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## No charges: Men released in shooting

LeAnne Rogers
Three men arrested follow ing a shooting at a Westland home that left one man dead and another wounded have been released without being The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is continuing to review evidence in the May 26
incident in the 34000 block of incident in the 34000 block of
Glenwood, near Second. Due to charges not having

## been filed yet, Westland Police the three names and photos of eleased.

Police were called to the home on Glenwood after the resident reported having shot man who had forced his way
into the home. The man who had been shot and two other suspects had fled when police arrived.
The $m$
The men identified as the suspects were located at Beau-


BIL BRESLER 1
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Westland
Police officers Police officers
wait at the wait at the
scene of a scene of a
May 26 May 26
shooting on shooting on
Glenwood.

Parks director charged with domestic crime

## eAnne Rogers

 staff WriterWestland Parks and Recreation Director John Adams is due back in 35 th District Court charges of domestic violence. Adams, 51, was arraigned at which stem from two different incidents - one that Canton Police responded to Thursday hadn't previously been report d.
"It's a situation that occurred. I pled not guilty. 1 .
would ask that people allow me due process," said Adams, who was back at
work Tuesday work Tuesday following the
Memorial Day holiday.
Adams was Adams was
arrested after police were
called to the Canton to home he shares with wife Angelika. Prior to the said the couple wasn't divorced. "I am always disappointed tor is involved in something off-duty that reflects badly on the city", Westland Mayor Wil-
liam Wild said. "The city atiam Wild said. "The city at
torney says to let the legal process go forward. The prosecutors and the court decide on those charges. He is going
through due process right throug
Adams retired as an assisAdams retired as an assis-
tant chief from the Westland Fire Department in June 2014
and the following month became chief operating officer for the Inkster Fire Depart-
ment.
In February 2016, Adams, In February 2016, Adams, public administration, was appointed Westland Parks and Recreation director. He re-
ceived criticism recently about continuing to work for the Inkster Fire Department, which ended Tuesday as a new chief was scheduled to come on Adams was released on bond following his arraignment

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VFW Auxiliary 3323 members Molly Wright and Kristi Hoff laid a wreath in memory of those who died serving the country during the annual Wayne Westland Memorial Day Parade and ceremony Sunday. For more on the event, please see Page A5.

## Wild: Common sense needed over flags

LeAnne Rogers Since the story about Amer ican flags in front of his store being confiscated went viral, inundated with calls of support. "I got calls from all over the country, from Canada, CNN, a
the television stations," said Dabelstein, owner of Ken's Country Produce in Westland.
"It was on Facebook and had

wild
"At the end of the day, this took on a life of its own. It never had anything to do with the flag. People got that wrong. It was about things being in the right-of-way."
over 102,000 hits." Dabelstein has also been eceiving flags and other patriotic items from people all over the country.
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howne Voume $52 \cdot$ Number 5
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"When I came in Friday flags all over the ground. A gentleman from Wyandotte put
the flags out," said Dabelstein,
owner of Ken's Country Produce on Ford near Newburgh. "Someone brought
200 flags of all sizes for us to give away." An ordinance officer
came out to talk to Dabelcame out to talk to Dabel
stein about the 24 flags placed along the curb in two
islands. islands. said I can't have signs by the road. I said they were

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## Relay returns to Tattan Park this Saturday

Expect more colorful
characters than usual at characters than usual at
the 2016 Westland-Wayne Relay for Lifte American Cancer Society fundrais-
${ }^{\text {er. }}$ The theme is Dr. Seuss' Colors of Cancer
with each team decorating in honor of a type of cancer. The event
kicks off at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Westland Farmers Market Pavilio in Tattan Park on Carl-
son south of Ford son south or Participants fro Westland and Wayne have been working to raise money through continue through sales food and other items,
services and activities
during the relay, which during the relay, which
continues until 7 a.m. Sunday. The annual relay also honors cancer survivors
with a special lap Those with a special lap. Those
lost to cancer are remembered with a special evening luminaria cere-
mony and silent walk mony and silent walk around the track. Walk on the track throughout the event to symbolize the fact that cancer never sleeps.
For those
Ffic those who aren't officially part of a relay team, there is music,
food, games and entertainment.

## O OBrkER



A cancer survivor lap is featured at the annual Relay for Life fundraiser that returns to Westland on Saturday in Tattan Park.
flict over the resident having recently evicted her live-in girlfriend and her child.

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## military due to being legally blind, said he legally blind, said he appreciated all the sup

 port in honoring veter-ans. ${ }^{\text {.We've }}$ "We've talked with
ordinance. They have got ordinance. They have got sense and logic, too," said Wild, noting the Memorial Day holiday should have also been considback the next day."
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## \$4.6B transit plan would connect Detroit, 4 counties

## Eric Lawrence Michigan.com

 The Regional Transit Michigan says a truly regional public transportation system for theDetroit area will cost the average homeowner about $\$ 95$ per year. The RTA unveiled its Tuesday at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. Voters in the fou
county RTA region Macomb, Oakland, Wash tenaw and Wayne - are expected to vote in No-
vember on a 12 -mill 20 -year property tax millage to fund new bus rapid transit lines, express service to Detroit Metro Airport and com-
muter rail and improvements to local bus, paratransit and other mobility
options. Before the $\$ 4.6$ options. Before the $\$ 4.6$
billion plan can go to voters, the RTA board needs to formally approve it, most likely at
the board's July 21 meeting. Officer Michael Ford stantive plan that mee the needs" of the region. "What we are bringing forward is a plan that
connects the region, the connects the region, the
four-county region, and
in order to do that, we ing system to make it more effective, more services and introduce new levels of service as well," Ford said during a meee Press last week.
The plan is an aggressive response to the more
than two dozen failed han two dozen failed brant regional public transportation system in
long underserved area long underserved area, which invests a fraction of what other regions do. is the only major urban area in the country withpublic transit system. If we are going to be competitive in a 21st-Century oping a transit system that meets the needs of a changing world is absoChair Paul Hillegonds said in a news release. The RTA's master plan is designed to address gaps in the Detroit-area's regional transportation network. As reported reviously, the plan calls or bus rapid transit, wheels, along Woodward, Gratiot and Michigan avenues (a separate line
would connect Ypsilanti
and Ann Arbor) and a Ann Arbor and the Amentrak station
New Center
But a plethora of expanded and other new services are also
planned. Many local ser planned. Many local ser would happen in the first five years. Other services, such as bus rapid rail would happen from 2022-2026.
Because there are no opt-out communities
under the RTA as is the case with the Suburban Mobility Authority for egional Transportation bus service, the RTA can coordinate bus service to so-called opt-out areas of ties. Under the plan, 11 Cross-county connector routes along major thor Dyke, Fort Street, Grand River, Greenfield, Ply-
mouth, Jefferson/Harper mouth, Jefferson/Harper and numerous Mile roads, would build on Detroit Department of Transportation networks but provide buses in
some cases every 15 mi utes and eliminate the hassle of transfers be tween DDOT and
SMART.

Four commuter ex-
press routes-Ann Ar-
bor-Plymouth-Livonia, bor-Plymouth-Livonia,
Canton Express, I-75 and Canton Express, I-75 an
M -59 - would provide M-eekday express rush weekday express rush job centers.
Five premium airport
express routes would connect Ann Arbor, Troy, Novi, Macomb County
and Detroit to Metro Airport. Airporal would be expanded in th Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti areas, and other exten-
sions would, according to a draft map, add service to the Livonia, Northville Canton, Utica, Farming-
ton Hills and Rochester Hills areas. A Groesbeck Highway route would be added in Macomb County and Detroit, and another
extension would connect extension would connect
Pontiac to Oakland Coun ty International Airport. Transit center and upgrades would be in the works as would a unified fare card for the various transit providers.
If passed, the millage would start in 2017. It's $\$$ expected to raise about $\$ 150$ million per year and cost the owner of a home
assessed at $\$ 78,856$ - th assessed at $\$ 78,856-$ Michigan, according to
the RTA - about $\$ 95$ per the RTA - about \$95 per
year. For homes with an
assessed value of
$\$ 100,000$ ( $\$ 200,000$ mar-
ket value), the cost would ket value), the cost would be about $\$ 120$ per year.
The millage would be on top of the millages for property owners in areas
served by SMART and served by SMART and the Ann Arbor Area
Transportation Authority The RTA, which was created by the Legislature in 2012, is an umbrel
la organization charged with coordinating DDOT, SMART, AAATA and the Detroit People Mover. In
2024 , it will also take ove responsibility for the QLINE, the streetcar Iin being built on Woodward Avenue in Detroit, which is expected to be oper
tional next year. Regarding the difference between this at-
tempt at regional transit tempt at regional transit
and all the previous unsuccessful efforts, Ford noted that he reports to a 10-member board with
wo representatives from each of the counties and members representing the governor and the city
of Detroit and that the of Detroit and that the
real focus is to ensure regional cooperation and coordination through the existing providers. The plan would have a $\$ 6$ billion economic development impact.
The likelihood The likelihood of the
millage's passage is un-
known at this point. The
RTA cites polling the rganization did showing a majority of 800 respon-
dents support such a plan $-53 \%$ before information was provided and $65 \%$ afterward - and
experts say transit mill experts say transit millwell. While transit advocates and groups like
the Detroit Regional Chamber are supporting the effort, some prominent public officials, ncluding Oakland CounPatterson and Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel have so-far demillage request, saying it will be up to voters. Although the plan would significantly boost ransit spending in the gan would still lag other parts of the country. (\$886), San Francisco (\$615) and Washington, D.C. (\$435), invest far more, according to federpenditures per capita provided by the Southeast Michigan Council of
Governments. Governments.

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Gristmill families


Michigan Community Conversation at the Livonia Civic Center Library,
32777 Five Mile Road at 32777 Five Mile Road, at
7 p.m. Thursday, June 9 . The event is co-sponsored by AAUW of Livonia. The topic is Restor-
ing Public Trust in State ing Public Trust in Stat
Government. Participants will be discussing state government ser-
vices, management of ices, management of
the public purse and the public purse and
oversight of Michigan's political system. The conversations are conducted throughout
the State by Center for the State by Center for
Michigan, a nonprofit organization. Everyone
who attends has the opwho attends has the op-
portunity to participate portunity to participate for Michigan gathers the data from the various conversations, prepares
a report of its findings and presents it to the State Legislature. Seating is limited; RSVP to Angela Ryan a
cruiserryan@ameritech.net or $734-591-0995$ or Colleen Mills at www. citizens49peace.com
or $734-425-079$.
Ice cream social Livonia's selected offi Information," an ice cream social that will give residents a chance to enjoy ice cream and elected officials. elected officials.
The event, which takes place $6-7: 30$ p.m. Thursday, June 9 , at the
Livonia Senior Center Livonia Senior Center,
will be hosted by Mayor Dennis Wright, Clerk Susan Nash, Treasurer
Lynda Scheel and council mynders Kathleen Mcmembers Kathleen Mc man, Scott Bahr, Maureen Miller Brosnan, Cathy White, James
and Brian Meakin. Benefit fundraiser The Livonia Buffalo Wild Wings is the site for a benefit fundraiser for Lisa Glen all day June 5
at the BWW on Six Mile at hivonia. BWW will donate 20 percent of all sales (dine in or take-out) to the
Benefit for Lisa Glen Benefilt or Lisa
(details at buffalowildw ings.com). The event ingludes a silent auction and T-shirt sales.
The BWW is at 37
restored their vehicles. Six Mile. For more in-
formation, call $734-469$ format
Cruise for a cause Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia is the new location for the "Cruise-in for a Cause" cruise will be held for 12 Mondays from $5-8 \mathrm{p}$.m. June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11,
18,25 , Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (no cruise July 4).
You will have the op-
portunity to talk with portunity to talk with the owners of the cars as
they tell you how they
reel free to take pictures as these timeless works of the heart are made for your an automotive or performance enthusiast, come and interact and , share your thoughts and asts. Reminisce about the past, enjoy the present
and talk about the future and cars about the futu The cruise will include a $50 / 50$ raffle with proceeds going to sup-

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## Carbon monoxide deaths can be prevented



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| Larceny from a vehicle | Larceny from a vehicle |
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| In the early hours of | An employee at |
| May 24, a resident in the | Law Autos, 32115 |
| 35000 block of Stell- | Michigan Ave., told |
| wagen told police that | police May 23 |
| someone entered her | days earlier a custom- |
| locked vehicle. She | wanted to purchase |
| said the glove box had | vehicle but it w |
| been emptied; missing | extremely loud due |
| were the vehicle manua | a missing catalytic |
| a birthday card with a | converter. |
| \$25 gift card inside, CD | He said that he and |
| check book, pro | other staff members |
| suran |  |
| per work. | sand found four |
| The resident told po- | ditional vehicles |
| her family | missing catalytic |
| ous about locking the | nverters. The em- |
| cle, but | ployee was following |
| r son had forgotten to | up by checking securi- |
| lock it. | ty video at the business. |
| Larceny |  |
| A Westland man told | Larceny fro |
| police May 23 that he |  |
| attends classes at the | Overnight May 24, |
| Dorsey Schools on Mic | eside |
| gan Avenue. When he | hill Apartments, 33040 |
| want to the lab for han | Parkhill, told police |
| work, he said he | someone stole th |
| his car and house keys | locking lug nuts from |
| a fourth-floor classr | his Chrysler 300. |
| When he returned, he |  |
| said the keys were miss- | Leanne Rogers |

find the woman without vital signs, so CPR was
started. The man was started. The man was
sick and confused, and the CO monitors that the firefighters carried started going off, alert-
ing them to high levels ing them to high levels
CO in the home. Carbon monoxide, often called the invisible killer, is an odorless, colorless gas created
when fuels burn incom pletely in the home. Heating and cooking equipment are potential
sources of CO gas. Other sources of CO gas. Other
causes can be vehicles or generators running inside the home, in an attached garage or nea
windows or doors to the
There are many tips that you can learn from
so that you can reduce the chances that you have excess CO buildup in your home. The first and most important one your home. These devices are similar to your smoke alarms, but they levels of CO , not smoke, in your home. It is essen-
tial that you have both tial that you have both types of
home.
They They are also similar in that they need to be tested, batteries changed
and some light mainte-
nance performed periodically, such as taking a keep dust and dirt free to from the sensing chamber. They should be installed on every level of the home. In addition, you should havected annually by a qualified service technician to make sure it is
in top working order for in top working order for
the upcoming heating season. Holes can develop over time in the venting equipment that will
need to be replaced. The neir filters should be cleaned or changed to keep the flow of air unobstructed.

Alternative heating sources bring about oth$r$ issues that need to be addressed. Gas stoves heat your home, and charcoal grills should be used outside of the home. enerators should be when being used, and the exhaust should not be near a window or door.
With the summer season ahead, more storms are on the way. Keep these tips in mind your family's safety. hadd Whitehead is the fire chief for the City of Livonia.

Suspended cop due back in court on child porn charges

earning and maintaining Nebus said Parsons was suspended following his arraignment, and that "mandated internal department investigation
and hearing will be used o determine his future employment status." Officials from the said Parsons is alleged to have downloaded at least 0 videos of child sexually abusive material. He surreptitiously filmed an adult in the nude.
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## Larceny from vehicle <br> A laptop, tablet and miscellaneous chang valued at $\$ 1,000$ were

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## HONORING THE FALLEN


watch the parade make its way down Ford Road on Sunday.
Annual ceremony pays tribute to veterans who gave their lives

## Brad Kadrich Statt Writer

Even in death, veterans who've given their lives in service to their
country continue the example. That was the lesson learned Sunday at the an's Memorial Parade where residents, elected officials, civic dignitaries and - especially - sur tribute to those who'v served their country and given the ultimate sacriAnd among those taking part in the parade were the youngsters who make up the Wayne Menior ROTC detachment who marched with other groups, schoois and parade participants from League to Westland Me morial Park. "The ceremony and parade, in general, is a what veterans have given our country," said Battal ion Commander Ryan his junior year at Wayne Memorial. "When you're part of JROTC, you learn it makes you reans, and everything they went through." The annual ceremony
was an emotional one for was an emotional one for dent of the parade committee and a member of Vietnam Veterans of
America 387. Stachow said the day - and the Memorial Day weekend - was designed to honor the sacrifices of veter"Some of us have lost good friends and family members," said an emo ceed the ceremony. "I'd like everyone to remember all the veteransPOWs, missing in action
and those who have served. Let's not forge that some gave all and paid the ultimate sacri-
fice for the freedoms we enjoy." the freedoms The 20th combined Wayne-Westland ceremony featured speeches
from Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe and Westland

Mayor William Wild Rowe said that as the community comes to-
gether to honor these veterans, it's important to
pay more than lip service pay more than lip service "We must never forget that the highest appreciation we can show is not to speak the words, but to
live the words," Rowe said. "Honored are those who, as Abraham Lincoln said, gave 'the last full measure of devotion."'
Wild noted that, while Memorial Day is traditionally seen as an un-
official kickoff to the official kickoff to the
summer season, it's real summer season, it's real
meaning is much deper "The holiday holds much greater significance," Wild said. "We
are forever in the debt of these heroes. Each of us owes gratitude to those who gave their lives fo The ceremony fe tured the traditional laying of wreaths, and musicians from the
Wayne Memorial and John Glenn bands played taps. The whole day had an ter "Chet" Cassidy, who served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1971 and saw duty with the 8th Infantry Division and the 173rd
Airborne Brigade. He was "stunned" to get the call asking him to be the parade's grand marshal
Cassidy, who helped revive the parade in 1994, said the acknowledgment turned into "an honor." the event overwhelmed him as he rode in a Chevy "I was looking at ev "I was looking at ev-
erybody and thinking of all the men and women who served," said Cassidy, a Purple Heart recipi what I saw and feel what I was feeling with people waving at me ... I'm hoping they can see what I
saw and felt what I felt. This is about those who gave their lives not only
in war but in peace in war but in peace.
Those are the people we Those are the have to honor."
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Parade Chairman Dan Stachow addresses the crowd.

tom beaudoin
The Wayne M
in the parade.


Bova VFW 985 Color Guard led off this year's Memorial Day parade held in Westland on Sunday



The Wayne Memorial High School marching band stepped out in the parade.


The Tribute "Rosies" show their spirit.

## Staying nimble helps Livonia company reach 30th year

Dale Pacynski took a
risk 30 years ago when he left his job as an elec tronics engineer at Ford
Motor Company to begin hisor company businss. Pacynski took a buyout from Ford in 1986
to start his company to start his company, Design Security and based in Dearborn when the focus was alarm sys
tems. He moved to a tems. He moved to
Livonia building on en Mile Road in 1990. In 2001, the company ex-
panded into the custom panded into the custom
audio and video fields and became known as Evolution AVS. Looking for more space, he moved into his
current building in 2002 In 2004, he expanded and renovated the 6,000
square-foot office so he
had more room to show off the latest technology. "You have to keep up
with techno with technology to keep
ahead of the competition, and we are always training so we can keep up
with the latest and greatwith the latest and great
est equipment for our est equipment for our
customers," Pacynski
said "It could beal customers," Pacynski
said. "It could be a 40 -
hour-per-week job haur-per-week job just to
heep up with the technolkeep up with the technol
ogy.".
The Livonia-based company will have a three-day celebration
later this month to aclater this month to acversary for Evolution
AVS. He will invite AVS. He will invite friends, neighbors, cli-
ents and other business contacts to his office and contacts to his office and
showroom on Eight Mile


COURTESY LIVONIA CHAMBER Of COMMERCE The staff at Dale Pacy
his eldest son, Kevin.

Road west of Merriman
Road for food refreshRoad for food, refresh-
ments and demonstraments and demonstra-
tions of the latest technology
range for easy migratio of new generation equipment. Ever-evolving
systems such as motionsystems such as motion-
sensing environmental control, high-definition cameras, voice-recog-
nition devices and secur nition devices and secur
ty systems that can be ty systems from a smart
monitored from phone keeps Pacynski
busy as his customers busy as his customers
keep asking about the keep asking about the
latest technology. Years ago, most of
Pacynski's Pacynskisc, customers
were affluent were affluent and used
his company to wire security systems at thei business, and then install the latest televisions and surround-sound systems in their homes. His cus-
tomer base has expanded in recent years as tech-
nology has become more "There are motionsensor cameras that used
to be $\$ 600$ each that can now be purchased for $\$ 200$ each,", he said. "Dale's work is just
another example of bow another example of how
hard work, innovation hard work, innovation,
taking care of people, and determination can build a successful busi-
ness," said Dan Went ness," said Dan West, Chamber of Commerce. "He credits the Livonia community for the sus-
tained viability of Evolution AVS, and we are proud his company is thriving here in Livonia."
Today, Pacynski has 11 Today, Pacynski has 1 cludes his oldest son,
Kevin. Kevin.

## Browndog to mix desserts, cocktails at Farmington store



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Browndog Creamery \& Dessert Bar's Southern
Comfort-infused ice cream with coconut.
gives Scherle and Gabrigives Scherle and Gabri-
el a chance to pair plated desserts, such as their
signature lava cake or signature lava cake or Fruity Pebbles cannoli,
with beer, wine, champagne and other beverages. "Last month Cowle, (Irish Pub in Farming- ton), asked us to come
down and do a beer,ice cram pairing. Instead
of beer being in the ice of beer being in the ice
cream, it was truly a crairn, it was truly a
pairing Scherle said. A representative from the Michigan Brewers Guild talked about beer and
Browndog weighed in on the ice cream.
"It was fun and mag. "Ical." was fun and magBrowndog also has
participated in a scotch pard ice cream pairing a a restaurant in Brighton
and recently teamed and recently teamed
with Detroit City Distill ery for ice cream sampling and cocktails. Bev erages included a float bourbon and ice cream; cooler with ginger beer, vodka, lime and ice
cream; and coffee incream; and coffee in-
fused with sweet vermouth, bourbon, bitters and ice cream.
The dessert b The dessert bar will
offer a limited menu of
appetizers, "in case you want a savory before dessert," several plated desserts, ice cream, and a wakr-up area for cus-
tomers who want to take their ice cream cone to go. Scherle said the Farmington store will be the first dessert bar in Mich ${ }^{\text {igan. }}$ "There's one in Washington state and San Francisco. There are other places. A lot of them are built on the Scherle said opening day likely will be ${ }^{\text {around June } 10 \text {." Health }}$ "around June 10." Health department and city next week. Browndog Dessert Bar also is in need of a pastry chef
and mixologist For and mixologist. For mor browndogereamery.com. sdargay@hometownlife.com
wnife.com

Protecting yourself is the best defense against phone scams
$\qquad$ ou would think and warnings about phone scams that the
number of people who are victimized by these types of scams would be
going down. Unfortunate going down. Unfortunate
ly, that is not the case. In fact, the opposite is true. According to a new study, in 2015 about 27
million Americans (about 11 percent of the adult population in this coun-
try) were subject to a phone scam. In 2014, only about 7 percent of adult
Americans were subject to phone scams. Unfortu-
nately I nately, I suspect that this
year we'll even see more Americans fall prey to phone scams. phone scams, the majorof them, are now coming from peoples' cellphones either through unsolicprobably is not a surprise to most people. What may surprise people is it
is not just seniors who are subject to these types
of scams; it's across the entire population. In fact more than one-third of all
victims of phone scams were millennial men and another 17 percent were millennial women. In prise people is there are prise people is there are
nearly double the amount

of men who are victims of phone scams as wom-
en. You and I must accept the fact that these phone
scam artists are smart scam artists are smart,
sophisticated and good at what they do. You should never try to outsmart
them. This is not a game them. This is not a game. if you get an unsolicited text from someone you do not know, delete it an
don't click on any of the don't click on any of the the text. You do not want to give these thieves any
opportunity to take adopportunity to take ad-
vantage of you. Remember, in today's world, just like emails, many texts
look official; don't be look official; don't be
fooled by them. Many fooled by them. Many a virus or malware program, which is a way to
steal information fry steal information from
you. Don't give them the opportunity to infect your phone or computer From a standpoint of
phone calls, once again phone calls, once again,
you don't recognize a phone number, let it go to voice mail. My philoso-
phy is if I don't recogni the number I'm not answering the phone. Fur-
thermore, everyone should be signing up for
the "Do Not Call" list It" the "Do Not Call" list. It's but every little bit helps. Phone scams take a
number of different number of different forms. For example,
there is the grandparent scam, where someone claiming to be a grand child in an emergency
situation is attempting to get money from you. Another popular scam is someone claiming they
are from the IRS and are from the IRS and,
once again, attempting to scam money from you. The bottom line on all these is someone is pressuring you for money.
It would be nice if the government had the resources to protect us
from these scams from these scams, but it
doesn't. You and I are the doest line of defense. Protect yourself and don't
think youre smarter think you're smarter
than the scam artists They are smart and they are intelligent and their goal is to rip you off.
Don't give them that Don't give the
opportunity.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is manv.bloomasset would like him to respond to questions, email
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management.com

Google to open self-driving development center in Novi

| Brent Snavely | the project, announced <br> Michigan.com | falls in line with some <br> the move in a Google |
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| posting. He said the Novi |  |  |
| other recent corporate |  |  |
| developments in the city, |  |  |

## Attorney: Talcum powder use linked to ovarian cancer; company responds



Attorney Eileen Kroll of Livonia, also a registered nurse, represents Johnson products, such as Baby Powder, for feminine hygiene.
as Shower to Shower (since sold by J\&J to another business) have been advertised to
women for use in the genital women for use in the genital
area for many years. Said Livonia resident Kroll, a partner in the firm, "I really believe we re just at the infancy of this litigation and going to exShe recently attended a South Carolina conference that involved a series of law firms involved in the Missouri ver-
dicts. Kroll noted some 140 similar cases pending in New Jersey state court, along with some 1,400 in Missouri.
A New Jersey judge used a
"global discovery order" for
test cases, she explained, three test cases, she explained, three
for plaintiffs and three for the defense. Trials in New Jersey are set to start this October,
with Kroll noting work to with Kroll noting work to
"keep them out of the federal courts." She praised state court judges there "who have
done a very good job thus far," done a very good job thus far.'
Company responds Johnson \& Johnson's Marc Boston wrote in an email to this newspaper, "For over 100
years, Johnson \& Johnson has provided consumers with a safe choice for cosmetic talc powder products. Johnson \& of cosmetic talc. That is why of cosmetic talc. That is why
we continue to market Johnson's Baby Powder containing cosmetic talc today. A very
extensive recent review of all the data on talc safety was reviewed by an independent expert panel, the Cosmetic Ingredient Review (CIR) Expert Panel, and published in
2015. The CIR Expert Panel concluded that 'talc is safe in the present practices of use and concentration described in
this safety assessment'. Impor tantly, no new data has become available since this review
sessment," Boston said Boston's LinkedIn lists him
as Johnson \& Jon As Johnson \& Johnson's North america Media \& Issues Management Leader Consumer and
Consumer Devices. Kroll, who is accepting cases from impacted women noted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration classifies the no say on this matter. "It's truly a corporate decision of what to do with this product,
she said. She referenced "transloca tion" of talc particles up through the genital region into the reproductive system, eaching the ovaries at the end flamed tissue can cause cancer cells to grow, she noted. "I sprinkled it on my son said of the Baby Powder. The risk appears less with regular skin, such as the buttocks of a baby, and limited time of use.
Kroll agreed a child would often urinate into a diaper before it's changed again, add-
ing liquid. ing liquid. cally for the scent, the smell she said of the feminine hygiene ads targeted at women-
Kroll, a graduate of the Uni-
ersity of Detroit Law School ited 21 studies over the last statistically significant risk."
Product marketing issues Added Kroll "Women aren't going around sprinkling Gold Bond into their panties. Wom en specifically like that scent
and Johnson \& Johnson knows and Johnson \& Johnson know ucts on sanitary napkins as well. She noted a 1992 company
decline in sales followed by decline in sales, followed bvertising campaigns targeting frican American and Hispan same year, Those ads said. began th "They absolutely knew they were targeting those two ethnicity groups," she added, a J\&J's Boston did not respond to this newspaper's question regarding advertising aimed at minority groups.
The American ty's website references the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a part of the
World Health Organization. That site notes perineal (genital) use of such products is possibly carcinogenic to humans."

Attorney-nurse finds work rewarding, challenging
Julie Brown
Staff Writer
Says Livonia resident Ei-
leen Kroll, "I'm a nurse
through and through."
She's now a partner at the
Cochran, Kroll \& Associates
law firm of Livonia, focusing
on medical malpractice. Kroll,
a 1981 Livonia Franklin High,
School graduate, finds her law
and nursing degrees both
serve her well.
She grew up in Westland in
the Franklin attendance area,
and headed to then-Madonna
College in Livonia for her
bachelor of science in nursing degree. While in college, she
worked as a nursing assistant at Children's Hospital of De-
troit troit. "it helped me pay for "It helped me pay for
school; $\$ 8$ an hour was a heck school; $\$ 8$ an hour, was a heck of a lot of money", recalled
Kroll, whose father had earlier passed away. She also had college scholarships, and not-
ed minimum wage back then was far below that $\$ 8$. After earning her nursing degree, Kroll was at Detroit's
Sinai Hospital in the surgial intensive care unit. At Madon na, a professor had noted her

## analytical mind and asked if

 she'd considered being a law"That nursing background really lends itself well to med ical malpractice," she noted. She said every yurse strives"to advocate for her patients. It's something we learn in nursing school."
Kroll, now an attorney for Kroll, now an attorney for
25 years, enrolled at the Uni25 years, enrolled at the UniShe worked in law school as a full-time registered nurse as
well as a full-time law student A nursing manager of hers Aelped in scheduling around
law school classes.
"I never plannes. lawyer," said Kroll, whose
nursing school classmates voted her most likely to earn h.D. and write a nursing Sheory. started at Detroit's large Sachs Waldman firm, which began with the orgaKroll tips her hat to mentor Barry Waldman at that firm, and to colleagues there.
"He literally is "He literally is one of the
best lawyers and one of the best lawyers and one of the of Waldman. Her son's school
ing called for a career change now a partner at Cochran, Kroll about eight years. Coch ran, Kroll also has a Flint ofShe and husband Doug Kroll have a son who is graduating from Livonia stevenson High School this year. The wedding anniversary Doug is also a Franklin High graduate, although they "It's been great living and
working in Livonia," she said.


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## Voices of violent crime victims are starting to be heard in public arena

For far too long, victims of violent crime have
been left to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives been left to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives as best they can. Government is stepping in to fill that
gap, relying on grants based on experts' recommendations, plus grassroots community efforts that rely on dedicated volunteers. tive in organizing for greater advocacy great initiato others and to promote crime prevention whenever possible. Crime Stoppers has addressed the "don't solving tips, for example
The federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984 ushered in a new era in crime victim assistance in America, michigan.gov/crimevictims notes. In response to dent's Task Force on Victims of Crime and the Attor ney General's Task Force on Violent Crime, VOCA es tablished the first significant national program in support of crime victim services. Under voca, fed
eral funding is available to every state to suport crime victim assistance and compensation programs. Support for the Crime Victims Fund created
by VOCA is derived from federal criminal fines and
orfeitures.
The michigan.gov website lists the National Do3224 (TTD). Its links also allow you to learn to use computer safely and privately, as well as learn more on health information sharing (including safety and confidentiality concerns for ind
The Crime Victim Services Commission is empowered by statute to administer the annual formula to increase and enhance victim assistance in local communities and neighborhoods. A minimum of 40 percent of each grant ( 10 percent each) must be allodomestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and un-
$\qquad$ public or private nonprofit agencies that provide, or plan to provide, effective direct services to crime
victims. Eligible applicants must meet the 20 percent cash or in-kind match requirement ( 5 percent for Na tive American tribal programs), use volunteers, pro-
mote community efforts to aid crime victims, help
victims apply for compensation benefits, provide fidentiality of client-counselor and research information. Allowable services under the grant include ser-
vices that immediately respond to health and safety ices that immediately respond to health and safety namics of victimization, that assist victims participating in the criminal justice system and services that assist victims with managing practical problem reated by the victimization. ine grant application and reporting system for local agencies. To access this system, go to https://sig ma2web.mdch.state.mi.us/sigma $2 /$. The link to re-
quest VOCA funds for an agency is only open during quest Voca funds for an agency is only open during the an
od.
In
In the splash of daily headlines, it's easy to forget
the pain of being a crime victim, unless you've expe the pain of being a crime victim, unless you've expe-
rienced it firsthand. Efforts to reach out to crime victims and improve their quality of life merit recognition and support, as does listening to the stories of crime victims told firsthand.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Nifty at 50

 wide-ranging series of activities in last week's City of Westland 50th Anniversary celebration. everyone, regardless of age. n a way, it was like high school reunien here were rames th were familiar but sometimes the faces didn't match. What a differencObSERVER
Brad Kadrich,
Jani Hayden,
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former mayors recalled the major accomplishments of their administration and the disappointments of pet
projects rejected by the city council and/or the public. At the evening recep-
tion hosted by Mayor tion hosted by Mayor
William Wild, there wer countless smiles and hugs or people who haven't seen each other
in decades. Memories were shared, stories told for the first time and plenty of smiles. esident, thanks should go to the Wild administration and many voluneers who worked togethhappen. I can't wait for the planned for the upcom-
ing months.
Leonard Pog
Help for patients Although the care my brother received as a
patient at Ashley Court patient at Ashley Court
Livonia just a few years ago appeared to be good I'm thankful all of pa tients recently being cared for there are no longer in harm's way assume these sort of facilities are occasionally scrutinized. I'm re-
lieved to actually know, lieved to actually know, government is doing its number one job which is to "protect its citizens"
as opposed to "running as opposed to "running ness." I'm grateful for this example that, unlike
most corporations today,

were able to sleep well at night. Then again, greedy corporate owners who monger unreasonseem to have no trouble sleeping at night either. It is certain all of patients who had to leave Ashley Court Livonia and vocates will struggle to ity care they deserve Let's not only keep all of them in our thoughts. Let's learn what we can
do to help ensure the do th help ensure the
rights of all patients are protected and what can be done to make certain ong term care facilities provide better care to all
those who cannot help themselves. Gail Wodowski Gail Wodowski
Northville

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RUBRISH COLLECTION FIND SUMMARY |  |  |  |
| REVENUES |  | EXPENDITURES |  |
| Revenues | 1,668,000 | Expenditures | 1,668,500 |
| General Fund Transfer |  |  |  |
| Use of Fund Balance |  |  |  |
| Interest on Investments | 500 |  |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 1,668,500 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | 1,668,500 |
| DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMIENT AUTHORITY FUND SUMMARY |  |  |  |
| REVENUES |  | EXPENDITURES |  |
| Tax Revenue | 496,133 | Projects | 223,570 |
| Use of Fund Balance | 79,367 | Administration | 156,259 |
| Interest on Investments |  | Debt Service | 227,471 |
| Misc Revenue | 31,800 |  |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 607,300 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | 607,300 |
| LIBRARY FUND SUMMARY |  |  |  |
| REVENUES |  | EXPENDITURES |  |
| Millage | 478,300 | Personne | 278,997 |
| Other Revenues | 42,000 | Operatin//Services | 12,405 |
| Use of Fund Balance |  | Professional/Tech Services | 174,100 |
|  |  | Capital Outlay | 54.798 |
|  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 520,300 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | 520,900 |

REVENUES - ALL FUNDS: $\$ 47,874,640$

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st. Matthew's United Methodist Church is back with its food ${ }^{\text {FLE }}$ tent this year.

## Tasty treats returning to Spree this year

## David Veselenak Staft Writer

Bring that appetite to the Livonia Spree fair grounds this year. A whole host of favorite food options will be
available during the fesavailable during the fes-
tivities of the Livonia Sivitee, happening June Spree, happening June
21-26at Livonia's Ford
Field
Many favorites are Many favorites are cluding Billy Sims BBQ, a restaurant chain that has locations across Metro
Detroit; Novi's On The Border Mexican Grill and Cantina and the stand for St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, amon others.
The will please the Polish crowd: Livonia's own its debut at the Spree this year. Located at 27811 Five Mile, just west of Inkster, the pierogi shop
will be serving Polish fare to hungry Spree goers this year. Brian Duggan, who tions at Spree, said he tions at spree, said he ing unique foods from around the globe to pop-
ulate the annual event. "We have tons of food, but I like to get different kinds of ethnic backgrounds," Duggan saic
He said the pierogi shop has donated food for Music From The Heart in previous summers, so
they were a natural selec tion to join the Spree trowd.
Antonio Calimazzo, a co-owner of Lilas Pierog festival the shop has done in its 12 years of existence. He said they're
excited to try and it and serve several kinds of pierogi to Spree-goers, including potato, potato cheese and sauerkraut "We're anxious, that's for sure. ''ve never done anything like this. We stil peel the potatoes by the old-fashioned way."

## EVENTS

port Blessings in a Backpack of Livonia. There ing in a deejay specializ sic. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located at Livonia just Mile Road in next to the Italian Amer ican Club.
Photography club Michigan's only 3D photography club meets
at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday June 8 . Wednesday, ture a special program ture the award-winging stereo images made by members in the last year After a refreshment end-of-year awards for the best 3D images of the 2015-2016 season.
The meetings are free always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are
available for members available for members
borrow or rent, and a variety of photo books


The sloppy Joes in the st FIL Matthew Tent are popular choices among Spree diners.

## SPREE VENDORS

 " Lila's Pierogí Livo »Randy Paradise\#Livonia
Eks 2246 "Livonia Fire Fighters Union ${ }^{1164}$ Oakwood Concession ", Gazella's Fine Food Jack Bain Family Conces " St. Matthew's UMC ${ }_{n}$ Mike's Popcorn Livonia Kiwanis Early Risers
Your Just Desserts "Your Just Desserts Company " House of Kabob Grill \& Cantina "Terry's Tastee Trea "Rainbow lee Happy leman, Inc. ${ }^{2}$ " Billy Sims BBQ

In addition to the new food stand by Lila's Piero will come on the row for food this year for a few days, though will be more than tummy than tumm ranged for a smaller hree-piece band to leave the stage and play near Wednesday and Thursday during the Spree for at tendees enjoyment. lead out in the open, so people sitting at the table can hear some entertainment," Duggan said.
"Dinner and a show."

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troit3D...rg or call Den

Pinewood Derby
The Livonia Public library hosts the second Pinewood Derby on Saturday, June 18 , in the Livonia Civic Center ic judging is at 11 am and racing starts at 1
p.m. In-library registration In-library registration
and derby kit pickup is from 9 a.m. to $4: 30$ p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the Civic Center Reference Desk
Contact Ken Bignott 734-421-4235 (M, W),
$248-893-4010(\mathrm{Tu}, \mathrm{Th})$, $734-466-2460(\mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{Sa})$, or mailiclibrary.org for more information.
Parking lot sale St. John Bosco Church hosts a "Parking Lot Sale" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18 "stuff" at this sale. The church is located at 12100 Beech Daly in Redford. For more in-
formation, call Sally a 734-748-8110.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hoid a Public Hearing at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt
Road, Garden City, Michigan on Monday, June 20,2016 at $7: 00$ pm. regarding the proposed ordinance amendment below. ORDINANCE NO. A16-xxx
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, JUNE 30, 2017
THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY ORDAINS:
SECTION 1: MLLLAGE LEVIES AUTHORIZED
In order to defray expenditures and meet the liabilities for the City of Garden City for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, the
 SECIION 2: BUDGETARY APPROPRLATIONS ADOPTED.
The following appropriations, representing the various budgetary centers of the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget as defined
by Public Act 621 of 1978 , as amended, are hereby adopted for the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the Fiscal Yy 2 ear 2016 and 617 of 1978, as amended, are hereby adopted for the City of Garden City, Wayne County, Michigan, for the Fisc


| Genwral fund summary |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| REVENUES |  | EXPENDITURES |  |
| General Property Taxes | 7,510,497 | Mayor \& Council | 37,418 |
| Busineas Licensee/Permits | 30,000 | 21st District Court | 985,112 |
| Non-Business Licenses/Permits | 13,000 | City Admin/Personnel | 281,392 |
| State Shared Revenues | 3.777.617 | Clerk-Treagurer | 1,043,067 |
| Granta - Local Units | 1,466,710 | General Services | 1,449,830 |
| Chargee for Services | 759,460 | Transfers to Other Funds | 7,501,053 |
| Fines and Forfeits | 894,500 | Dept. of Public Services | 1,942,221 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 1,031,400 | Parks and Recreation | 1,017,857 |
| Contributions/Public Enterprises | 325,000 | Community Resources | 1611868 |
| Contributions/Other Funds | 334,786 | Boards \& Commissions | 7,650 |
|  |  | Debt Service | 265,502 |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 16,142,970 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | 16,142,970 |


| MAJOR STREETS FUND SUMMARY |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| REVENUES |  | EXPENDTTURES |  |
| Gas \& Weight Tax | 1,301,995 | Expenditures | 1,337,995 |
| Interest on Investments | 1,000 |  |  |
| Federal Granta |  |  |  |
| State Grants | 35,000 |  |  |
| Use of Fund Balance |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 1,337,995 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | 1,337,995 |
| LOCAL STREETS FUND SUMMARY |  |  |  |
| REVENUES | 531,801 | EXPENDITURES | 1.914.846 |
| Gas \& Weight Tax | 682,745 | Expenditures |  |
| Transfer in from Maior Streets |  |  |  |
| METRO Act Revenue | 75,000 |  |  |
| Interest on Investments | 300 |  |  |
| Grant Revenue | 35,000 |  |  |
| Use of Fund Balance | 590,000 |  |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 1,914,846 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 1,914,846 |
| PUBLIC SAFETY FUND SUMMARY |  |  |  |
| REVENUES |  | EXPENDITURES |  |
| Trr from Gen'l Fund | 7,050,546 |  |  |
| Trf from 911 Fund | 140,100 | Police | 5,873,870 |
| PS Millage - Real | 1,597,288 | Fire | 3,471,758 |
| PS Millage - Peraonal | 82,654 |  |  |
| Charges, Interest, Penalities | 1,100 |  |  |
| Police Revenues | 27,140 |  |  |
| Fire Revenues | 419,800 |  |  |
| Grants | 27,000 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 9,345,628 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | 9,345,628 |


| STREET LIGHTING FUND SUMMARY |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| REVENUES |  | EXPENDITURES |  |
| Revenues | 350,500 | Expenditures | 450,500 |
| Gen'1 Fund Contribution | 100,000 |  |  |
| Use of Fund Balance |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 450,500 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | 450,500 |


| REVENUES |  | EXPENDTTURES |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenues | 140,000 | Expenditures |  |
| Interest on Investments | 100 | Increase Fund Balance |  |
| Use of Fund Balance |  | Transfer to Pub. Saf. Fund | 140,100 |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 140,100 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | 140,100 |
| CAble franchise pig.c. FEE FUND SUMMARY |  |  |  |
| REVENUES |  | EXPENDITURES |  |
| CATV PEG Fees | 90,000 | Personnel | 112,812 |
| Grants | 22,800 | Expenditures | 40,750 |
| Tranafer from Gen? Fund | 40,742 |  |  |
| Interest | 20 |  |  |
| TOTAL REVENUES: | 153.562 | TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | 153,562 |


| REVENUES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND SUMMARY |  | EXPENDITURES |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CDBG Grant | 163,000 | Expenditures |  |
|  |  | Housing Rehabilitation | 124,750 |
|  |  | ADA Compliance |  |
|  |  | Public Service Activities | 22,950 |
|  |  | Administration | 12,000 |
|  |  | Planning. | 3,300 |




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## PREP PROFILE

## Gardner is a super-fast learner

Churchill sprinter qualifies for four events in state finals
Ed Wright
Staff writer
For someone who never
placed her foot in a starter's
block until her freshman year
of high school, Chanel Gardner
has come a long way - fast!
With too much down time on
her hands, Gardner decided to
give track a shot in the spring
of her ninth-grade year -and
the decision has proven to be
golden for the personable
Charger, who will compete in

| events during this weeks MHSAA Division 1 State | at the Plymouth-Cant tional Park stadium. |
| :---: | :---: |
| nals in Hudsonville. | She finished third in |
| 1 had never been in a | he regional with a |
| fore - ever - until my | 25.0 seconds - over a secon |
| eshman year," recounted | faster than the ad |
| Gardner. "I had nothing els | qualify onds. |
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| try track. I really didn't know anything about it then, but I | Gardner won the 400 reg al title, out-striding friendl |
| love it now." | rival Ryen Draper of Pl |
| Gardn |  |
| and 400-vard da | onds to 56.83) and helped sp |
|  |  |



Livonia Churchill senior Chanel | ED Wilat |
| :---: | Gardner has qualified for four Division 1 track-and-field finals.

DISTRICT SOCCER

## NOT THE PATS' DAY

Sabbagh almost single-footedly ends Patriots' season
$\underset{\substack{\text { Edeff Writer }}}{\substack{\text { Ed Wright }}}$ If the Dearborn girls soccer oam was more like the floors 13s-Livonia Franklin's
chances of winning Tuesday's first-round Division 1 district tournament game at Dearborn Heights Crestwood would have Fueled by a four-goal sion from Alexa Sabbagh, who wears No. 13, the Pioneers rolled to a $6-1$ triumph over the
Patriots in the middle game of a three-match set at Crestwood.
The left-footed dynamo alf to put her team up 3 -1. hat th added a fourth net-finder during the latter stages of the second stanza. thinking we had a the game contain (Sabbagh), but clearly we didn't," said Franklin head coach Dean Kowalski. "We had when she gets going with the ball, she's tough to stop." The season-ending loss left "We felt good going into the district, but drawing Dearborn in the first round was a tough
The Pioneers jumpe $1-0$ in the 10 th minute when Sabbagh motored up the left lank before ripping a torped ranklin keeper Carolyn onde, whose diving effort nearly kept the game scoreless.


Franklin's Rachel Dudek rips a shot past Dearborn's Nina Agemy.
"We went into the game thinking we had a good plan to contain (Sabbagh), but clearly we didn't. We had our best defender on her, but when she gets going with the ball, she's tough to stop." DEAN KOWALSKI, Franklin head coach

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL
Ladywood clips S. Lyon East in dramatic fashion

## $\underset{\substack{\text { Brad Emons } \\ \text { Staff Writer }}}{ }$

 When Katie Connolly tepped to the plate with the bases loaded and one out in a 4 -4 game Tuesday she surveyed the situation. "I took a pitch," the Livonia called. "I was just looking fo my pitch, just to drive it and do something good. It wasmostly fastball, doesn't matter
if it's inside or outside. I seem to find where the pitch is
thrown and then just hit it." Connolly drilled the next serving by South Lyon East
pitcher Sydney Kist on a roper pitcher Sydney Kist on a rope mer's head - a no-doubter - a courtesy runner Bridget Folk
waltzed home from third for waltzed home from third for
the game-winning run in a dramatic 5-4 victory for th host Blazers.
And as soo

## made contact?

 said. "It mew it," the sophomore said "It means a lot for meand my team knowing they and my team knowing they
beat us in the district final last year." The predistrict game pitted two of the state's top contenders in the MHSAA Division 2 girls
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See LADYwood. Page


Ladywood's Rozlyn Price
pitch Tuesday afternoon.

MU golfers honored
A trio of Madonna wom-
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have been honored or | their hard work in the |
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| classroom as seniors Holly | Laginess and Jordyn Shepler and junior Natalie Blazo were selected as three of 160 student-ath-

letes in the NAIA to be named Daktronics ScholarAtheres, the national of fice announced May 19. ed by an institution's head coach or sports information director, a student-
athlete must maintain a athlete must maintain a minimum grade point scale and must have achieved junior academic
status at their respective institution. Laginess and Shepler, a graduate of Livonia Churchill, earned their second national academic list while Blazo was honored in her first year of eligibilFor I I gainess and Shepler, the latest academic honor acts as a capstone after the pair enjoyed year careers at Madonna Laginess, a two-time Dak tronics-NAIA Scholar-
Athlete has also earned three All-WHAC Honorable Mention honors to go along with three conference Champions of Char-All-Academic Team appearances. Like Laginess, Shepler is a two-time Daktronics-
NAIA Scholar-Athlete who has earned a host of other awards, including two WHAC All-Academic selections as well as an ap-
pearance on the All-WHAC Honorable Mention team. Shepler was also named WHAC Golfer of the Wee paign.
Blazo, a WHAC First Team performer this se impressive resume that home to two first team nods and a WHAC Hono The Mention selection WHAC All-Academic honors to go along with the Athlete award schola Athlete award this seaso eligibility. the 2015 -16 the 2015-16 campaign by WHAC Championship this spring. Karen Zambrano - the lone active freshman on the team - was
named WHAC Newcomer of the Year.

## Reporting

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Local high school athletic coaches are strongly results of their team's results of their team's
contests to Observer sports editor Ed Wright, ${ }_{734-578-2767}$ wh ew right@hometownlife.com. outstanding source to give hard-working high school athletes positive accolades
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## Spartans finish strong to edge Falcons

Win sets up semifinal clash against $N$. Farmington

Dan O'Meara

Livonia Stevenson was looking up at Farmington early in a pre-district soft tans didn't stay down for long. After falling behind $3-0$ in the first half inning, Stevenson rallied to get the lead after two at-bats and went on to The Spartans ( $14-17$ ) avance to the district tournament on their home field Saturday and will play North Farming"I'm very pleased"" Stevenson coach Kevin Hannigan said. "We haven't won a district game in a couple years, so it's good to get one for our confidence and
to be able to play another day. I'm very proud of what the girls did today. "Again, it's big because last year we won only five games and lost right away in the district. Hopefully, we con-
tinue to build on this as we prepare for North Farmington on Saturday." The Spartans had steady if not solid pitching from sophomore Sarah Mesack, who struck out two and walked
one. Farmington had an 11-10 edge in hits, but Mesack's teammates played better defense behind her.
Hannigan said he thought Mesack in the season against powerhouse teams, but he's seen improvement in that regard.
Couldn't get her ap a base hit, she couldn't get her mental focus back," he
said. "Slowly but surely, you could see her gaining her focus in key situations, so we're very proud of what Sarah has
accomplished." Stevenson got two runs back in the


Stevenson third baseman Cori Wilson squeezed this pop-up dur
bottom of the first with three hits. Alyssa Zahra scored on the first of eight errors by Farmington, and Cori Wilson Newmand on Kelly Newman's singl another run-scoring single in the fourth and knocked in two runs with a basesoaded fielder's choice in the sixth to eal the victory
In a fourtans in the cond inning that put helped her cause with a two-run single. The Falcons (14-11) made three errors other two runs to score.


## Stevenson's Madi Maurier fires a at first base Tuesday afternoon.

We've been working on our small ball with our bunting and stealing, try ing to make other teams make the play," Hannigan said. "We did a great job of that today. Of the 11 runs, maybe five
were manufactured because of bunts. "That was great to see. When we needed key hits, we got them, like Kelly Newman's hit tetween the infield and outfield togive us an extra two runs in The Falcons cut the margin to two
runs $7-5$ with three runs in the top of runs, $7-5$, with three runs in the top of
the fourth, but the Spartans responded the fourth, but the Spartans responded
with two more in the bottom half. with two more in the bottom half.
Farmington got within one, $9-8$, in the fifth as Kacey Noseworthy and Lauren Johnson drove in one run each spectively.

Mesack retired the Falcons in orde in the last two innings, and Newman
big at-bat gave the Spartans some breathing room. Stevenson has won five of its last
seven games and has been hitting the seven games and has been hitting the "It's just repetition in practice," he said. "Really, with us, it's confidence. When you get that hit, it continues to grow and grow, and
trying to build on."
uI think there were a lot of nerves "I think there were a lot of nerves today, because they want to get to the
next level and play on Saturday. Once we got the nerves settled down, we were fine."
Kayce Ziemba, Zahra and Newman
were 2-for-4. For the Falcons, Johnson were 2 -for-4. For the Falcons, Johnson two-run single, were 3-for-4, Nosewor-
thy 2 -for- 3 . Danielle Petras and Abbie thy 2 -for-3. Danielle Petras and Abbie Radomski had one RBI apiece.
"They just got the bat on the ball," "They just got the bat on the ball" of the spartans. "They weren't hitting (Banks) hard. They weren't hitting
home runs. They got the base hits up home runs. They got the base hits the middle, a couple little pop-ups
the infield. With two outs, everybody is running, so they're able to score two runs on it."
Due to the miscues, most of which were throwing errors with runners on
base, the Falcons were battling themselves as much as the Stevenson hitters. The Spartans had four errors. "' said. "We work on fundamentals every day. When the easy plays or the smart plays aren't made, that's kind of frustrating.
"We focus on getting that contact we fail at that the ball hard. Sometimes things happened right
"Obviously, in the district, you don" get to play again if that doesn't hap-

## division 1 DISTRICT SOCCER

## Second half-surge lifts Chiefs past Churchill

Stevenson holds off North Farmington, 2-1 $\underset{\substack{\text { Ed Wright } \\ \text { Staft Writer }}}{\text { En }}$

It takes a lot more than a 1-0 halftime deficit to send Canton's girls soccer team into panic mode. Faced with climbing out of a rare
mid-game hole against Livonia Churchill in Tuesday's Division 1 district opener, the Chiefs remained cool, calm and collected in the 80 -degree heat
while storming back to overwhelm their KLAA South rivals, 4-1
Canton improved to $12-2-4$ and advanced to Thursday's 5 p.m. semifinal match against Plymouth, which side-
lined Northville, 2-0, Tuesday afterlined Northville, ,-0, Tuesday afterwill tangle in the other half of the brackets.
The two teams battled to a $1-1$ draw
on April 15 . Canton blanked the Char-
gers, $5-0$, on May 3. After peppering Churchill's 18 -yard
box with dangerous chances throughbox with dangerous chances through-
out most of the opening 40 minutes but failing to break through against Charger junior keeper Brittney Hayes - Canton trailed at the break when Churchill's Lauren Wynns capitalized Chargers up, 1-0.
son end yet," said cady to have our seafielder Abigail Heyde, when asked to describe the Chiefs' mood during the 10 -minute intermission. "We knew we had to start stronger than we did in the
first half. first half. we scored our first goal, it was a big confidence booster and made us realize we had the ability to score even more
We stepped up when we had to." We stepped up when we had to
The catalyst for the Chiefs' half onslaught was freshman Marlee Taylor who hammered home a retoound
off a corner kick with $31: 34$ left to dead off a corner kick with
lock the game at $1-1$.

The Chiefs seized the lead for good 1 seconds later when Monica Newton outstretched gloves of Hayes and into he top-left sheif of the net to make it 2-1. Baylee Kramer assisted. even with 26 minutes left when she dribbled past a Canton defender on the right door step before unleashing a laser that diving Canton senior keeper
Jordan Anheuser managed to re-direct out of harm's way.
Junior Raquel Church capped the Junior Raquel Church capped the
scoring for Canton with a slick goal scoring for Canton
with 17 seconds left

Stevenson advances Livonia Stevenson advanced to the emitinal round of the Division 1 District 9 tournament Tuesday night by
posting an impressive $2-1$ victory over host North Farmington, which was ranked No. 9 in the D1 poll.
Now 14-4-3, the Spartan Now 14-4-3, the Spartans will move test against Farmington Hills Mercy at Meadows Stadium in Novi. The Raiders season ended with a $14-5-2$ record.
Stevenson broke a scoreless draw with bang-bang goals two and four minutes into the second half. Megan Verant scored from Audrey
Kopitz in the 42 nd minut before Kopitz in he 42nd minute before Kominutes later.
Raider Olivia Elby made it interestng with a goal in the syth minute, but Spartans hung on.
Stevenson kee
made four saves.
"I thought we carried the play in the irst half and just couldn't get on the oard," said Stevenson head coach Ken two quick goals to start the second half North Farmington really stepped up their play and we had to battle to the teams out is always tough this time of
ver


Canton's Hannah Lapko (left) and Churchill's Liz Rubenson battle for possession during the
 Reece Bessesen.

DIVISION 2 DISTRICT SOCCER

## Garden City sidelined by Farmington in defensive showdown

## Ed Wright

In a Division 2 district soccer game dominated by air-tight defense, host Tuesday night, $2-0$. The result ca son at 6-8-5.
The game was scoreless throuch the first 33 minutes before the Falcons the scored to earn a $1-0$ halftime advantage net-finmington added an insurance net-finder late in the game.
Juniors Kayla Sharp and Angel Juniors Kayla Sharp and Angela
Boyce scored the goals in the first and Boyce scored the goals
second halves, respectively. "Garden City is a very physical,
athletic team," Farmington coach athletic tearn," Farmington coach Matt
Gasparatto said. "They challenged Gasparatto said. "They challenged all, the girls played very well. We held
the ball for most of the game."
He added Farmington struggled to He added Farmington struggled to
get its timing right at the attacking end. get "Garden City's defense was playing really high up, closer to the midfield,
and they were very disciplined," Gasparotto said. "We ran ourselves offsides
a ton. "In the second half, we tried to make It adjustment and play the ball earlier.
It worked okay, but we still found ourselves offsides quite a bit."
"We were a little unlucky on their
first goal." said GC head coach Jeff
Szypula. "We got an unlucky bounce
and they capitalized. on it.
"We had some dangerous passes into the box tonight, but we couldn't quite get that final connection."
The post-season exit wa
The post-season exit was the earliest the reins of the program. GC advanced
to the district final two years in a row
prior to Tuesday's ousting by Farmingprior to Tuesday's ousting by Farming. "Farmington has a highly-skilled
team; they moved well off the ball," said Szypula. "Our girls worked extremely hard in the heat. They never
quit. Plagued by injuries for most of the season, GC was nearly completely
healthy the final couple week of the season, giving Szypula high hopes for a long run.
"We were just starting to come
around and get everybody back" around and get everybody back," he
said. "But we ran into a team tonight said plat we ran well."
the game was the high school finale The game was the high school finale
for five GC seniors. year, but we have a good group of players coming back," szypula said.


Garden City's Chelsea Booker fends off a Mercy defender during a game earlier this

## Ackman 'honored' to win coveted award

Ed Wright
Her double status as senior captain of Livonia Stevenson's basketball and
soccer teams doesn't tell you all you need to know Ackman, but it's a good start. leader and inleader and in-
credibly-produ credinb-produc-
tive athlete, Ackman was present
ed with the 2016 Award during
 Stevenson's honors night ceremony on
May 19 .
Named after the first athletic director at Stevenson, the award is presented to the the most outstanding senior female and male student athletes at
Stevenson. The can The candidates must have earned
varsity letters in two or more sports, demonstrated excellence in the classroom and athletic arena, and displayed exceptional leadership and character.
"To win this award is a huge honor," said Ackman, who has earned three
varsity letters in both basketball and soccer. "I heard about it my freshman year and being nominated for it becam Ackman than wins and losses, she con firmed.
"It's helped me manage my time, with my teammates to all reach a goal with my te
The daughter of Blair and An ackman, and the older sister of broth ers Carter, who is a freshman at Stevenson, and Bennett, a seventh-grade Ackman has played soccer since she was 4 and basketball since fifth grade. she said. "They've really been a big part of my life.
Ackman has earned a scholarship to play soccer at Longwood Universit
which is located in Farmville, Va. A stellar mid-fielder for the Sparans' successful soccer team, Ackman's speed, strength and savvy help swing of the field.
A fan of history, she has accumulat
a sterling 4.1 grade-point average.
Longwood University, Farmville, Va
 Stevenson's Paige Ackman battles for a $50-50$ ball during a game earlier this spring.

## JAMES BRIESKE AWARD

Oquist puts in extra effort on ice, track and in class

Two-sport standout is exemplary student, leader

Ed Wright
Staff Writer
A goal-setter, goal-scorer and gogetter, Livonia Stevenson senior stu-dent-athlete Alex Oquist was humbled cipient of his school's prestigious James Brieske Award, which is pre-
 tanding the most out standing male and
female student athletes at Stevenson. happy to be nominated," admitted Oquist, who
earned three varsity letters in track-and-field and two playing hockey for the Spartans. "When year at Stevenson, I kind of made it a gool of mine to win it someday. It's an incredible honor to be selected." in the 3,200 -meter relay for Stevenson, with a personal-best time of 1 minute, 58.14 seconds in the 800 -meter run, his best event.
Hockey-wise, he was a pivotal con tributor to Stevenson's back-to-back state-final appearances. The hardgoals this season in games aginst rival Churchill.
with a 415 also exemplary student with a 4.15 grade-point average and a year, he was named as one of 120 fina ists for the MHSAA's Scholar-Athlete Award - an honor hundreds of high school students from across Michiga were nominated to receive. whose namesake was the first athletic director at Stevenson, must have

## DISTRICT BASEBALL

Warriors outlast Inter-City Baptist, 2-0

## Ed Wright

Lutheran Westland's baseball team wiggled out of a couple backs-agains the-wall crises Tuesday afternoon on the way to upending visiting Allen sion 4 district opener.
The low-scoring, but never dull, victory improved the Warriors' recSaturday's semifinal game against Huron Valley Lutheran. Senior starting pitcher Jordan
Williams was dominating for the War Williams was dominating for the Wa
riors, scattering five hits and three riors, scattering five hits and three
walks while striking out 14 Chargers. Lutheran Westland got all the run support it would need for Williams in the top of the third when Christian
Zimmerman, the Warriors' No. 9 hitter, was hit by a pitch, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on Drake Snyder's
The Chargers threatened to take the lead in the bottom of the fourth when they loaded the bases with no Warriors escaped the jam unscathed when Williams struck out the next batter before Brady Fressel was on a passed ball. Williams then registered another strike out to end the threat.
LW tacked on its second run in the LW tacked on its second run in
top of the fifth when Ben Brown walked with one out. Pinch-runner Josh Rockensuess moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Zimmerman and
scored on a Drake Snyder double.


Stevenson senior forvard Alex Oquist is pictured during the Spartans' game against Trenton.
sports, demonstrated excellence in the playsroom and athletic arena, and dis-
acter.
the above, according to hockey coach David Mitchell.
"Alex Oquist is a tremendous young man who is an asset to our team, our
school and our community," said Mitch
ell. "Alex is driven to succeed in both
academics and athletics. He has ex-
tremely higg character and is so very tremely high character and is so very
deserving of this recognition. "The Stevenson High School hockey team, school and community are very proud of him and are honored to be ssociated with such a fine young ind Oquist was equally praise-worthy when talking about Mitchell and his Inch. "I can't thank coach Mitchell and coach Inch enough for all that they
have done for me," he said. "They are ave done for me, o hard to help us be successful on and off the ice. I just wanted to say that hey are a big part of me achieving al hat Ihave. mitted there's nothing he doesn't like about hockey, a sport he has played with passion since he was 5 . "I like that the team aspect hockey provides, along with the skills it chal I've made a lot of lifetime friends play ing hockey.'
Oquist has played on the same hock leams as current teammates Joe Alcantara and Shane Leonard for over a The 6 -foot-2 long-strider said he njoys leading off the Spartans' relay
"I like the responsibility of getting said. "Our goal on Saturday is to earn all-state recognition, which goes to the op eight finishers. We have the 12thbest time going in, so we just need to Oquist will attend Hillsdale College later this summer, where he will com
pete for the track-and-field and cross pete for the track-and-field and cross related degree. Oquist is the son of Jeff and Andrea


MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK
St. Matthew's stars qualify for state meet

## Ed Wright

Westiand St. Matthew's track-andfield team was golden during a state meet-qualifying performance last month.
Mentored by veteran track-and field coach Tobin Jones, several St. Matthew's runners moved on to the state meet with emphatic performances.
The team's parade of multiplePereyra, who advanced in the 1,600 meter run, the 800 and 1,600 relay.
Pereyra (and his relay) placed first in

all three events. Paul Davenport turned in statequalifying efforts in the shot put, 400 Pereyra placed first in the 400 , third in the 800 and was part of her team's third-place 800 relay contingent. were Jack Devine (shot put), Noah Eden (400 and 1,600 relay), Maggie Lambert (high jump), and the 800 relay team of Nicole Eden, Sidney
Day and Paula Farmer. Josh Ivey also qualified in the 1,600 relay.

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Lucas
Pereyra Pereyra
qualified for four event
in this in this
month's month's
state meet

The Chargers loaded the sacks again in the sixth with no outs before Williams slammed the door with back "This was a great playoff game," said LW head coach Kevin Wade. "Both pitchers were dialed in and fortunately enough our two hits produced runs and theirs did not. survive and advance, and that is exactly what we did. Inter-City was well coached and executed their game plan
to near perfection, but we were able to neake just a couple more plays than they did."
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## Event brings best out of Michigan Bucks

## im Smith

A strong second half Saturday after oon catapulted the Michigan Bucks to
$3-0$ victory over the Cincinnati Dutch ions before an enthusiastic Canton Cu rowd of about 1,500 a ndependence
The Bucks' Alexi Souahy scored about 15 minutes into the Premier Development League contest, followed by Marco Charalambous and Andre Lanutes of one another midway during the second half.
And for Bucks players with local ties entral graduate Zach Bock, a Shamocks football all-stater who played club occer for the Michigan Jaguars - the Canton cup game is a highight of the
season.
"This is the second year playing here for me," said Bock, a defender who
helped stymie the Dutch Lions with a helped stymie the Dutch Lions with a It's the biggest tournament in Michian, arguably, and being able to come ut and play in front of hometown fans incredible, it's awesome. imilar tournaments as a teenager ech ed the sentiments of Bucks owner Dan Duggan and head coach Demir Muftari Namely, being part of of the Canton Cup
neup (Saturday was the team's ninth traight appearance) is something they elish year in and year out.
"It's one of the things we look forward to as we do our scheduling every
December," Duggan said. "This is the irst game we put on the calendar. This s our ninth year. This is one of the mo
professionally run tournaments anyprofessionally run tournaments any Canton Soccer Club) are just wonderful "So for gem th
"So for them to make the investment to bring this game here every year,
all the youth people for free, it just shows their support of soccer."
Community link
Concurring was Muftari, whose team Composed of college-age players im Inder-10 of players from a Canton Celtic ucks game, retrieving balls that went out of bounds.
"Canton Cup kids, we talk to them, now, great," Muftari said. "As you can se now, the guys are signing autographs
for the boys. That's what we want this to be about.
"It's just the community and letting he young players look up and see a aspiring to and keep growing and learning. That's what we want, is people to Those youngsters and playing. stopped by Independence Field No. 3 to catch all or part of Saturday's fastaced, 90 -minute same were treated to


Bucks defender Zach Bock (right) of Novi $\begin{gathered}\text { John KEMSKI }\end{gathered}$ watches as a teammate heads the ball during
plenty of precision passing, physical Yet the Bucks only enjoyed a $1-0$ edge at the break, thanks to the Souahy goal (set up by Nicolas Jeausserann). The Dutch Lions did have a brief A low direct kick by Christopher Dupont was scooped up by Bucks goalkeeper Drew Shepherd (who plays for
Nick Wysong).
Moments later, Michigan defenders
blocked successive shots taken from blocked successive shots taken from
near the top of the box to help Shepherd near the top of the box t.
slide in the first half," Muftari said "W sould have done a little bit better with our chances. And we started the second half real positive. The guys felt confi-
dent about it (at halftime) and we just felt it was a matter of time before we could get that other one." That second goal was scored in the in front - tapped in Jordan - snellationed feed from the left flank. Starting the sequence with a pass to Snell was Bradley
Dunwell. "Jordan Snell goes in the game and made a big difference," Muftari said. "He makes a great play and we get a
goal out of it, five or six minutes into goal out of it, five or six minutes into "That's great to see changes, that the game changes for the The Bucks tacked on another goal in the 68 th minute to go up $3-0$. Dunwell, who hails from Grand Rapids, threaded a pass to Charalambous, who in turn dribbled into the box and
drove an 18 -yard kick that hit the top-
left corner.
"We'll feel good about this for the weekend and then get back to work Muftari said, referring to a June 3 game at Dayton.
Rematch at CC
Meanwhile, the Bucks, who play
their home games at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac, get another chance to square off against Cincinnati when the teams play at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Thursday, June
16 .
That game will take place at Catholic Central, on the same turf field where Bock starred as a football player.
For more info about the June 16 game, go to buckssoccer.com or call $800-925-2160$. Tickets are $\$ 6$ if purchased in advance.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Warriors Park buzzing with Beavers baseball

## Marty Budner Staff Writer

Brother Rice did not have a home game nor was it practicing inside its 23, but Warriors Park the mill was buzzin with baseball.
Players donning T-shirts of the three eams which comprise the United the new independent circuit founded by Bloomfield Township resident Andy Appleby - swarmed the field unde unny skies and sanguine dreams aying next Bloomfield Beavers and East Side Diamond Hopppers, in that order, sped through their expedited two-hour pra
tice sessions with major league intensity.
Managers, coaches and league exec with emotions ranging from the anxiety of assembling competitive teams to the excitement of opening a new era of
minor leagu
tan area.
gy of our guys, Chris Newell said. "In my own saying 'If you're early, you're on time; if you'r here by 9 (a.m.) and they were here by $8: 45$, which is great. I love the energy and I love the passion that these guys
Newell and assistant coach Rich Donnelly, after scouring young baseball talent at tryouts and in a draft room the past couple of weeks, had their first official Beavers practice rolling right infield practice to batting practice to base-running lessons, players were took their session seriously. took their session seriously.
A total of 35 players were out prac icing with the Beavers and 23 ultimately were picked for the opening day
roster. In
In addition to some local Michigan talent, Birmingham-Bloomfield's hopecountry - Florida, Texas, California and Georgia, to name a tew. A couple of
area players-Chris McDonald, a Livo-
nia Stevenson graduate, and Luke Orte of Troy - were hoping to make the "I'm just looking for players who ca compete," Newell. said "That's what Rich and I both want to see from these
kids. Unfortunately, for the kids, there isn't whole lot of time. "With that being said, we're all in the same boat - all three clubs," he said. "It is what it is. But the 23 guys who are duration are going to make our roster." Alex Kinch, a pitcher from Ann Ar-
bor, came to the Beavers bor, came to the Beavers camp fresh
out of the Wayne State University proout of the 6 -foot-2, power-throwing right-hander finished with an 8-5 overall record for WSU this past spring, in 91 innings.
Kinch learned about the USPBL through former WSU teammate Cam Woth both hoping to continue playing the summer at the brand-new Jimmy
John's Field in Utica. John's Field in Utica.
"As soon as our Wayne State season ended, my coach called me to the front play independent baseball," Kinch. 23 said following his first practice. "I said am.
"Obviously, I'm excited to keep play ing and continue the dream," he e pdded. going to have a competitive outlet if I going to have a competitive outlet in didn' more. Luckily, my college coach helped find something for me." The Beavers opened the inaugural
USPBL season Monday with a $5-1$ loss to the Unicorns.
"The players are stressing out a bit, because they want to make the roster and Rich and I are stressing out, be-
cause we want to make the right decisions," Newell said. "You know, some dreams are going to kind of get shattered here, but we're going to do our
best to bring Birmingham-Bloomfield the best 23 kids we can come up with. But it's exciting and we're ready to go."

## PATRIOTS

## Continued from Page $\mathrm{B}_{1}$

Franklin countered quickly, deadlocking the contest at $1-1$ with $27: 35$ left in the first half when Riley Burnette roped home a free kick from 21 yards
out.
"That was a designed play, and Riley did a nice job of tricking their keeper a
little bit, and one-hopping the ball into lit a nice job on tricking their keeper
the net," and one-hopid Kowalske.
Six minutes after her goal, Burnette her free kick from 25 yards out sailed just high of the cross bar. magnificent for most of the eame in cluding at the 16 -minute mark when she
stuffed a Sabbagh shot from close

 half. Two minutes later. Lialande sty. mwo-handed save
Dearborn took the lead for good 5:32
before the half when before the half when Sabbagh chipped in a rainbow from 25 yards out that Dearborn's dagger goal came 2:4 before the half when a low shot from Sabbagh ricocheted off the right post
and into the back of the twine "I thought Carolyn played very well, she kept us in the game early," said Kowalski. "We had some good offense going at times today, but we couldn't
quite get the final connection we needquite


Ladywood's Erika
South Lyon East.
lined a shot to the left field fence for a lead-off triple. The next hitter, Dolan, then lined a bullet shot to Selakowski, who made the putout and fired to third
ff the runner on a close call as Conno ly momentarily bobbled the ball. "I think the line drive to third ... that stuff happens," Combs said. "Both of
the umpires said they didn't see the play, so I believe them. infield error and Morgan Nieto followed with a bunt single, the Cougar tied it only Warthman's RBI single followed by a Ladywood outfield error
as Vollmer raced home for the go-ahead run. But in the bottom of the seventh. Ladywood's CeCe Werner led off with a singe on a perfect bunt single putting two runners aboard with no outs. Lefty Liz Kemp then followed with the gametying single and Lauren
walked to load the bases. That set the stage for Connolly, who has been a hero before this season for Ladywood.
"I did hit a walk-off home run in a tournament a few weeks ago," she said
In the first inning, Ladywood got a 2-run single from Holdsworth and an RBI single from Connolly to go up 3 -0.
Ladywood now advances to the district semifinal beginning at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ Saturday at home against Redford Union. The second game, starting at
noon, pits Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard noon, pits Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard
and Livonia Clarenceville. The final is slated to start 30 minutes after the second game.
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## GARDNER

the Chargers' 800-relay team to a sec-
ond-place showing and the 1,600 -relay ond-place showing and the 1,600 -rlay
foursome to a regional championship. "When I'm running, I'm trying to. focus on what 1 have to do in a race and who I'm up against as well." she said.
The 400 is very stratesic becausel have to make sure I don't start out to fast or too slow."

Gardner said her times have been accelerated when she lines up agains Draper and Northville senior Chloe
Abbott "I've been racing against Chloe for four years and Ryen (a junior) for three," she said. "They push me, big.
time. The regional was almost like a timal meet between Churchill and Ply mauth because Plymouth has alot of fast girls in the events I rus in ""
If Gardner had to pick favorite event, she'd tab the 400 .
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hat you can enjoy

It," she said. "Well, I wouldn't say it's ctually enjoyable (smile) it's grueny best ivent'?
Is Gardner ever tempted to look over her shoulder during a race? steps and if they're loud, Iknow I have to pick it up." Gardner tasted success quickly at Churchill, as she joined the team's state-qualifying 400-and 800-relay
teams as a freshman he credits her ye
provement to training and competing throughout the summer with the Mighi
gan Accelerators track aid field club gan Accelerators track-and-field club.
Gardner exemplary work habits have earned her a scholarship to run for Oakland University, where she would like to pursue a career in sports She was also recruited by Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University, Wayne State University an
Saginaw Valley State University.


## Realtor Scholarship Fund Awards make students' futures brighter

Local high school gradu-
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with college costs, thanks to the 33rd annual Realtor Schol arship Fund A
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Scholarship Fund in awarding 39 schol-
arships to local high school graduates. Nearly 100 students and guests attended the awards ceremony.
Recipients of the Dorothy McLachlan Awards are: Sarah Buhay, Bishop Foley High
School, University of Detroit School, University of Detroit Mercy; Carly King, Dakota
High School, Michigan State University; Natalie Strand, Berkley High School, North ern Michigan University; Christina Thomas, Eisenhow Michigan. Maurice L. Richards
Awards recipients are: Ars Awards recipients are: Arsha
Ali, Athens High School, Oak land University; Morgan Barbret, Roseville High School, Central Michigan University Andrew Irons, Stoney Cree High School, Michigan Stat
University; Harpreet Kalsi, International Academy East,
University of Michigan; Molly University of Michigan; Molly
Minamyer, Ferndale High School, Wayne State Univer sity; Alexandra Nowicki, Armada High School, College fo Creative Studies, Kira Now Oakland University; Ashley Reece, Richmond High School, Saginaw Valley State
University; Nicholas RiesterUniversity; Nicholas Rieste versity of Michigan; Muhammad Shafique, Adlai Steven son High School, Michigan
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The Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, assisted the Realtor Scholarship Fund in awarding 39 scholarships to local high school graduates. Nearly 100 students and guests attended the awards ceremony.
son, Rochester High School, Son, Rochester High School, Trevor Tyle, Bishop Foley, ebb, Rochester High School Grand Valley State University; and Alex Wylie, Rochester High School, Oakland Jommunity College. o: Anthony Cholagh, Adlai Stevenson High School, OakKend University; and Michael Kelley, Rochester High
versity.
This year's Scholarship Awards winners are: Mari my East, Michigan State University; Emily Emerson, Lincoln High School, Grand well Fahrney, Richmond High chool, Central Michigan University; Samantha Jabaoo, Regina High School, OakRegina High School, Grand Valley State University; Jessi a McCleary, Marian High ersity Emma Perry Richversity; Emma Perry, Richtate University; and Eryn VanderVlucht, Roseville High B F Chamberlain A went to: Alexia Arthur, Detroit Country Day School, Western Crowe, Rochester Adams

High School, Michigan State University; Maya Davidson, Warren Mott High School, Western Michigan University
Angelica Ellis, Wylie Groves High School, Grand Vailey State University; Diana Evans, Warren Woods Tower University; Samantha Glaza
Roval Oak High School, Adr an College; Michaela Hampton, Royal Oak High School, Darrius Hicks, Southfield High School, University of Michigan-Dearborn; Andrew Jaeger, Shrine Catholic High gan; Nicholas Marcopoli, Bish op Foley High School, Univer sity of Michigan; and Justin
Pauken, DeLaSalle Collegiate Pauken, Detasalie Collegial
University of Michigan. The Realtor Scholarship Fund, founded in 1973, provides scholarship awards to qualified by the Board of Trustees. The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to encour age local high school seniors cation at Michigan colleges, universities, community col leges, technical institutes,
trade schools and other institutions of higher learning Scholarship awards are based on scholastic record,
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school within the Fund's juris diction.
Contributions are solicited from members of the real estate community, Realtors
and affiliated companies and corporations. Awards are made from the annual income of the Fund only. Since 1983, the trustees have awarded
1,089 scholarships from those students interviewed. Organizers thanked school superintendents, principals,
teachers and staff members of the schools in the Scholarship Fund's area for their cooperation in making this
public service program a success.
Also thanked were the Counselors and parents of the student applicants for their
assistance and encouragement given during the application process. The Maurice L. Richards Award fund was established
in 1993 to honor SOCBOR's retiring executive vice presi-
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The B.F. Chamberlain Award fund was established in 2004 through a contribution by Realtor Bud Chamberlain. Award was established in 2004 recognizing more than 30 years of contributions by Honorary Trustee Dorothy McLachlan. was established in 2009 to honor the contributions of Jack Kesler to the real est
industry and to the Fund.

## Suburban Collection in Novi site for

## State of Industry Breakfast on June 22


#### Abstract

Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), American gan (AIA) and Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (HBA) have part Michigan (HBA) have part- nered to present the sixth annual Mid-Year Economic Forecast and State of the In- dustry Breakfast on Wednesdustry Breakfast on Wednes- day, June 22 . The event will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi and will feature keynote speakers will feature keynote speakers Chief Economist. The breakfast meeting will begin with a trade show and opportunity for guests to meet the speakers from $7: 30-9$ a.m., including networking and tabletop displays. This will be followed by a full family style breakfast and the program from 9-10:30 a.m. Kevin Koehler, president of CAM noted, "With the addition of AIA Michigan as a partner of AIA Michigan as a partner have added a dimension that


 even more of industry. This industry. Tives
progryone ineveryone in construction the opportunity to convene to learn where the economy is head ing. Michael Stoskopf, CEO of HBA, agrees and added, "This sthe sixth year we are pro-
ducing this event and we wel come the addition of AIA Michigan to make it an even nore comprehensive program
for our members. I look forward to hearing insights from Dr. Baker on the local, state and national levels.' director of AIA, commented, We are pleased to partner with CAM and HBA in pre senting this important program. It is imperative that all
of our members have informa-
tion targeted to the construc tion industry while planning for the remainder of 2016 and beyond."
Registration fees for the
event registration information, cal registration information, call
HBA at 248-862-1016, CAM at
248-972-1000 or visit 248-972-1000 or visit
www.cam-online.com. www.cam-online.com.
Based in Bloomfield Hills, Construction Association of Michigan is a not-for-profit
organization supported by organization supported by
annual dues and service fees. CAM is governed by a 12 member Board of Directors which is elected annually by over 3,000 member compa-
nies CAM's membership is comprised of general contractors; specialty/sub-contractors; equipment and material (architects, engineers, attorneys, financial management, etc.).
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Michigan (HBA) and Apartment Association of Michigan are trade associations representing over 800 builders emodelers, multi-family and suppliers to the single amily and multi-family residential construction industry. HBA is affiliated with the
Iome Builders Association o Michigan in Lansing and the Vational Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. cludes more than 175,000 individuals and companies. The American Institute of Michigan), headquartered on Muchigan), headquartered on
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Check with lawyer on quit claim deed, sheriff's sale

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$\mathbf{Q}$ : We live in a rural site ondo and our neighbor is back of his unit. I am on the Board and the Association informed him that this vio-
lated the Association Covehants which disallow animals, birds or poultry on esident's lots unless they are kept as a "recognized house-
hold pet." We haven't been ble to find a good communiy association lawyer in our area. Sh
A: Yes, I think you should be "chicken" about proceeding. Believe it or not, in a similar Mexico Appellate Court ruled hat a restrictive covenant oes not disallow owners from eeping hens. The Appellate court's decision. The ruling was that the "notions expressed in the covenants in "rural" nature of the area and the historical traditions of the region would appear to lend memselves to allowing and recognized pets." The court also reasoned that if the com munity didn't want domes-
ticated chickens to be recognized as household pets, the residents could have removed the language that anticipates and permits them under the exception. Whether or not the
same result would occur in a crowded city is another matter
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