just don't have
the time to complete the time to complete ,

## (2) Bick Bloom


then your only other option is to file for an extension.
An exte An extension to file federal or state, is simple and automatic. To extend your return for the Inall you need to do is com plete Form 4868 . You do not have to give a reason for the extension and it doesn't have to be ap-
proved by the IRS. It is automatic. The extensio gives you an additional six months to complete if you find for whatever reason you are not going to have your return comproper course of action is to file for an extension. Although extensions are automatic, it is important to keep in mind
additional time to file
your return, not to pay your return, not to pay your taxes. Your taxes
are still due by April 18. Therefore, even if you are going to do an exten sion, you must guessti-
mate your tax situation determine if you're going o get a refund or if you're going to owe. If
you find that you are going to get a refund, all you need to do is file Form 4868 . On the other hand, if you find you are want to pay that addition4868 .
With regard to the
state of Michigan, your federal extension will automatically apply there as well. If you file
Form 4868 with the federal government and you expect a refund, there is nothing you need to do with regard to the state the state money, you want to make an estimat ed payment. mend an extension to
someone, they almost always question me about whether an exten-
sion will raise their audit isk. The answer is a resounding no. There's no evidence whatsoeve will increase your audit risk. What typically inreases aud risk is re-
matical errors, failure to
$\begin{aligned} & \text { return is accurate. } \\ & \text { report income or general } \\ & \text { One last note, remem- } \\ & \text { olorpiness. What all too }\end{aligned}$
ber now is a good time to report income or general $\begin{aligned} & \text { One last note, remem- } \\ & \text { sloppiness. What all too } \\ & \text { ber now is a good time to }\end{aligned}$ often happens is people start thinking about tax rush to meet the tax
deadline and, thus, they
planning for 2016. deadline and, thus, they make mistakes on their
returns and that is what causes problems. You causes problems. You
would be much further $\begin{array}{ll}\text { would be much further } & \text { questions to rick@b } \\ \text { ahead to file an extension } \\ \text { and then make sure your } & \text { management com. }\end{array}$


Local orthodontists continue commitment to education


LPS Education Foundation President Diane Policelli (left) and Superintendent Andrea Oquist (right) accept a $\$ 1,000$ donation from Livonia orthodontists Dr. Randall Shaw and Dr. Nicole Jane.

Diane Policelli said. The unique Compe itive Edge program o fers a 529 educational trust account for fam ilies of kindergarten
students who enroll in the program. The LPS Education Foundation contributes $\$ 100$ on be hald of each student. butions are made by the Foundation as the budgets allow support the idea of giving local families a
"competitive edge" in ond they truly value the importance of obtaining a college education both having completed
eight years of college in obtaining their bachelor's and dental degrees, in addition to 2-3 years specialty education. To learn more about the LPS Education Foun-
dation or its Competitive dation or its Competitive
Edge program, visit lpsfoundation.org.


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## Senior Tigers fans recall glory of yesteryear



"I can't stand the Yankees. That's probably not nice to say. I have to leave if the Yankees are winning." MARY ROGERS, Tigers fan

Mich. He's been a fan "since I
was in Little League when I was in Little League when
went to my first game at Briggs Stadium.,' Dit earlier, said Smith, when the ballpark at Michigan Avenue and Trumbull was known as Briggs rather than Tiger Smith predicted a win for the Tigers, adding "They're on a roll." He noted only one team in the history of the American Tigers, the Yankees.
"So I'm hoping they beat the Yankees today. Damn Yan-
kees." Smith said. "That's just kees," Smith said. "That's just
the way it is. They're like the the way it is. They're like the
best team money can buy. best team money can buy.
They usually get the best play-
ers."


It's opening day at Comerica Park and the Sanctuary at villa Marie.
Smith didn't really cheer for great," acknowledged Smith. former Yankee Derek Jeter, a west Michigan native, when
Jeter played there. "He did
"I've got to give him credit where credit's due. Great base-
ball player."
 The seniors, with eyes on
the TV screen, enjoyed Cracker Jack, peanuts, pretzels and
even light beer. Tori Dober, on staff as maintenance technician, was helping with setup
Friday. "I know we have a ton of Tigers fans here," said Ypsi-
lanti Township resident Dobe lanti Township resident Dober,
who's new to his job. "I wanted who's new to his job. "I wanted
to give them the event they
to give them the event they
deserve."
The seniors' lunch was a "nice American meal" that day that included burgers, he said. here to make them feel like they're at the ballpark," Dober
said.
He added "just sitting and He added just sitting and experiences has been a real
delight." Dober said the Trinity Sen-
ior Living Communities strive for good care at all facilities, and at Sanctuary at Villa Marie the light beer and other amenities were no big deal. "We can provide that" said. "They're still adults." Added Dober," "Play ball;
let's go, Tigers." let's go, Tigers.
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## FIRST robotics competition a win-win for students, schools, business world


#### Abstract

Educator Mark Skodack put it well during a recent robotics competition. Of his Hackbots team, which in mington, Harrison and North Farmington high schools, teacher/coach Skodack said, "It's almost lik a small business. A business has to market, a business has to be safe. Six weeks to build a robot is tight for these kids. It gets their focus razor-sharp." The Hackbots were among more than 40 school systems, public, private and charter, at the March 24 - 26 FIRST in Michigan District Event at Livonia Chur26 FIRST in Michigan District Event at Livonia Chur- chill High School. FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. The students built robots with a robotic arm, demedieval theme proved popular with participants.


Churchill was crowded with high school students, feachers/coaches, mentors, volunteers and specta-
tors on those March days. What they observed was students learning together and from each other in the competition, in which veteran teams are encouraged hone their skills.
Isolina Carlini is team leader and coach for the Livonia Public Schools' Warriors. She's a middle schoo eacher in Livonia, at Holmes, and is proud both of the many LPS high schoolers - from Stevenson, Chur-
chill and Franklin - as well as the district's middle school feeder program.
Competition leads to "Worlds," coming up soon in the students, educators and mentors from engineer
ing and other business backgrounds come together was rewarding.

Carini, "I think it gives them a hands-on example that simply is not possible in the classroom it positions kids for success and eals to eals to them.
navigate as the how developed through up and technological know will serve them well One young woman Avery Cosi er, 17, of Farmington High plans a dentistry career with many other students set on engineering. Not all FIRST students will become engineers, bu gained will serve them well in years to come

## GUEST COLUMNIST

Thoughts on improving third-grade reading education


#### Abstract

$n$ fiscal year 2016, the state of Michigan will state of Michigan will spend $\$ 14.2$ billion of taxpayer funds to edr- cate 1.5 million K- 12 cate 1.5 million K-12 stu$\$ 9,466$ per student or $\$ 255,600$ per classroom of 27 students (Michigan average. And that not include federal grants allocated directly to schools. What do we get for this money? statewide assessment. only 50 percent of Michi gan third-graders are proficient in reading at a proficient in reading at right - only 50 percent The achievement of third-grade reading pro  milestone. It marks the transition from learning that depends upon reading to learn. Without the fundamental ability to read, students will be at a distinct disadvantage not distinct disadvantage not only during their school only during their school enter the workplace upon So how do we fix this problem? Let's teach our kids to read. That is the purpose of House Bill 4822 . To achieve this


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purpose, the bill includes provisions for "Literacy Coaches" for teachers, mandatory "Reading, ntervention Programs retention policies. Do we eally need a state law to each teachers how to each? Has it really come each? Has it
down to this?
Why do we Why do we need "Lit-
 equirement for "Literacy Coaches" presupposes
that our teachers do not have the skills necessary o teach our kids to read. Why do we need remedi ers? What are teachers eing taught in univers ties that offer education degrees? Or, more to th being taught? Why do we need to equire "Reading Intervention Programs?" "Reading Intervention Programs" presuppose

$\$ 2.5$ million was earmarky learning programs This is chump change in the grand scheme of $\$ 128$ million was spent on professional development for educators. The fact is that most teachers
do not need professional development instruction like racist White Privilege Seminars. The time teachers spend on pro
fessional development would be better spent teaching students how to
read. The money spent read. The money spent opment would be better spent on those teachers who teach well.
So rather than ask why we are accepting teachers in our classrooms who need "Literacy Coaches" or need to be
told by the state to devel op "Reading Intervention op "Reading Inter taxpayers are being asked to throw
more money at the pro
lem. Sounds eerily familiar to the problem-solvthe roads, doesn't it? Instead of improving the more money at the prob${ }_{\text {lem. }}^{\text {We }}$ We should be asking why some teaching decredit hours on how to teach kids to read. We should be asking why
some teaching degrees do not feature any practical classroom training. We should be examining ing certification bureauc racy is fundamentally flawed. The answers to these questions will help lem of our third-grade. reading deficiency crisis.
Sen. Patrick Colbeck represents the 7th Senate District, which encompasses Livonia, Wayne, and Canton, Northville Wayne, and Canton, North
and Plymouth town


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ing 734-591-0266.

## New fitness

program
A new fitness program is being launched at the reation Center for spe-cial-needs adults. The Fit for All training program
was created by Brad Kraft, a certified per-
sonal trainer, who devel oped the idea by working with his autistic sibling. The group training provide functional fitness to each individual with consideration to


The Livonia Symphony hosts an evening of jazz at One Under Banquet Center April 22.

| ability. Small groups ging from $3-5$ will | gether, followed by the distribution of bagged |
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| participate in fitness | groceries. At this time, |
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| those in need of food | Wayne |
| sistance to attend its | The Champions |
| H.A.R.E. Program on | Wayne Memorial |
| turday, May 7. Doors | m is hosting a 5 K |
| en at 9 a.m. | run/walk on Friday, May |
| They will share a s | 6, at Wayne Mer |

St., Wayne.
Registration starts at
4:30 p.m. and the race 4:30 p.m. and the race
egins at 6 p.m. Cost is begins at 6 p.m. Cost is
$\$ 20$ and includes a T hirt. Registration can be completed at hattps:// payableform.appThe Champions of Wayne program is an ducational incentive program that includes demic goals and financia ewards. The Champions pogram creates an optudents to earn a $\$ 200$ ward if they reach a ustomized academi goal.


CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
On April 19, 2016 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The
auction will begin promptly at $11: 00$ am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd,, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the action will begin prompstla at $11: 00$ am at We estland Car Care,
.llowing vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder

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| 1998 | CHEVROLET | MALIBU | 1G1NE52MXWY113798 |
| 2002 | BUick | CENTURY | 2G4WS52J121266489 |
| 1996 | JEEP | CHEROREE | 1J4GZ58S6TC209571 |
| 2002 | cadillac | DEVILLE | 1G6KE54Y12U204795 |
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| 2005 | accura | TL | 19UUA66245A031992 |
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| 2005 | NISSAN | SENTRA | 3N1CB51D95L538702 |
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| 2003 | FORD | Taurus | 1FAFP52U93G225988 |
| 2001 | FORD | FOCUS | 1FAFP36P41W352899 |
| 1992 | MERCURY | TOPAZ | 1MEPM38UXNK630839 |
| 2004 | CHRYSLER | SEBRING | 1C3EL46X94N234203 |
| 2002 | Saturn | ION | 1G8ZH52852Z169259 |
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| 2002 | MERCURY | MOUNTAINEER | 4M2ZU86W02UJ18982 |
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| 2003 | FORD | EXPLORER | 1FMZU73K83UB45040 |
| 2002 | accura | TLS | 19UUA56802A805200 |
| 2002 | FORD | FOCUS | 1FAFP34382W275956 |

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Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.
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dinator. He holds a Master of Arts in History from Western Michigan
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always welcome. For always welcome. For
more information, visit www.wwcgs.org.
Mom2Mom sale The Garden City High School Mom2Mom Sale
takes place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the high school, 6500 shoppers will get good deals on new and gently used baby and kids' games, DVDs, books, strollers, bikes, swings, bouncers, etc There will be more from, a large item area, concessions and a bake, sale. Admission is $\$ 1$ ( $\$ 2$
for early bird at $8: 30$ a.m.). Tables are $\$ 25$ for an 8 -foot table/chair including standard rack space (you provide rack)
For more information visit facebook.com/ gemom2momsale or email gcmom2mom

## Casino trip

The Wayne Rotary sponsors a trip to Moto City Casino at 2 p.m.
Saturday, June 4. Pickup is at the Wayne District Court on Sims. cost is $\$ 35$ (you get $\$ 3$. trip is a fundraiser for Wayne Rotary.
For more info For more information ${ }_{734-890-6934 .}$
Happily ever after The Alexander Blue
House at Greenmead hosts "Happily Ever After," a chance to reminisce about weddings,
showcase vintage gowns show case vintage gowns
and photos from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14. Visitors will begin at the decorated Historic
Newburg Church for a presentation, followed by the "reception" at the Alexander Blue House or hors d'oeuvres, spar-
kling beverages, wedding cake and coffee. Advance tickets are $\$ 15$, available at the day-Friday, 9 a.m. to $4: 30$ p.m. All tickets are nonrefundable and at a firstcome, first-serve basis.
No walk-ins. Tickets will be sold through Monday, April 11. All proceeds benefit the preservation of Greenmead Historical

NRA Foundation
Event
The Western Wayn County Conservation
Association hosts its Association hosts its eighth annual Friends of
the NRA banquet Friday the NRA banquet Friday,
May 6 , at the Hellenic May 6, at the Hellenic
Center, 36375 Joy in Westland.
Doors open at 5 p.m. to
view prizes and silent auction for the Wester Wayne County Conservation Association's eighth
annual Friends of the NRA Banquet. Games start at 6 p.m., with a sit-down dinner served at 7 p.m., followed by a live are $\$ 40$ each and include entry in a drawing to win a 22 caliber rifle. Sponsorship and shooter pack
ages also are available. Contact Nancy Gar neau at $734-259-3341$ or
Bob Haviland at 734 -516${ }_{7921} \mathrm{Bob}$.

He is a Senior Archi-

## ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2016-10

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday,
April 5,2016 at $8: 00$ p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S .
. Wayne Rd ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. A presentation was given by Tiffany Devon from CLS. A moment of silence
was held for Donna McMurray, Ruth Maxine WWebb \& Pete Brunson. APPROVED: minutes of reg. mtg. of Mar. 15; bid
award to US Lawns for Mich. Ave. mowing bid award to
US award to US Lawns for Mich. Ave. mowing; bla award to
US Lawns for park mowwing resolution for SMORSA ballot
language; cemetery buy-backs to Arrowsmith \& Menzies; language, cemetery buy-backs to Arrowsmith \& Menzies;
Farmers Market argeement with Chamber, sanitary sewer
connetion call a spec. mtg. for $4 / 19 / 16$ at $6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ to discuss labor at 9:15. Received and filed Communications and Reports at 9:15. Received and
Adjourned at $9: 24$ p.m.

## Plymouth woman earns Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt

Joanne Maliszewski
Staft writer
Thirteen years ago,
Plymouth resident Shar-
on Schleif stopped smok-
ing. Uniike many who try
to kick the habit and add
food to the day's re-
gimen, she opted for
martial arts.
"I knew in I quit smok-
ing I needed something
to distract me and not
think of smoking,"
Schleif said.
She took a martial arts
class and stuck with it.
Today, Schleif is known
as the first woman in
Michigan to attain the
rank of black belt in Bra-
zilian Jiu-Jitsu. The black
belt means she is a mas-
ter of the art and holds
the highest rank in Bra-
zilian Jiu-Jitsu, a combat
sport, and a aself-defense
system that focuses on
grappling and ground
fighting. Schleif was
awarded the rank in Feb
ruary by the ruary by the legendary
Rigan Machado of RCJ Machado Jiu-Jitsu in
Beverly Hills, Calif. "T just stuck with it," said, Schleif, who has
trained for 13 years trained for 13 years -
right back to the time right back to the time she
quit smoking. "It is a quit smoking." It Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
requires plenty of think requires plenty of think
ing and is not competing and yet strengthens a body's core, while providing self-defense strat-
egies. "A small woman or egies. "A small woman or
man can take down the biggest guy," The self-defense com-
ponent of her art strikes ponent of her art strikes
an important chord with Schleif, who was raped when she was 18 years old. "It has stayed with
me." Teaching women strat
egies for self-defense is part of what drives


Sharon Schleif of Plymouth demonstrates Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.
instructor at Nomads in Jackson, and she train
with other Machado wlack belts at Plymout Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Aca
emy, Vision Brazilian

Jiu-Jitsu in Wixom and Bushido Martial Arts in women in her Canton studio, Joy Pilates.
free Introduction to Bra en workshitsu for Wom Sunday, April 24 at Bu . Sunday, April 24 at Bu-
shido in Ypsilanti. It is open to girls and women from 8 to 80 . No regis tration is required.
When Schleif started training, there were no other women at her school. She began a class the sport. "Jiu-Jitsu is for everyone, including women. It is a super way
to stay fit and it's to stay fit and it's good
for your mind, too," for your mind, too,
Schleif said. At the very least, the training can change your demeanor. carry myself differently now. I am more upright. core. This really helps your stomach." ing that comes the bonding that comes with peo-
ple in the classes. "You really make good
friends." But Schleif also cautions that those in terested in Brazilian
Jiu-Jitsu or any form of martial arts should research the available schools because it is too
easy to hurt yourself easy to hurt yourself
And yes, Schleif works with women who have been attacked and is committed to teaching women how to defense
themselves. The training allows women to know what to do if they are pushed to ground. "We all
have to be aware of our surroundings. Walk with a friend. Keys are good weapons. Stop texting or being on the phone and
look around. "If you pay attention, most people will not mess with you."
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## Special Olympics bowling fundraiser set for April 23



## SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES <br> MTG. 8 4/4/16

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
68: Westland Jaycees \& Veteran's Appreciation 5 K Run $10 / 22$. 68: Westland Jaycees \& Veteran's Appreciation n
-VFW \#8896 Poppy Sales $5 / 6-8$ Wayne \& Warren. VFW \#6896 Poppy Sales 556-8 Wayne \& Warren.
VFW $\# 9885$ Popy Sales $5 / 5-7$ at various intersections.
Detachment \#1337 Marine Corp Paper Roses Sales $5 / 13-15$ Wayne \& Warren
Adopt Ord. 248-A-80 to amend Sec. 4:13 of Ord. 248 re temp soles Adopt buildings \& structures. Adopt Ord. 29. W- 39.1 , to amend. Ch. 46 , Sec. $46-1$ of the City Code re. the license, review, \&
inspection fees for temp. sales from structures. - Change City Council meeting time to 6:00 on $5 / 16$.

69: Set $4 / 18 / 16$ as Public Hearing date for CDBG XLI
7: Minutes of regular meeting on $3 / 2116$.
70: Minutes of regular meeting on $3 / 21 / 16$ Services Agreement.
72.Adopt Prep. Res. to authorize Agrmnt. btwn. City of Westland, Greenwood Villa Apts. \&
Mich. Nonprofit Housing Corp. requiring Greenwood Villa to post Cash Boond. Mich Nonproft Housing Corp. requiring Greenwood Villa to
73.Appr. heekkist: $\$ \$ 1,744,478.32$ and Prepays: $\$ 532.23$.
Mte adj at $8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$
Mty. adj. at $8: 00 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Minutes available in Clerk's Office.
James Godbout
Council President
Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk
Pulished Aprii 14, 2016
NO. 2998
AN ORDNANCE AMENDING SECTION 14 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE


THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:
Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated January 13, 2016, setting
forth its resolution 01-01-2016 recommending approval of Petition 2015-12-01-11, having been onsidered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on February 10, 2016, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning
Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2015-12-01-1 to amend the Zoning
Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on Ordinance and Zoning Map of the
said petition are hereby approved.
Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended Section 2. Article HI of the City or Livonia Ooning Ordinan
is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
Section 3.3938. Petition 2015-12-01-11 submitted by the Ajamco Inc. is hereby approved, and
the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from P to C -2:
PT OF LOTS 36 AND 37 LIVRANCE ESTATES SUB T1S R9E L67 P10 WCR DESC
AS COMM AT NE COR LOT 36 TH N 88 D 26 M 50 W W59.13 FT TO NW COR LOT 36 TH S 01 D 10 M 40 S W 100.00 FT TH S 88 D 26 M 50 S E 100.00 FT TH S
 165.00 FT TO POB 1.21 AC MORE OR LESS SUBJECT TO ANY
AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. (Tax ID No. $053-01-0036-001$ );
and the Northeast $1 / 4$ of Section 14
to the change made in this section. Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 954 to the Zoning Map of the City
of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this
ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof. dection hereby appred, established and made a
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to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect. Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding
shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this shail not
ordinance.
The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City
of Livonia held Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Susan N. Nash, City Clerk

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor
Approved as to forn
Donald L. Knapp, Jr, City Attorney
Dated: March 23, 2016
brother was able to make
friends friends, he goes to movies with some of th
guys and bonds with guys and bonds with
people similar to him." people similar to him."
For the Bowl-A-Thon, the goal is to have all 40 lanes at Drakeshire 11 a.m. and runs till about 2p.m. Bowlers are asked to arrive early to sign in and get lane assignBesides Team Far mington families and
friends, the Bowl-Afriends, the Bowl-A-Thon
typically draws teams typically draws teams
made up of local elected officials, staff from Farmington Public Schools and the City of Farming ton Hills, and oth
"It's really a fun morn ing and afternoon," said Cindy Matuszak, whose
$\qquad$ Bowl-A-Thon is our big Son, David, 41 has been
Special Olympian for seven years. David, she said, "is always doing
something" with Team Farmington, and his favorite sports to play are
floor hockey, softball floor hockey, softball,
basketball and bowling. Before they found out about Special Olympics, David didn't have the
opportunity to particiopportunity to partici-
pate in sports - which loves, she said. Special Olympics is rea ly important to all the special athletes and the "It brines," Matuszak saic the athletes and their families, and the organidonations and volunteers There are no grants, no gest fundraiser, and we really rely on it. We can get." McNally asks that anyone interested in participating in the Bow this Saturday, April 16. To do so, email McNally at: martipup@aol.com or cal 2894 .
"Even if you don't want to bowl, come out and see how close the Special olympians are, and how they enjoy hang ing out together," McNa ly said. "It's really a nea
organization."
$\qquad$ awinglad@ho
248-390-3976

## ANT CODE CONCERNING THE LICENSE, REVIEW AND INSPECTION FEES FOR ERNNG THE LICENSE, REVIEW AND INSPE TEMPORARY SALES FROM STRUCTURES

Section 1. That Chapter 46, Section
hereby amended to provide as follows:
"Temporary Sales from Temporary Structures (Section 4:13 of Zoning Ordinance 248) (36a) License and review fee for Temporary Sales from Accessory or Non-Accessory
Temporary Structures (retail stands, tents, canopies, or other membrane structures) . $\$ 44 \mathrm{a}$
 Section 2. That all other provisions of the Westland City Code shall remain in full force
and effect.
Section 3. Severahility. The various part, sections and clauses of this Ordinance adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of
the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this
Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.
Section 5. Publication.
Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as Se


## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING

THE CITY OF LIVONA ORDAINS
Section 1. The report of the City Planning Commission, dated January 29, 2016, setting forth
its resolution 01-08-2016 recommending approval of Petition 2016-01-01-01, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on Februar 22, 2016, on said petition, and having ocncurred in the recommendation of the City Planning
Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2016-01-01-01 to amend the Zonin Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2016-01-01-01 to amend the Zoning
Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all procedings heretofore conducted or

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinanc
is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
Section 3.3939. Fetition 2016-01-01-01 submitted by the City Planning Commission is hereby from PL to R-1

The East 134 of that part of the S.E. $1 / 4$ of Section 31, T. 1 S., R. 9 E., City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the E. line of Section
31 distant $S 02$ deg $12^{2} \mathrm{E} .379 .26$ feet from the E . 44 corner of Section 31 , proceeding thence S. deg 12 deg along said line 163.41 feet; thence $W$. $1,336.6$ feet, thence N. 0 deg

and the Southeast $1 / 4$ of Section 31 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform
to the change made in this section. Section 4 . The attached map designated "A Amendment No. 955 to the Zoning Map of the City
of Livonia" showing all of the amendments a nd changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this
ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof. Section 5 . All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only
to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.
Section 6 . Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding
shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.
The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City

> Susan N. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 23 rd day of March, 2016

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

## Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr, City Attorney
Dated: March 23, 2016
Pubibished Aprii 14, 2016

## Spring babies arrive at Kensington Farm Center


recently delivered her
first litter of piglets.
"Spring is always a very
exciting time for us; it's
very rewarding for the
staff, who all care im-
mensely for the animals
here."
After one of the
farm's Nubian goats
recently gave birth to
four kids, she added,
farm staff began aug-
menting the smaller two
wint bottles, even taking

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& \text { CITY OF GARDEN CITY } \\
& \text { NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING } \\
& \text { April 18, } 2016
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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, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden
pm regarding the 2016 Sidewalk Program.

SPECLAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY
2NIG SIDEWAIK PROGRAM
whereas,
a report has been received from the City Manager on a city-wide sidewalk
whereas,
the City Council wishes to provide an opportunity to affected residents to
present their views on the project, present cheir views on the project,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to call a Public Hearing for Monday, April 18, 2016


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of such Public Hearing be published in the
newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be newspaper of general circulation of the City, and that notice of such meeting be
given by frst class mail to the last known wner of each parcel affected thereby
pursuant to the Garden City Code of Ordinances Chapter 40 , Section 40.04 .

ADVERTISEMENT FOR
REQ LIVONIA BICHIGA
3 YEAR SUPPLEMENTAL HVAC AND PLUMBING SERVICE, REPAIR, Sealed bids will be received at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia,
Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, May 3 rd, 2016 at which time the Michigan 48154 until 2:00 P.M., local time on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016 at which time the
RFB's will be secured by the City Clerk. Each bid shall be recorded together with the name of the vendor. Bids shall be in accordance with the require
deemed "responsive." Late bids will be returned unopened.
A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Department
of Public Works Building, 12973 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan (734) $466-2655$ at $9: 00$ A.M. on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016. Bids will not be accepted from those firms who do not attend.

> Instructions and specifications may be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at www mith. info
wrone
AII Addendums will be posted on the MITN website. Any information not obtained from the MITN website should not be relied upon. Each response to the bid must be provided to the
City of Livonia electronically in Adobe (PDF) format. Faxed bids in response to this request

All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONLA, MICHIGAN CONSULTING AND MAINTENANCE, name of vendor Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.
No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening
thereof
The City of Livonia reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids in whole or in part
and waive any irregularities therein. Acceptance of any bid does not constitute a binding
agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties. agreement until a written Contract is signed by both parties
and
Douglas Moore
Superintendent, DPW
Dennis K. Wright
Mayor

## NO. 2997

> | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6 of THE ZONING MAP OF THE |
| :--- |
| CITY OF LIVONAAND AMENNDNG ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, |
| ASAMENDED, |
| ORDNOWNANANCE" BY ADDING CITED AS "THE CTY OF LION 3.3937 THERETO. |

THE CITY OF LIVONLA ORDAINS:
Section 1 . The report of the City Planning Commission, dated September 27, 2011, setting
forth its resolution 09-50-2011 recommending approval of Petition 2011-08-01-05, having been onsidered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on october 24 ,
2011, on said petititon, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Pla 2011, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning
Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2011-08-01-05, to amend the Zoning
Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on Ordinance and Zoning Map of the C
said petition are hereby approved.
Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance
is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section: Section 3.3937 Petition 2011-08-01-05, submitted by SREP Haggerty Road, L.L.C., is
hereby
heranted, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is
hereby changed from R-E to $\mathrm{C}-2$ :
Part of the Southwest $1 /$ of Section 6, Town 11 South, Range 9 East, City of Livonia,
Wayne County, Michigan is being described as: Commencing at the West $1 /$ cornen of
 said Section 6 ; thence North $890^{\circ} 21^{\prime} 58^{\circ}$ East, 60.00 feet to the point of feyegnining said
point also being the intersection of the East line of Haggerty Road (120 feet wide point also boing the intersection of the East line of Hagerty Road (120 feet wide
and the North line of said vacated Philips Road; thence continuing North $89^{\circ} 22^{1} 58$ East, 871.34 feet; thence South $00^{\circ} 00^{\circ} 17^{\prime \prime}$ West, 543.06 feet; thence South $89^{\circ} 21^{158}$
West, 871.41 feet to a point on the Easterly line of said Haggerty Road; thence North West, 871,41 feet to a point on the Easterly line of said Haggerty Road, thence North
$00^{\circ} 0044^{3}$ East, 543.07 feet to the point of beginning. Together with easement rights as set forth in Reciprocal Easement Agreement and Vacation of Prior Easemen dated June 4, 1987 , recorded June 14,1987 in Liber 23332, Page 163 , which has been
amended by Amendment to Reciprocal Easement Agreement and Vacation of Prior amended by Amendment to Reciprocal Easement Agreement and Vacation of Prior
Easement dated November 24, 1987, recorded December 1, 1987 in Liber 23532,
Page 910 Wayne County Records
Page 910, Wayne County Records.
and the Southwest $1 / / 2$ of Section 6 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform
to the change made in this section.
Section 3. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 953 to the Zoning Map of the City
of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this of Livonia showing all of the amendments and changes made in the
ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.
Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only
to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.
Section 5 . Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding
shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this shall not be
ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City
Susan N. Nash, City Clerk
The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 23 rd day of March, 2016.
Dennis K. Wright, Mayor
Approved as to form:
Donald L. Knapp, Jr, City Attorney
Dated: March 23, 2016
Donald L. Knapp, Jr, City
Dated: March 23,2016
Published Aroil 4 .
and grain. Altrathe spring babies he farm lot of visitors to allaro said. During, the next few months, more baby sheep, goats and pigs are expected, and
one of the farm's cows, Daisy, is due
week of June.
"They grow up quick," she said, noting many of
the new additions are the new additions are
sold to 4 H kids, who raise the animals for entry into county fairs. I come back after just believe how much they've grown." The farm, which is 6 p.m., is also home to draft horses, ducks, chickens, miniature donkeys and rabbits. On April 23-24, the
farm will host a funfilled weekend of activ ities for the whole family during the annual Spring estival.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR PHONE \& CARRIER SERVICES

VoIP And Telephony Carrier Services
Charter Township Of Redford
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS/NENDORS
3. Christie, Township Clerk, Charter Township of Redford of Redford at the office of: Garth
 will be publicly opened and read aloud for the VoIP and Telephony Carrier Services in the
Board Room of Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, Michigan 48239 . The Township is seeking to replace its aging phone systems and current carrier service.
The Request for Proposal (RFP) is on file and may be examined beginning April 13,2016 (subject
to Board approval), at: Charter Township of Redford Clerk's Office 15145 Reech Daly, Redford MI, 48239 Redford Township is a Participating Agency in the Michigan Inter-Governmenta
Trade Network (MIT) Int Trade Network (MITN). Interested vendors may register with MITN at www. mitn.info
to view specifications. Each proposer who intends to submit a Proposal in response to this RFP may submit, via email, and "Intent to Respond" to otina...nancininllieplantemoranan.com
with the subject line "Redford Township VoIP and Telephony Carrier Services Intent to with the
Respond. ${ }^{\text {s }}$
Each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond by a recognized Suret Company in the amount of five percent (5\%) of the bid, payable to Charter Township of Redford
as seurity for the acceptance of the Contract. No bidder may withdraw his bid between the date set for the opening thereof and the date upon which the Contract is awarded, or 90 days
whichever is longer The right to reject any or all bids whichever is longer. The right
will be reserved by the Owner.
A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on April 20, 2016, at 9:00am in the Redford
Department of Public Services Building, 12200 Beech Daly, Rd., Redford, MI 48239 . Garth J. Christie, Clerk
Charter Township of Redford Charter 150 nech Dall R Rd.
Redford, MI $48239-3299$
Advertised on Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (bidnet.com) and in the Redford Observer Newspaper
Publishee: April 14,2016

City of Livonia - 3/21/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis
Present: Meakin, Brosnan, Jolly, White, Bahr, Kritzman
Absent: McIntrre
\#106-16 Approving the minutes of the meeting on 03/9/2016.
Public Hearing Announced - Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7PM, Petition 2016-01-01-02 submitted by Livonia Office Center to rezone property
An X -item was announced.
One item was received and filed.
\#107-16 Proclaiming Friday. April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in the City of Livonia.
\#108-16 Accepting the bid of Spartan Distributors for 1 Greens Mower for Fox Creek
Golf Course.
\#109-16 Accepting the bid of Vortex USA, Inc., for water features for the zero-depth
entry pool at Clements Circle Yootice
\#110-16 Accepting the 2015 Justice
tance Grant in the amount of \$9,444.00 for
\#111-16 Accepting one 2012 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount $\$ 10,161.00$, to \#112-16 Accepting the bid from Bloom Roofing for the roof replacement at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library.
\#113-16 Authorizing the
purchase of one replacement tow-behind finishing mower from
\#114-16 Authorizing the purchase of
attachments, from Bader \& Sons Co .
attachments, from Bader \& Sons Co.
\#115-16 Authorizing the purchase oplacement turf vehicles with utility
. of one replacement tractor with utility attachments
\#116-16 Authorizing the purchase of two replacement trailer mounted vacuum debris
collectors from Old Dominion Brush C 0
collectors from Old Dominion Brush Co
$\# 117-16$ Authorizing the purchase of
aix replacement mowers from Commercial
\#118-16 Authorizing the purchase of two replacement mowers and attachments from
\#119-16 Approving Petition 2015-10-08-17. Haggerty Marketplace, to construct a multi-
tenant retail building and obtain preliminary tenant retail bulding and obtain preliminary approval for two restaurant pads at $19 \% 1$
and 19750 Haggerty Road. Second Reading was gi
City of Livonia. (Petition 2011-08-01-05)
Second Reading
Second ieaing was given to an ordinance amending Section 14 of the Zoning Map of the
City of Livonia. (Petition 2015-12-01-11)
Second Reading was given to an ordinance amending section 31 of the Zoning Map of the
City of Livonia (Petition 2016-01-01-01)
Kritzman stepped down from the podium and passed the gavel at $7: 20 \mathrm{PM}$
Kil20.16 Accepting the id of Nagle Paving Compor
\#120-16 Accepting the bido of Nagle Paving Company in connection with the 2016
Asphalt Paving Replacement Program (Contract 16-A).
Asphalt Paving Replacement Program (Contract 16-A).
Krizzman returned to the podium and resumed the gavel a $7: 21$ PM.
\#121.16 Approving the increase in the pay schedule for seasonal laborers for 2016
through 2018.
through 2018 .
$\# 122-16$ Accepting the Grant of Easement executed by Kevin Eisbrenner, for a variable
width public utility easement (storm sewer) constructed \#122-16 Accepting the Grant or Easement executed by kevin Eisbrenner, for ava
widt public utiliy easement storm sewer) constructed at 11101 Garden Avenue.
\#123-16 Suspending the rules. \#123-16 Suspending the rules.
$\# 124-16$ Authorizing the application to the Recreation Passport Grant Program in the
amount of $\$ 60,000.00$, for a pedestrian bridge within Helman Park and Nature Preserv

Meeting adjourned at $7: 39 \mathrm{p.m}$.
Full text of the official minutes
Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

## Yessian to be honored at Detroit Music Awards


 You might not know Dan Yessian, but there's
a good chance you know a good ch
his work. Recognizable and Dittrich Furs, Think for First, Little Caesa
Pizza Pizza - his.
More recent creation music for TV's "The Voice," "Sunday Night
Football," The Blacklist angs heard in movie trailers and at theme parks, in commercials Donald's, Dos Equis, Mercedes Benz, Coca Cola, United Airlines and on and on and on - his
He's likely even touched your world that of your kids through the learning/funbased songs he composed
for the classic "Hot Fudge," "The Electric Company" or "Sesame Street" television shows. A career spanning 43 career to be celebrated, indeed.
Yessian, composer and
founder of the award founder of the awardtion company, Yessian Music Inc. headquartered in Farmington for another honor - this time a Distinguished Achievement Award to troit Music Awards cere mony April 29 at the Fillmore Detroit. Also honored with a Distin-
guished Achievement Award that evening will be multi-platinum superstar Kid Rock and founding press officer founding press officer
and publicist Al Abrams "This award is rather special because it orig-
inates from the Detroit area-that's significant," Yessian said. "Detroit is where I grew up and where my company orig
inated, where my family resides. It (gives me) a heartfelt feeling, especially with the amount of
troit','s interesting to
It that Yessian - despite his professional accomplish never learned to read sheet music, or to write it. He recalls his earliest
music lessons for the music lessons, for the
clarinet, consisted of his teacher coming to his house and playing songs memorize "by ear" and then play for him at the next week's lesson. Besides the clarinet, he
eventually learned to play the saxophone and piano using the same method.
learn music, but luckily for me it worked. It doesn't happen that way for everybody, he said. lish and speech at Wayne State University - and after graduation took a job as a teacher at Red-
ford High School, not far from where he grew up. called it quits.
"The music bug got to me, so I eft teaching -
much to the chagrin of my parents," he said. In the early years of Yessian Music, he oper bait and tackle shop on

Grand River Avenue in Farmington. That's where he met with Hal trich Furs gig in the early 1970 s - using an arranger, as he has continued to do ates onto paper. Fast ates onto paper. Fast
forward 40-plus years,
and Yessian Music has and Yessian Musich chas
not only its Farmingto not only its Farmington
Hills studio, but also locations in Los Angeles, New York City and Hamburg, Germany.
"In my career, th Detroit area has served
me quite well," he said. Yessian makes his home in Milford TownHe no longer creates music for commercials hough he still produces focuses on composing pop and classical tunes And he's quite pleased with a cecent accomplish nian Trilogy," a piano and violin duet, with Kurt Schreitmueller, a staff musician for 30 years.
"It was the hardest thing, an arduous task We had to go measure by measure, and it took a The piece premiered last October at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, and Yessian
said he's considering adapting it for a 5 -piece orchestra.
An even greater point sons, Brian and Michael, into the business. They spearheaded the music played on the elevator at ory in the corner of the World Trade Center site in New York City, Yesian noted experience," he said. "As a father, getting to the op (of the observatory) and listening to it, I 'm
welling up. What else can welling up

## The DMAs

Yessian chuckles in anticipation of meeting ceremony - though, he singer plans to attend. "The only thing we have in common, I think, is he smokes cigars and I
smoke cigars," he said, laughing. "I asked people What do I call him - Mr. Rock, or what? Then I Bob ... but I do hope he shows up. I really would like to meet him." The event, which is
open to ages 18 and over open to ages 18 and over
will feature a variety of performers including Victoria Reed, alt-rock songstress and daughte saxophonist Alto Reed, Gospel artist Tim Bowman Jr., Motor City punk noise group Child Bite, Def By Stereo, and a special performance by
Jill Jack and the Detroit Women's Project featuring Carolyn Striho, Julianne Ankley, Chris McCall, Mary McGuire, Seal, Rio Scafone and the Jill Jack Band. The show will also have all-star tributes to Glenn Frey
and Marcus Belgrave as and Marcus Belgrave, as
well as a special opening medley covering Detroit's music history by
the Motor City All Stars. More performers are also expected.


Dan Yessian, at the Abbey Road Studios in London whid

The Detroit Music not-for-profit organizasupports and recognizes Detroit's musical com-
munity. At the Aprit munity. At the April 29 awards will be presented honoring 11 musical genres - from rock to rap, country to classical,
Americana to electronic. DMA winners are determined by local mu-
sicians and music indussicians and music indus
try professionals in southeastern Michigan Voting is done through the internet. For a list of
2016 nominees and past winners, visit
www.detroit www.detroit Also, Detroit music
fans can visit the DMAF
website to vote for their avorite artist to receive the Opportunity Detroit
People's Choice Awardand download their song or free. The winner will be announced at th General public tickets to the DMA event start at 25 and are available at the Fillmore box office or
at LiveNation.com. VIP tickets and tables are imited and available by contacting Terri Koggen
hop at op at awingblad@hometownlife.com
$248-390-3976$ 248-390-3976
Twitter:@awingblad

ORDINANCE NO. 248-A-80
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4:13 OF WESTLAND ZONING ORDINANCE 248 CONCERNING TEMPORARY SALES, USES, OR SPECLAL EVENTS AND TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES Section 1. That Section $4: 13$ of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248, shall be amended to provide as follows: 4:13 TEMPORARY SALES, USES, OR SPECIAL EVENTS AND TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES Tenporary uses, temporary sales of merchandise (including but not limited to Christmas trees, pumpkins, flowers, produce,
and fireworks), and seasonal or special events may be allowed by the City Council in a nonresidential district upon issuance of a permit, when the application information below is provided and the standards of this Section are met. Temporary
structures are defined as including: tents, canopies, and other membrane structures used for such sales or events. Temporary structures are defined as including: tents, canopies, and other
structures must also comply with the standards or this section.
a. Application information: The applicant shall submit the following to the Building Department

1. An application form and required fee, as established by the City Council. An applicant for temp
2. A written staterent describing the rer the sale of fireworks.
3. A written statement describing the requested use or event and the start and end dates.
4. A written description of the procedures to be used for traffic parking management, waste 4 Proof of ownership, or if the applicant is not the owner of the land, written permission of the owner of the property to allow the proposed use or event.
5. Information establishing that 5. Information establishing that reasonable liability insurance coverage is carried, to the satisfaction of the City Attorney
6. A plot or sketch plan (to scale) illustrating property lines, adjacent uses and zoning districts, existing and proposed buildings and structures, boundaries of proposed dsales/activity areas, location of any proposeds building or structures any proposed lighting, calculation of required parking based on the standards of Article XVI, proposed traffic circulation, location and size of any proposed signs, and any other information deemed to be necessary by the Building Director.
7. Whenever a temporary structure, tent or other enclosure is proposed, the applicant shall be required to submit the plane for such a termporary structure, coveringe, tent or onclosure to the Building Department for review, permits and inspection prior to commencement of sales or other activity under the temporary use permit. All proposals for temporary structures will
be reviewed by the fire prevention division, and must comply will all requirements of the state construction code, the International Fire Code, NFPA regulations, and all other applicable codes, ordinances and regulations.
8 . Whenever an applicant for a temporary use permit intends to utilize the site for fireworks sales, a copy of the state per and site plan shall be provided with the application in accordance with the requirements of Public Act 256 of 2011 . .A periormance guarantee or escrow, in an amount and form acceptabe to the City Attorney, but which shall be not less
than the minimum established by the City Council. The performance guarantee shall be deposited prior to the issuance of a permit. The performance guarantee shall be used by the City to pay the cost of returning the property to itt state prior
to commencement of the event or refunded to the applicant upon compliance with the requirements of this and any other to commencement of the
b. Standards and procedures for review: Proposed temporary uses, events, buildings and structures shall be reviewed
by the Buidding Director and other such Departments as deemed necessary by the Building Director, using the following tandards, and a recommendation shall be made to City Council:
8. The proposed temporary use or event will he on a lot with a permitted principal building or on a vacant lot in a non-
residential district, and the use meets the minimum required setback for buildings in the zoning district and as required
this section. this section.
9. The propese use, layout, hours of operat.
compatibiity with surrounding land uses.
compatibiiity with surrounding land uses. 4. Adequate off-street parking and circusation will be provided. Where Article XVI does not require parking for the
proposed use, at least one parking space shall be provided for each eight hundred ( 800 ) square feet of gross lot area froposed use, at orshe amount of parking shall be deemed sufficient by the City Council based on reference sources and past experience of the City or other communities.
10. Adequate provisions have been made for trash disposal, sewage
11. All applicable City Building Codes and Ordinances will be met.

Operational standards: A temporary or seasonal sale or event shall comply with the following operational standards:

1. The length of a temporary use or sales event shall not exceed seven ( 7 ) days during a season, except that sales of Christmas trees are permitted for up to forty-five (45) days. Uses and events which are to occur on a regular schedule (su based upon a decision by the City Council that the use or event will comply with the intent and standards of this Section. Such a request must be made known at the time of application, and the permit shall specify the seasonal sales time perio 2. All equipment, materials, goods, poles, wires, lighting, signs and other iterms associated with the temporary uses and period, the City shall use the
2. The Building Diriector hhall
conform to these standarda
d. Required Information and Standards for Temporary Uses. Events, and Structures:
(1) Temporary sidewalk sales or sales from a temporary structure, which are accessory to th
(1) Temporary sidewalk sales or sales from a temporary structure, which are accessory to the permitted use of the property,
(hall meet the following requirements: shall meet the following requirements:
(a) The sale shall be located on an im
an existing paved driveway on an a improved lot or parrel which is zoned CB-1, CB-2,
(b) All areas subject to vehicular use shary bead or btate paved.
(b) All areas subect the verincuar uns shall be paved.
(c) There shall he no more than two temporary signs to advertise the sale.
(c) There shall be no more than two t
(d) The portion of the parcils used for
that ie zoned for residential purposes
that is zoned for residential purposes.
(e) The portion of the property used for accessory, temporary sales, and the temporary signs shall meet the setback
requirements applicable to the distnict.
(f) The temporary use shall not reduce the parking on the parcel below the required number of spaces for the principal
and the accessory, temporary use.
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(g) The terporary structure must be a canvas, fabric or membrane tent structure. Rail boxes, semi-trailers, and other g) The temporary structure must be a canvas, fabric or membrane tent structure. Rail boxes, semi-trailers, and other
box typestructures are prohibited. The color of the tent structure must be a neutral tan, white or gray
T) Temporary sidewalk sales or sales from a temporary structure, which are not accessory, to the permitted use, shall meet (2) Temporary sidewalk sales or sales from a temporary structure, which are not accessory to the permitted use, shall meet
the following requirements: (a) following requirements:
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an exiting paved driveway from a primary road or State of Michigan thoroughfare.
an existing paved driveway from a primary road or State of Michigan thor
(b) All areas subject vehicular use shall be paved.
(c) There shall be no more than two temporary signs to advertise the sale.
(c) There shall be no more than two temporary signs to advertise the sale.
(d) The portion of the property used for non-accessory, temporary sales shall be located no closer than 250 feet from a parcel that is zoned for residential purposes.
(e) The portion of the property used for non-ac
(e) The portion of the property used for non-accessory, temporary sales, and the temporary signs shall meet a minimum
setback of 85 feet from the right-of-way line and be setback a minimum of 20 feet from any a setback of 8 feet from the right-of-way line and be setback a minimum of 20 feet from any adjacent property line.
(f) The temporary use shall not teduce the parking on the parcel by more than 10 percent, and shall not reduce the parking below the required number of spaces for the thincipal and the non than 10 percensent, and shall not remporace the thery use
(g) The temporary structure must be a canvas, fabric or membrane tent structure. Rail boxes, semi-trailers, and other box type structures are prohibited. The color of the tent structure must be a neutral tan, white or gray.
(3) Temporary uses for Crristmas tree sales must be located in a commercial zoning district.
(4) Temporary uses for a circus carnival, concest air or
(4) Temporirements:
(a) The use must minimize the impact of site activity on surrounding properties, with consideration given to security,
parking, traffic, hours of operation lighting noise or sound, or other detrimental effects. parking, , raffic, hours of operation, lighting, noise or sound, or other detrimental effects.
(b) Securit measures must be eetailed and must demonstrate that they will adequately provide security for the event.
(c) The City Council may deny the use based upon the impact that it will have on surrounding properties or security (c) The City Council may deny the use based upon the impact that it will have on surrounding properties or security
considerations, or may require reasonable conditions to reduce to a minimum any detrimental effect. Such conditions shand become a part of the permit.
s) Temporary sales conducted by churches or non-profits on property owned by the church or non-profit shall meet the
(5) following requirements:
(a) The sale shall be located on an improved lot or parcel which is owned by the church or non-profit.
(6) The Reasonable measures shall be implemented to minimize the impact of site activity on surrounding propertie (6) The Building Director may approve permits for a temporary residence during construction (including moberiet enomes) on
sites ofr which a building permit has been issued for construction, major repair, or remodeling of a dwelling unit, and such
temporary structure must emporary structure must meet the following requirements:
(a) Permits shall be issued for a period of six (6) months, and one addition six month period shall be permitted if the
work is proceeding in an expeditious matter. However the temporary residential structure shall be moved onto the no more than fourteen days prior to commencement of construction and shall be removed from the site within fourteen
days following the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the construction preject days following the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the construction project (c) All electrical connections to the temporary residential structure shall be inspected and approved by the Building
(Department."

Section 2. That all other provisions of the Westland Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 248 , shall remain in full force and
Section 3. Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.
If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged
the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.
Section 4. Repeal. All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such
Section 5. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.
Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

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## HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS PREVIEW

## Rogosch set to lead Churchill netters

Team's No. 1 player was
regional champ in 2015
$\underset{\text { Staf Writer }}{\text { Ed Wright }}$
Knowing talent alone can't win tennis matches Livonia Churchill head oach Denise Berg-Gran is enthused about her ing into the 2016 season. "Everyone has a great attitude and is willing to
work hard," Berg-Grant work hard," Berg-Grant
said. "The girls show re-
sponsibility and dedica
tion. I think that we are tion. I think that we are
going to have a lot of fun along the way this season which is always good. "We are fortunate to have Abrahem Alhabeil, a ate and tennis player, as ate and tennis player, as
our varsity assistant this season. There seems to be a very good chemistry that this is something tha will help us be success-
Although Berg-Grant
team's starting lineup isn't set in stone yet due to
the stretch of poor weather, there's little doubt Kaitlyn Rogosch has seKaitlyn Rogosch has se-
cured the No. 1 singles slot. Rogosch will be looking to build on her individ-
ual state-qualifying per-ual state-qualifying per
formance last year as a freshman. The Chargers' singles be filled by No. 2 player Triveni Arvikar, No. 3
Maddie Van Wormer and

See Chargers, Page b3


Madison White Ceturns this Gudic Madison White returns to
Churchill's doubles lineup.

## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

## A LITTLE TOO MUCH MERCY



Farmington Hills Mercy's Missy Hunt (left) and Garden City's Alyssa Metcalf battle for possession of the ball during Farmington Hills
Monday's game.

## HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

RU opens with victory over Cougars

## Panthers sweep

 singles matches
It was a wind-win situation for Redford Union's girls tennis team Monday afternoon uring its season-opening match against Western Wa
Athletic Conference rival Dearborn Heights Annapolis

Bolstered by a solid sweep
from its four singles players, from its four singles players,
the Panthers won, $6-2$, despite relentlessly strong winds. Senior co-captain Abby Walters got things rolling for
the Panthers by winning her the Panthers by winning her
No. 1 singles match, $6-0,6-0$, over Amira Malik. Watch in three seasons and is match in three seasons and is
four-year varsity performer. four-year varsity performer.
"I love both tennis and soccer, even though it means daily
double practices and running
from tennis matches to socer from tennis matches to soccer
games," said Walters, who also games," said Walters, who also
excels for RU's soccer team. excels for RU's soccer team. I'm looking forward to playing friends l've made on the court
and meeting any new faces that's what makes it fun." RU's No. 2 singles player, Rebecca Wiseman, ousted
Annapolis' Tatianya Ramire

See tennis, Page b2

GC stays close for half against Marlins Ed Wright

Garden City's girls soccer team followed the game plan to a "T" during the first 32 minutes of Monday night's home game against powerful The Cougars battled the powerful Marlins to a scoreless draw until the waning
minutes of the first half when auren George's goal spearheaded a rush that ultimately ed to a 4-0 Mercy victory. The result left Garden City
with a 1-1-1 mark - and good vibes for Cougars head coach Jeff Szypula.
"We played them neck-and-
neck for most of the first half neck defensive formation was outstanding," Szypula said. "It was a great team effort everybody had everyone else's
back.
"Mercy is such a solid, tech nically sound team. If you make even the smallest error and fhat's what they capitalize, second half." Although the Marlins
tacked on three second-hal goals, George's net-finder with approximately eight minutes o play in the first half was the game-changer, Szypula emph "We we could have went into the half tied $0-0$, or even
with a lead, that would have with a lead, that would have een huge for us," he said.
Once we fell behind, we trie for force things a little more, and that gave them some open space. ${ }^{\text {"Last year we lost } 7-0 \text { to }}$ Mercy, so we're making
strides."
Mercy's Maranda Konja Mercy's Maranda Konja
scored nine minutes into the scored nine minutes ind the Mar
second half to expand th
lins advantage to 20.0 Chloe See SOCCER, Page B3


Redford Union No. 1 singles player

St. Edith futsal Livonia's St. Edith School will host an experi
mental futsal program later this spring. Futsal is a form of in-
door soccer that's played in gym-sized area and requires 5-6 players per The program will provide youngsters with an physical activity, teamwork, touches on the ball and socializing with kids in their age group. Saturday mornings, begin ning May 7 through June 1 (except for the Saturday of
Memorial Day weekend). The sessions will run from 9-11 a.m. in the St. Edith gymnasium, which is loca ed at 15089 Newburgh
Road (just south of Five
Mile Road) in Livonia.
Players will be divide Players will be divided into two tiers: kindergar-
ten-third grade and fourthPlayers are encourage
eighth grade. o wear shorts, a T-shirt shin guards and gym
shoes.
The cost of participating in the program is $\$ 30$, which includes a program T-shirt. ${ }_{\text {To register, visit }}$ www.setediter, visit on the "spring sports" tab at the top of the page and
choose "futsal" from the choose "futsal" from the The registration deadline is April 22. Questions can be direct ed to Rich Field at
rpfield83@yahoo.com or 248-914-8620 or Bassel Atala at abouge-
orge@gmail.com or 248 orge@gma
$470-2664$.

MHSAA Student Advisory
Council
The Michigan High School Athletic Association is seeking student-athletes to become members of its Student Advisory Council
beginning with the 2016-17 school year.
Four boys and four girls
from the Class of 2018 will from the Class of 2018 wil be selected to two-year matters related to main taining and promoting a proper perspective and
sensible scope for high School sports in Michigan Eight members from the Class of 2017 already are
serving on the council while eight members of the Class of 2016 are leaving the council this spring.
To be eligible for the committee, candidates must be a member of the Class of 2018, complete the official application in-
cluding answering the three short-answer questions, submit a letter of recommendation from a a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and be avaiable for all scheduled meetings the MHFSAA office by $4: 30$ p.m. on April 20. Applications can be downloaded
from the Student Advisory Council page of the
MHSAA website, filled out MHSAA website, filled out written, and returned to
the MHSAA office by email, fax or any mail delivery service. For more information, contact Andy Frushour a
$577-332-5046$ or


## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

## Stevenson out-slugs Patriots, 16-10 <br> Wilson contributes <br> keeping her composure



Stevenson first baseman Megan Gronau is Rictured during a
five hits, four RBI for Spartans Ed Wright
$s$ taff Writer

Both the Livonia
Franklin and Livonia Franklin and Livonia
Stevenson softball teams were running on highMonday's cross-town clash on the Patriots' diamond. Propelled by a lead
ff triple by Kayce Ziemba and a three-run first inning, the Spartans
prevailed, $16-10$, in their prevailed, 16-10, in their
season opener. The loss evened the Patriots' record at 1-1. "I liked how we set
the tone in the first in-
ning," Stevenson head
coach Kevin Hannigan said. "It's always nice to win the first game of the
season." Power tans' 24 -hit athe sparCori Wilson, who went 5 -for- 6 with four RBI. Ziemba, Alyssa Zahra and Megan Gronau also mashed three hits a
piece. Winning pitcher piece. Winning pitcher
Sarah Mesack helped her own cause with a two-run home in the top
of the first of the first. some fireworks at the dish. Junior Brooke Gar barino went 4-for-4 with
a double, home run and a double, home run and
five RBI, while Jess Banks laced four hits. Rachel Beers clouted a three-run home run
among her pair of safe-
${ }^{\text {ties. }}$ "Both teams put together some decent strings of hits and cre-,
ated some good rallies," Franklin head coach Brittany Grys said. "Stevenson put the hits to
gether when it really counted and found our gaps. Our girls didn't give up and continued to
fight until the very end nght until the very end.
"We put 10 runs on the board, but unfortunately we came up short today. Hannigan said the
pivotal point of the gam pivota point of the gam
came in the bottom of the fifth after Mesack had just yielded a three-
run home run that gave run home run that gave
the Patriots an $8-7$ lead. "We called a timeout and went out and talked
to her," Hannigan said to her," Hannigan said.
"Sarah did a great job of
and refocusing. The Spartans added a
heavy dose of insurance heavy dose of insurance when they plated six runs. three innings for Frank lin, striking out three. Danielle Hoskins, who
took the loss, and Jordan Berger also pitched for the Patriots. "The outfield was pretty wet from all the weekend, but I thought our outfielders did a great job of coping wit gan said.
wright@hometo

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

## Cubs, errors bite Patriots down stretch

| Ed Wright Staff Writer |  |
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| ly fielding errors separat- <br> ed the Livonia Franklin baseball team from a 3-0 |  |
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| start to the 2016 season. |  |
| visiting University of De- |  |
| troit Jesuit to the wire |  |
| Monday afternoon before Livonia Franklin's Adrian Reed <br> dropping a 9-7 decision. delivers a pitch during last year's <br> Leading 7-5, the Cubs Division 1 district tournament. |  |
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| scored two unearned runs |  |
| in the top of the seventh. day. Senior Adrian R |  |
| The Patriots committed stymied the Chargers |  |
| four errors in the loss, |  |
| which dropped them to 2-1. innings, str <br> "U of D has a very good while walki |  |
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| team, so when you give a Sopho |  |
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| extra outs in an inning, mound with two |  |
| vantage of it," Franklin "It was a clean game by |  |
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| head coach Matt Fournier bo |  |
| said. early in |  |
| The Patriots led 4-2 |  |
| after two innings before |  |
| the Cubs rallied for two |  |
| runs in the third and three in the fourth to seize a $7-4$ |  |
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| lead. Montie |  |
| Franklin sliced into its |  |
| ficit with one run in the |  |
| fifth before both teams put |  |
| up two-spots in the sev-enth. |  |
| Junior pitcher Kolby |  |
| Dewhirst worked the first CC edges Steven |  |
| two frames in his season Novi Detroit Catholic |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { debut, striking out two and } \\ \text { walking three. Dewhirst } & \text { Central exploded for four } \\ \text { runs in the top of the sev- }\end{array}$ |  |
| walking three. Dewhirst | runs in the top of the sev |
| missed the tail end of the enth inning Monday to post |  |
| 2015 season with an injury a $5-3$ victory ove |  |
| and his offseason condi- Livonia St |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { tioning was cut short brief- } & \text { Both teams used } \\ \text { ly by an ankle injury suf- }\end{array}$ |  |
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| fered playing hockey. |  |
| after giving up three |  |
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| earned runs and five hits inthe third and fourth in- |  |
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| nings. Senior Mark Smart |  |
| was effective in the fifth final frame. <br> and sixth, blanking $U$ of $D$ Stevenson nearly |  |
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| while striking out one. lied, scoring twice in the |  |
| Kyle Wollum pitched the bottom of the seventh. |  |
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| "We almost got out of it plate for Stevenson, |  |
| in the seventh," Fournier 2 -for-4 with and double |  |
| said, "but they got a hitwith runners on second and $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { a run scored. Brandon } \\ & \text { Posky also had two hit }\end{aligned}$ |  |
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| third and two outs." while Frank Carlin w |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Junior Jake Giacobbi led } & \begin{array}{c}\text {-for-4 with an RBI. } \\ \text { Danny Morris, Bobb }\end{array}\end{array}$ |  |
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| by going 3 -for-4 with two Cavin, Mark Petterson and |  |
| RBI. Senior Ryan Prohaska Nick Beers all cont |  |
| went 2 -for-4 with three a hit a piece |  |
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| The Patriots earned a 2-1 ctory over Dearborn | Matt Stinehiser led the Shamrocks with three hits |
| ights Crestwood on Fri- | and an RBI. |

## HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

## Franklin's ' 0 ' busts out in 6-2 win

Patriots dominate first half
on way to first victory $\underset{\text { Ed Wright }}{\text { staf Writer }}$

The way Livonia Franklin's girls soccer team was generating dangerous attacks Monday night,
Hope Solo would have had a difficult time containing the Patriots. Unfortunately for visiting
Dearborn Heights Crestwood , it Dearborn Heights Crestwood, it
didn't have Solo between the pipes didn't have Solo between the pipes
during a dominating $6-2$ Franklin during a dominating 6 -2 Frankiln
triumph that evened the victors' record at 1-1.
The Patriots led $6-0$ after 40
minutes before the Chargers minutes before the Chargers
managed to figure a few things
${ }^{\text {out }}$ "Overall, I was extremely
"Overall, I was extremely
pleased with the first-half perfo mance," Franklin head coach Dean Kowalski said. "We hope to attack and become an offensively dangerous team this season and this was the first step.
and were able to get two goals the second half as we cooled off in the second half."
Rachel Salisbury set the game's
blue-and-red-colored tone when she scored off a textbook cross
from Madison Morell from Madison Morell.
Ten minutes later, the Patriots made it 20 on a Rachel Dudek breakaway net-finder. Sydney Boyce made her pres-
ence felt seconds after subbing ence felt seconds after subbing into the game later in the half
when she buried a shot into the net off a pass from Katelin Miller The most jaw-dropping goal of
the night may have been Riley the night may have been Riley
Burnette's bending corner kick that managed to elude the Chargers' defense.
Dudek and Burnette - the
Patriots' captains - polished off the first-half scoring with their second goals of the night.

## Ladywood wins

Livonia Ladywood opened its season April 7 with an impressive
$2-0$ victory over Warren Regina giving first-year head coach Joe Carver a victory in his inaugura

Amy Babon and Taylor Bullard scored the Blazers' goals. Elise Pollack and Babon registered
assists.
Steven
Stevenson thumps
Howell
ant Verant netted a pair of goals Monday night to lead Livo-
nia Stevenson to a 60 nia Stevenson to a $6-0$ triumph over Howell.
The Spartans
The Spartans dominated the out-shooting the Highlanders 23 "We played very well in the
first half and just couldn't finish,"


A Westland John Glenn player hustles after the ball during Monday afternoon's $4-2$ loss to visiting White Lake Lakeland.

Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Finally we got it
going in the second half and did going in the second haf and did The Spartans owned a perilous $1-0$ halftime lead thanks to Ve -
rant's goal that was assisted by rant's goal that was assisted by
Alia Basierbe. A four-goals-in-seven-minutes second-half span locked things up
for Stevenson, which received for Stevenson, which received
net-finders from Jenna Thom (from Kennedy Thurlow), Maria Tjilos (from Basierbe), Verant (from Paige Ackman) and Sarah Maria Bayyouk scored the winners' final goal thanks to an assist from Monte. Stevenson keepers Jess
Schoenfeldt and Haley Demers recorded the team's second shut out of the spring without having to
make a save mak
Spartans tie Country Day Livonia Stevenson remained unbeaten Friday night thanks to a 2-2 draw with Detroit Country
The deadlock left the Spartans'
record at $1-0-2$ and Country Day's record at 1-0-2 and Country Day's mark at 2-0.-2. Stevenson led 1-0 at the half
thanks to freshman Sarah Dress ing's first career goal - a spot-on free kick from 25 yards out. Country Day, which outshot
Stevenson 11-8, seized the lead Stevenson 1-8, seized the lead, 2-1 Kennedy Bearden, who tapped in a corner kick, and Erin Wycoff.

Kennedy Thurlow registered eight minutes to play when she finished off a pass from Kayla Gacioch, who dribbled to the end line before threading a dime
across the face of the goal. Among Stevenson keeper Hannah Reamer's six saves was a penalty kick with 20 minutes to
play. Maddie Odom and Isabel Nino combined for four saves for Coun-
try Day. try Day. "I was proud of the effort from
the girls tonight" coach Ken Shingledecker said. "Country Day played very hard from the start, and we had to match their pace. To come right after they took the lead was a characterexposing moment for
our team." our team.'
RU upends Thurston
Redford Union defeated Thurston on Monday night, 8 -2, thanks to three goals from Cassidy San-
delin and a pair from Maggie Osowski.
Zebras tie Stars
St. Catherine's of Wixom bat-
tled Wayne Memorial to draw Friday night. Nina Sclabassi and Alexa Ras-
tigue scored the Stars' tigue scored the Stars' goals. Sofia
Ivezaj made 17 saves for St. Cath-
erine's. erine's.

## TENNIS

6.1. 6.0 while the Panthers' 3 . ${ }_{3}^{3}$ swinger, Hunter Eutsey, defeated Aliza Parizan, 6-2,6-2; won, $6-0,6-1$, over Maria Aroh. The day's first and second doubles matches were both
stretched to tie-breakers. RU No. 1 duo of Abby Bishop and Haley Hebner defeated Rykki
Warren and Guiliana Caegari, Warren and Guiliana Caegari,
$5-7,6-0,10-7$, while RU's No 2 $5-7,6-0,10-7$, while RU's No. 2
tandem of Sarah Bishop and Kaylah Wiley lost a three-set nail-biter to Alexus Jackson and
Jessica McDonald-Boldt Making their varsity de Making their varsity debut,
RU's No. 3 team of Anna Vin-cent and Michaela Spangler won 6-1, 6-3, over Emily Cain
and Megan Sevener and Megan Sevener.


Pictured are the members of the Redford Union tennis team, which is coached by Eric Geiger
doubles match, 6-4, 6-2, despite strong efforts from Sarina Anderson and Isis James. We have a strong base of
returning players this season in our singles and even into one and two doubles," RU head coach Eric Geiger said. "I'm
talent
talent.
"Even at this early stage,
there are great team dyname there are great team dynamics with our veterans eager to help
our newer players develop their game. We' re looking forward to some great matches."
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 FIRST TEAM Wayne: Weber was a strike roling his way to a 212 ave age in KLAA matches. He teamed with fellow all-area
honoree John Willet to win the Clarenceville Doubles Tournament. Weber capped his season with a 17 th-place showing at the individual state meet, falling bowler match-play event.
Conner had an outstanding season for us, Wayne coach Bob Jawor said. "I look for Con ner to have a great career as an adult in the
game of bowling."
Mitchell Rusinek

 At the D1 individual finals. the junior's 1,235 tally earned
him 20th overall. him 20th overall.
Rusinek was Saiem's anchor, earned all-confernamed to the scholar-athlete team. "He was so consistent and always maintained Tyler Pozan, Canton: Pozan finished seventh - $\begin{aligned} & \text { at the D1 individual regionals, } \\ & \text { posting a } 1,233 \text { score. At state } \\ & \text { finals, his } 1,147 \text { tally earned }\end{aligned}$ him 35 th place overall. The hard-working senior
averaged 190.5 during the averaged 190.5 during the
regular season and was
named a scholar-athlete
recipient e competition on the lanes and was always up for the challenge," coach Karl Brubaker said. "He is a great team player and
one of our leaders
 junior was consistent all season, averaging 201, including a 279 high game. He
tallied a three-game series of tallied
651. At D1 individual regionals,
the all-KLAA seletion fin the all-KLAA se
score of 1,149 .
shed 13 th with a score of 1,149 .
At the Plymouth-Canton-Salem tournament an. 9 , O'Shaughnessy threw a pair of strikes in
the 10 th frame and the Wildcats went on to win their first-ever tourney
"Justin is a tremendous talent and great pres-
sure bowler," coach Scott Kapke said. "He was sure bowler," coach Scott Kapke said. "He was an integral participant in all three of the
Plymouth tournament wins this season.

## ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BOWLING TEAM

 all-conference and scholarathlete honors after averag-
ing 200 to lead the Chiefs At D1 individual regionals. At D1 individual regionals,
Zelenak finished 14 th with a score of 1,146.
"Mitch has been a solid player for our team for four years ... and a leader," Brubaker said. He is always working see that effort." ${ }^{\text {SECOND TEAM }}$
Jacob Kurth, Salem: The senior co-captain
 averaged 200 for the Rorks and earned all-conference
and scholar-athlete honers Kurth followed his strong regular season helped the Rocks qualify for D1 team at individual regiona
tJake was usually aus. "Jake was usually our lead-off bowler"" Hahn
said. "That was the position that he liked to play, because he could set the pace for the rest
of the team and he did this well " of the team and he did this well."

yne: Willet enjoyed an out-
standing senior season, win-
ning the ning the Clarenceville Dou-
bles Tournamet bles Tournament Weber, helping the Zebras qualify for
the state tournament and averaging a stellar 197 . Johnny is one of the nicest young men I have had the pleasure of coaching in my 10 years," Jawor said. "He's a complete team player. I wish him all the best as he
moves on to LTU." moves on to LTU. Dominic Gibson, Farm. Unified: Gibson
completed his third varsity season with a completed his third varsity season with a
league average of 203 , which placed him eighth among 100 boys in the OAA He increased his league and overall averages by more than 10 pins this season and by 42
pins since his freshmen year. Gibson, who will pins since e is trestmen year. Gibson, who will
attend the University of Arizona, had a high game of 245 and high series of 446 . "Dominit's league average shows his desire to
compete and win championshios," coach ompete and win championships," coach
Dennis Hermani said. "His driving motivation is to compete at an elite level.
"As a model of consistency, Dominic shot a 400 series in all but one of our league matches in which he bowled both games.
"His work ethic - no one has worked harder
on 10-pin conversions - and infectious posion 10-pin conversions - and infectious, posi-
tive attitude rubbed off on all of his teammates."

CHARGERS

## Continued from Page B1

 Francesca Spaillari, who has earned the early sea-son nod as the No. 4 singles swinger. Churchill's doubles pair-
ings will be paced by the ings will be paced by the
No. 1 team of Angelica Zhou and Madison White while Clara Bielawski and
Allison Sciatto are slotted Allison Sciatto ar
as the No. 2 duo. Allie McComber and Allison White are expected
to be a formidable team at

No. 3 doubles for Chur chill, which will count
heavily on Joanna Al-Farah and Samantha Swift at No. 4, and Alexis Simpson and Taylor Lee at No. 5 dou-
bles.
"Kaitlyn Rogosch is a state qualifier last year, and was regional champ. I am expecting a compet-
itive season as I feel that we have more depth this year in our lineup. We are
looking forward to seein looking forward to seeing
what we can do! Our rewhat we can do! Our re-
turning players show that they have worked on their game on the offseason.'


Churchill's No. 1 singles player Kaitlyn Rogosch returns to lead the Chargers.


Garden City's Tracy June advances the ball during Monday's game.

## SOCCER

Junior goalkeeper Tatum Spears played solid between the pipes for GC, turning
away 10 Mercy shots. The Cougars put seven shots on goal.
"Once of the big differ-
ences was that we had zero
corner kicks and they had
seven," Szypula said, "It's tough when you don't get at generate some offense."

Pereyra ahead of the pack


Lucas Pereyra was the overall champion of the cross country-style 1.2 -mile race at Running Fit's Martian Festival of Races in Dearborn on Satur Apriil 9 . He won with a time of 7 minutes, 19 seconds. Pereyra is a
sixth-grader and honor roll student at St. Matthew's Lutheran in Westland.

GC's Falk headed to Concordia University


Garden City senior soccer standout James falk (seated) recentiy committed to play soccer for Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Falk, who was lauded by Cougars head coach Jeff Szypula as one of the primary reasons for GC's
stellar 2015 campaign, is pitured with Concordia assistrant coach Kyle stellar 2015 campaign, is pictured with Concordia assit
Winningham (left) and head coach Erik Schultz (right)

## Lady Trojans bring positive outlook

Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer Ten returning players and better depth has coach Joe DeCaire look ing forward to the 2016 softball season wit
great optimism. "Our goals will be the ame as they have been in the past, and that is to continue playing compet-
tive softball," DeCaire aid. "We want to learn the fundamentals of the game, play intelligent, every day."

Junior outfielders
Claudia Moore and Kristine Sidon are the top returning players and Will bat at the top of the
lineup, serving as the table-setters for the offense. Senior infielders Ky-
lee Hammond and Nicol Scott will anchor the defense and provide some extra-base power,
according to DeCaire according to DeCaire
Clarenceville will have a new pitching bat tery, following the loss of all-conference duo Emily Schwartz and Mia Sa
son to graduation.
junior Janie looks for junior Janie Wagganer to contact as the replace-
ment for Schwartz in ment for Schwartz in the
circle. "I liked Janie's work ethic last summer," he
said. "She dedicated said. "She dedicated herself to becoming a mentally," Sophomore Skyler Srock will make a posibase to catcher. "She is still learning a tough position, but she has the tools to become
an all-conference catche
in the Seniors Allison Szostak, Makenzie Tatro and
Sarah Meili, sophomore Sarah Meili, sophomor
Erin Koss and junior Kayla Schoenfeldt also return from last season bringing added depth to The roster also includes nine freshmen, many of whom will play key roles, and exchange
student Christine Chen. "Our staff is really excited about the incoming freshman, because they have demon-
strated a work ethic and
dedication to our pro Emily Schmidt will help with the pitching
and play third base Sh and play third base. She
by Smith, Mary Hammond and Maddie Baldassarra will work for place in the starting line up, Soo. Shannon Bullock, Maddison Lyons, Emma Reardon and Autumn Farr will make contribu tions at some point, too, who begins his 18 th sea son as head coach. Trojans to build upon a Western Wayne Athletic Conference behind Redford Union and Crest
wood with six wins. "It will be very excit ing to see what our program looks like on the will detail," DeCaire said. "I'm sure our coaching staff will need to mak adjustments, but we
always have been ded icated to accepting the challenges and obstacles that lie ahead for ou
program." program.'


Patriots' Day: Franklin sprints past Rockets


APRIL BREAKFAST Time/Date: : 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Sunday Apri1 17 Location: St. Theodore Social
Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: French toast, pancakes,
ham, sausage, scrambled eggs. applesauce, coffee, tea, milk,
juice, $\$ 3$ for adults; $\$ 1.50$ for juice, 53 tor adul
children, $2-10$
Contact: $734.425-4421$ CARNIVAL Time/Date $5-7$ p.m. Wednes-
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Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Kid's Carnival will ice cream, face painting, crafts, and games, for families of stu-
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Program, Kindergarten, and 1 lt grade in Septembero or those jus
interested in finding out more interested in finding out more
about the school's programs Contact: 734-421-7360, ext. 225
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Industry report: Single women make up substantial share of home buyers

Julie Brown
If you're a single woman, If you're a single woman,
you just may own your own home.
It doesn't come as a great surprise that the largest shar of home buyer households
married couples. In fact, 67 percent of all home buyers are married couples. The second most common group of buyer
however, is single females. According to the $2016 \mathrm{Na}-$ tional Association of Realtors' Home Buyer and Seller Gener females make up 15 percent of all home buyers, and this num ber goes up when looking at
older buyers -20 percent of buyers between 51 and 60 years of age and 19 percent
between the ages of 61 and 69 between the ages of 61 and 69 are single females stantially higher than those for single males, who only make up 9 percent of all home buyers; the share of single made
buyers is even lower in older age groups, only 10 percent of buyers between 51 and 60 are single males.
Westland condominium in 2010 and is glad she did so. "Economically it made more sense because you get a return on tages. More privacy," she said of ownership compared to
renting. "I like the fact that I still have a little yard to enjoy but 1 don't have to do yard work," Vellardita said. "I have ample
storage compared to what you storage compared to what
get in most apartments." Her garage was also a big
selling point.

The NAR report found those more likely to be trading up (Gen X homeowners) or trading down (older boomers) represented the largest share of sellers in the past year, at 25 percent and 24 percent, respectively.
"That's huge to me, and 1
on't have to shovel snow and said Vellardita, the marketing and membership manager for ne Westland Chamber of Com-
Robin Kay Cooke is an associate broker for Cooke Realty of Keller Williams PlymouthCanton, and has been in real have single women buy," said Cooke.
She sold to a widow a Canon condominium who was moving from Redford with her
mother, who has health issues associated with aging. "That was really a helpful move for hem,", Cooke said.
Cooke finds for couples women have a great say in home purchases. "If the wife's not happy, no one's hap"They carry a lot of the deci-sion-making."
For her own family, "My husband trusts my judgment," ed a three-car garage, and wasn't all that interested in the kitchen or bathrooms of their
She finds women look in
particular for walk-in closets,
hardwood floors (helpful for hardwood floors (helpful for those with allergies, and good hard-surfaced countertops and more.

Really people need to have hat in their home to be comCooke said of the countertops. Outdoors matters to buyers, ${ }_{\text {to }}^{\text {"A }}$
"A lot of people like to entertain in their yard space," invest in their back yards and see it as an extension of their living space.
For single women, she recommends an attached garage for safety. She also encourage single women to drive a prosent times, and to talk to potential neighbors.
"After hours, you can kind of see the demographics,"
Cooke said, noting single ers can see if there are other children living nearby. The laws of years ago that ing a home are long gone, agreed Cooke. "It really comes down to creditworthiness and income," she said, noting usu-
ally two years on a job is need
ed. "Their goals are the same,
typically," Cooke said of single women buyers and general
buyers. Some women buyers are very social, she said, "and interact with the neighborhoo
and others choose not to." and others choose not to."
She had a client of Indian descent who is mom to a
daughter around 12 . The
daughter is in private school, which made public systems less important to wished to carry on their ethnic heritage, noted Cooke, an issue with some
buyers when they relocate. buyers when they relocate.
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boomers) represented then largest share of sellers in the past year, at 25 percent and 24 percent, respective-
ly. Millennials ly. Millennials - also likely
to be move-up buyers stayed in their home the shortest amount of time before selling (five years).
Even thoug younger sellers were more likely to need a larger home or move because of job relocation, older boomers were far more likely to move further a median distance of 20 miles, with older boomers
traveling the furthest at 75 travelin
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more likely to want their agent to help price their home competitively or sell within a specific time
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The National Association of Realtors we
this report.

Homearama plans progressing well, trade group reports

of Some Builders Associatio of Southeastern Michigan

(HBA) has announced that development of Christenbury is progressing according to
schedule for the Fall 2016 public opening of Homearama 2016. The 10 homes being will range in price from will range in price from
$\$ 350,000$ to $\$ 500,000$ and will be open for public display for three weekends. Homearama 2016 is a pub
lic service activity of HBA

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 mba professional builder Homes, Clearview Homes, Lassale Homes, Sunset The community is also bein. developed by Arteva Homes. Each home is being designed, built, fully decorated top professionals. Homes wil feature the latest amenities, advanced technology and energy saving features.These homes offer visitors
the opportunity to gather
design and decor, ideas that design and decor, ideas that homes On-site ticket sales will be available during the run of the program. Over 50,000
home owners, home buyers and dreaners, home buyers and dreamers are expected to visit Homearama 2016. Special events are also planned
during the run of the event. More information will be available at www.HomearamaHBA.com beginning in

Headquartered in West Bloomfield, Home Buil
ers Association of SE Michigan (HBA) is a trade association representing
nearly 800 builders, renearly 800 builders, re-
modelers, developers and suppliers to the single family residential construction industry. HBA is
affiliated with the affiliated with the Home
Builders Association of Michigan in Lansing and the National Association of Home Build
ington, D.C.

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

## Investor

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have answer questions and offer a
market update. Meetings are at $6-9$ p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate. $\$ 20$ which will be applied to
their membership. The Red
Lobster is next to 7 -Eleven, Lobster is next to 7 -
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Free foreclosure tours day. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast $\underset{\text { I-96. }}{\text { corner of Middlebelt and }}$ ${ }^{1-96}$ Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit
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## Condo <br> Association <br> Lawyers aim: upgrade condo living

Q: I was at a recent condosomeone mention that there is a College of Community Association Lawyers. Can you give me so
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$\mathrm{A}:$ Based on similar facts think you are going to have a problem filing a claim against the city manager based upon governmental immunity. The
statute provides that in the statute provides that in the
absence of certain enumerated exceptions, governmental agencies are immune from ort liability when engaged in governmental function. In this particular case, the city would argue that it was engaged in a governmiental function at th
time it filed the affidavit. A governmental function is any activity that is expressly or impliedly mandated or auth tate or local charter or or nance or other law. No doubt, the government will argue that its filing of an affidavit
was in furtherance of its lar er, more general function of insuring compliance with its zoning ordinances and that the nance is a governmental function.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2:An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling also the author of "Condominium operation: Getting started \& Staying Visit bmeisner@meisser-law.com. This olumn shouldn't be construed as legal

## Take a musical trip to the movies <br> Sharon Dargay

The Michigan Philharmonic will celebrate its birthday in a big way - with blockbuster and a larger-than-usual venue - when it takes the stage Saturday in Salem High School's "We want community celebration for the 70th anniversary. Movie music is accessible and people have lots of favorite movie music director. "The movie scores are big works that require a big orchestra and lots of pe

Approximately 20 additiona musicians will join the Michigan Philharmonic's core group of 45 for "Lights, Camera, urday, April 20, at Salem High School, 46181 Joy, in Canton. The orchestra size and ven ue for the upcoming perfor-
mance hearkens back to the orchestra's early days when it was known as the Plymouth Symphony. Although it started
out with just 10 players in 1945 , rehearsing in a local home and performing in the gymnasium at what is now the Plymouth Arts and Recrewtion Complex
(PARC), it grew to 95 musicians at one point in its history The Salem auditorium was its home venue for 20 years. numbers. It was the largest community orchestra at one time in Michigan in the smallof Plyt said, "I think because of Plymouth's geographic loca
tion between Detroit and Ann Arbor it allows us to draw and this whole area continues to be great in classically

## Smaller orchestra

The Michigan Philharmonic's musicians are freelancers who also perform with other orchestras or at other events.
Faith Demorest, a violinist and the orchestra's personnel man ager, supplements the talent pool as needed. that niche of a chamber-sized orchestra and there is a ton of great music that fits and or-
chestra of that size," Stewart
said. Both Stewart and Faith Demorest credit conductor Nan Washburn for enriching
the orchestra's repertoire and strengthening its musician-
Ship. Washburn was artistic di West Hollywood Orchestra and music director of Orchestra Sonoma and the Camelia Sym phony in California when the conducted a national searc for a new conductor. to the table was the idea of doing contemporary America music and featuring a living composer on every program if possible," Washburn said. but it was a little scary and am so glad they embraced

## New musicians

 The emphasis on including contemporary music along with standard classical repertoire led to change in the talMusicians who didn't want to make those changes or learnLIGHTS, CAMERA, CONCERT!
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16 High School, 46181 Joy Canton High School, 46181 Joy, Canton ic's 70 th birthday bash will feature music from such films as "Vertigo, "Back to the Future," and "Schindier's List." The symphony will play
the full score "Symphonic Dances" from "West Side Story," the Pure Michigan Theme song from "Cider House Rules," and composer Laura Karpman's theme from the HBO student-operated radio station at Salem High School, will live broadrecord for broadcast the following weekend.
Special guests: The PCEP choirs, under the direction of Jennifer Tears, Afrika," from "Amistad," and Jack Goggin, host of "Film Classic" on WRCI Radio will emcee the Tickets: $\$ 30$ general admission, $\$ 25$ for seniors, age 62 and older, and $\$ 10$ for students with 10 Contact: 734-451-2112:


Nan Wash

A name change from Plymouth Symphony to the Michigan Philharmonic led to performance opportunities throughout southeastern Michigan, including Kensington Metropark in Milford. group. "When Nan came in she orchestra. Ninety-nine percent of it changed. It took us three or four years, but every yea
we got better," Demorest said. We've become a family. We know each other well and how o play together. We know what
Nan wants, but how she's going Nan wants, but how she's going
o challenge us."
The new music challenged
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Wasc director and conductor Nan Washburn added contemporary music to the symphony's repe
She was hired in 1999 after a nationwide search for a new
conductor
audience members, too. Washburn said supporters were a little skeptical those first few
seasons, but now look forward to meeting the composers. "The audience can't be con-

things all the time," Stewart said. "In any musical genre, you have to be out there mak
ing new albums and putting
out new music. Why should classical music be any differ
All three women agree that the orchestra's name change from Plymouth Symphony to the Michigan Philharmonic in 2011 led to major opportunities in both educational outreach to ues. ${ }^{\text {I }}$ think we've done an enormous amount of growth aesand this next year we're focusing on making sure we are equipped on the whole organigrowing," Washburn said She recently finished programming for the 71st concert season. It will include a uku brating female composers and a team-up with the Plymouth Community Band. "The season is going to be
very exciting," Washburn said.

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## ANIMALS

## DETROIT 200

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Location: :-696 senice drive and Wood
Ward, Royal Oak Details: Admission is $\$ 14$ for adults $15-61,510$ for seniior citizens 62 and older, and for child ${ }^{2}$ agen 2.24 , chil-
dren under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is 55 . Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

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Time/Date 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. ThursdayTime/Date: 10 a.m
Friday April 4 -15
Saturday, April 16 Location Costick Center, 28600 W. 11
Mile, Farmington Hills Mile, Farmington Hills Details: farmington Art Foundation's spring sale will be held in conjunction with the festival. The festival kikks off
with an awards ceremony recognizing whe 2016 Artist in Residence and other art award winners, beginning with a
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musci, appetizers and a cash bar, followed by an awards presentation at 7 p.m. along with entertainment. Tickets
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ment and art displays on Sunday Contact: farmingtonarts.org: 248-473-

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE Time/Date: Exhibit hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday
through April 30 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
sonal work of the late Richard Rochon,
who was known in the field of architecwho was known in the field of archit
ture for his renderings of building.
ncludes a reception, $6-9$ p.m. Friday. April 1 a reception, $6-9$ p.m. Fric
Contact: 248 -344.0497 or PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ART CENTER
Time/Date 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Monday and hursday, noon-4 p.m. Tuesday-Wednes. day, and
April
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features whorks by thal Open Exhibit heme, "one word." " Includes pen \& ink. photography, collage, encaustic, colored
pencil,
pastel, charcoal, mixed media
Contact: 734-416-427
schoolcraft colleg
Time/Date: Through Tuesday, Aprill 19 Location: Forum Building's 400 hallway, on the main campus, located on
Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven

Mile, Livonia
Details: Self-p
Details: Self-portraits by students
enrolled in art studio classes are on display The public may ovet for thei
favorites by emailing solsoneschool Cravt.edu. The subject line should in
che matill clude the numbers of three favorite works. Winning students will receiv
Schoolcraft College gitt cards Contact: Sarah Olson at 734-462-4400

## U-M MUSEUM OF ART

 Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 .m. through $M$ May Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. through May
29
Location: 525 s. State Street, Ann Arbo Details: First U.5. exhibition of Chinese artist Xu Weixin focuses on portraits of
Chinese coal miners and of Chinese historical figures during the Cultural
Contact: 734-764-0395;
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umma. umich.edu
VILLAGE THEATER Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday Frtay and durino
through april 28
Details: "Silent Images: Featured Work of Chuck Schroeder" features intricate pen and ink drawings
contact: cantonvillagetheater.org VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATIO VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION Fimeßate 7:30 Location: Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium, 33000 C Civic Center Libra Details: Professor Emeritus Richard
Rubenfeld of Eastern Michigan UniverRubentild of Eastern Michigan Univer-
sity will talk about historic and contem-
poray self porary self-portraits in this program sponsored by VAAL. Free
Contact: vaalart.org

## FILM

PENN THEATRE
Time/Date: 7 p.m. and $9: 15$ p.m. Friday
 p.m. S. Snday, April 17; and 7 p.m. Thurs
day, Lesction 760 Penniman, Plymouth Details: "Finest Hours," 53 Contact 734-453-0870;



Diana
Wing de Mayo Eve" experience will be held at the Great Lakes
Culinary Center in Southfield, featuring a four-course dinner
by chef Tim Castañeda of Zúmba Mexican Catering. "We had such a good experifall with chef Reva," Vargo said of the culinary center's executive chef. "We've done it in Ferndale at Rust Belt Mar
ket. We've done it at the Me nagerie in Pontiac. Every time we've had a different theme and a different chef, some-
thing that makes it a totally thing that makes it a totally The masked meal concept had its start in Europe with the premise that by removing the
sense of sight, your other senses are heightened, leading to an enhanced experience. "No one feeds you; you feed
yourself," Vargo said, laugh-ing, clearing up a question
people will often ask "We serve and then take the plate away and they un-blindfolded themselves between courses.
We have a fun, creative craft bar, so everybody gets cockails. ... There are always peekers,' but that's all right." see examples of the plated dishes they were served and meet the chef and discuss their "Moserience
the meal where you can just sit and relax and try to figure out what you're eating," Vargo
said. "It's always a nice discov-

## Mexican specialties

Castañeda admitted that as
chef it would drive him to dine in the dark, but he's excited to be involved in the "Cinco de Mayo Eve" masked "It's a very cool, novel idea and something that's different.
... The bottom line is, you're The bottom line is, youre there to have fun anc eat goa resident, who has spent 30 years perfecting the Mexican
recipes he grew up eating and ecipes he grew up eating and restaurants. Castañeda has worked at and owned Mexican restauants and catering businesses in Los Angeles, San Francisc

"Most people really enjoy the meal where you can just sit and relax and try to figure out what you're eating. It's always a nice discovery." KATHY VARGO
recently, he gave up the grind of a seven-day work week,
closing his restaurants in Birmingham and Royal Oak, to focus on his catering business. He couldn't tell me what dishes
he planned to prepare for Dinhe planned to prepare for Din
ing in the Dark (the fun for blindfolded diners is not know ing), but he said, "You don't want to make it too messy."
Castañeda was in Mexico

City not long ago with his wife and son and they took a cus-
tomized culinary tour that was impressive. "It was good to be in the
heart of the city where thing were happening," he said. "There are so many restaurants there. It (has been) a culinary destination in the last 10-15 years. It's like the Amer-
ican dining scene 30 years ago.

is a prix fixe three-hour expecourses and a hander four courses and a handcrafted featuring Tito's Handmade Vodka. Sponsors include Treat
Dreams custom/homemade ice cream and Don Marcos tortill chips. There's a cash bar after Dinner begins at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Ticket are beverages and gratuity) Ad vanced reservations are required. Go to diningdarkde-
troit. troit.com. Call 248 -687-9168 fo
more information. Cooking class Looking to improve your diet and your skills in the
kitchen? Then " "Healthy for Spring" is the class for you The Great Lakes Culinary Center hosts this hands-on session, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thurs
day, April 14. Executive chef Reva Constantine will show you simple ways to utilize fresh produce from the cen-
ter's organic garden and will teach techniques for cooking whole vegetables from stem to root - nothing goes to waste. Learn how to transform sea-
sonal ingredients into dishes that are packed with flavor, not calories. Master the fundamentals of healthy cooking so
you can create great-tasting, you can create great-tasting,
good-for-you meals. Cost is $\$ 70$ per pers cash bar will be available and guests 21 and over are welticket are included. Register online at glculinarycenter.com Call Erika Miller at 248-286

## Chili contest in Redford is hot event for local cooks

Sharon Dargay
No beans. No spaghetti. No Kig chunks of vegetables. make your next pot of traditional red chili or chili verde and you may have the beginwinner.
"The principle behind the nternational Chilis Society is no artificial fillers, no Cincinthat kind of stuff," said Gary Ray, who is co-coordinating the CS-sanctioned state of Michimonth with his wife Lauren. We're helpful for rookies what not to do I advise you on omeone at the Great Lakes to Chili Cook-off and he was ready to put corn in his chili.' Ray set him straight on what judges look for in ICS compet include "floating vegetables." Ray and his wife are Livonia champion titles from the ICS in chili verde. First-place winners at state or regional chili conests are allowed to cook at

different U.S. city each year Top world ICS winners can place salsa to $\$ 25,000$ for tradi
tional red chili
Ray said he

Ray said he has used pork tenderloin, chicken broth, chil seasoning and cumin, among other ingredients, in his win-
ning chili verde Chili verde ning chili verde. Chili verde includes green chili peppers,
while traditional red chili is made with red chili peppers. ICS rules allow any kind of
meat or combination of meat meat or combination of meat.
"In mid-state Illinois, they like a ground chuck. In this area, it tends to be more of a
tri-tip style cubed meat. Some
places like a small cubed meat and a little ground beef,", Ray

Spicy strategy
The Rays have competed in chili contests throughout the
country and try to get a feel or regional taste preferences. "In Baton Rouge, I thought twice," Ray said, with a laugh. "I cooked one day and it was too salty and spicy. Then (the next day) I was busted for to He tend
comments to take to heart comments fro
also compete.

"We give each other opin-
ions," he said, "We all help ions, he said, "We all help The Michigan Chili Champinship competition is 11 a.m. to Hubert-Fortiers-O'Grady VFW Post 345,27345 Schoolcraft, in Redford Township. More than 25 cooks from Michigan and salsa, chili verde and tradition al red chili categories. Sign up obecome a contestant at chil ookoft.com. one gallon of ch le's choice" award Entries ple's choice" award. Entries
ingredients, including those forbidden in the verde and red categories.
"You can have beans, maca roni noodles," Ray said, "We food prople's choice chili." Admission to watch the cooks prepare their recipes is
$\$ 10$ for adults and $\$ 5$ for chil$\$ 10$ for adults and $\$ 5$ for chil-
dren under 12. All net proceeds dren under 12 . All net proceed erans Foundation. Visitors will get a chance to sample chili
and enter gift basket raffles and enter gift basket raffles
and a $50 / 50$ drawing. For more information, email Ray at wodac_garyray@ya-
hoo.com or call $313-938-6364$.



