## Police: Drunken pedestrian doesn't remember vehicle hitting him <br> Darrell Clem <br> Canton paramedics rushed the criti-

A 25 -year-old pedestrian was so drunk he doesn't remember a car hit Canton, police say.
"He doesn't remember the whole thing at all," police Sgt. Matthew Jen kinson said Thursday.
cally injured man to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti after he walked in front of a car on westbound Michigan Avenue at Haggerty Road. His name
hasn't been disclosed. Authorities say the man is lucky to have survived the incident.
"He is going to survive with no ma-

The incident, which occurred about
11:45 p.m. Thesday, raises an issue walking while drunk - that doesn't get as much attention as drunken driving,
or obvious reasons.
Still, authorities say it can be dangerus - even deadly. According to the U.S. Centers for study in 2013 found that 4,735 pedestri-
ans were killed in traffic crashes in the United States - averaging one death every two hours. Another 150,000 pe-
destrians were treated in emergency looms. The CDC reported that alcohol was nvolved - either for the driver or the pedestrian - in 49 percent of all crash-

See INCIDENT, Page A2


Canton resident Caroline Valdez, 10, and Brianna Hodge, 10, decorate their wands.

## HOGWARTS HEAVEN

CAPED FANS CELEBRATE LATEST HARRY POTTER RELEASE $\begin{gathered}\text { wands twirled and pointy hats were aplentry as } \\ \text { Detroi-area Mugtes }\end{gathered}$ a midnight book launch party. For lome Canton, it was like reliving the old days. "I got into it a little late, but after I started reading them, I was hooked," she said. Like other Potter diehards, sh remembers the midnight launch parties of the

Harry Potter fans may have outgrown their robes, but never their enthusiasm.
This week, thousands of J.K. Rowling fans will
be burying their noses in her latest book, "Harry
Potter and the Cursed Child: Parts I and II." The
eighth in the bestselling series, it was released at Potter and the cursed ing series, it was released at 2:01 a.m. July 31 and tells the story of the legend ary boy wizard's later years ary boy wizard's later years.
At Northville's Barnes \& Noble, capes swirled,

Sex assault case ends in defendant's plea Darrell Clem
staff Writer

A Dearborn man has pleaded no A Dearborn man has pleaded no
contest to a criminal charge that arose after a woman accused him of sexually assaulting her after he hired her to clean
show.
show.
Ali Mohamad-Sahrif Al-Aboosi, 45, could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced Aug. 15 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Megan Maher Brennan
His decision to acce averted a jury trial. His no-contest ple to a single count of assault with intent to commit sexual penetration isn't an
admission of guilt but is treated as such for sentencing.
His plea came in late July and marks the biggest development since he was charged back in April amid allegations picked up near Ford and Telegraph roads after offering her a job.
The woman told police she was supposed to clean a vacant house, near
Lilley and Warren roads, that was being renovated. She said she managed to


Al-Aboosi Hammoud, has declì comment on the case. Al-Aboosi's plea came after an
agreement was reached and accepted by Judge Brennan to dismiss a second, lesser criminal charge of fourthdegree criminal sexual conduct, which carries a two-year prison term.
Even before his plea, Al-Aboosi had been released from jail, according to the Wayne County Jail, but the judge had ordered him to wear an electroni tether so his movements could be monitored.

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Aboosi, flee the house
and seek help. and seek help. "She was able to get to a neighbor's house to a neighbor', house police Lt. Craig Wilsher has said.
Al Aboosi's defense

Sweetwaters ready to
brew success in Canton

lay and Kristina Wilson have od Wayn County's first Sweetwaters Coffee \& Tea cafe in Canton.

## Darrell Clem

 Kristina Wilson liked Sweetwaters coffeehouse in Ann Arbor so much that she made it her part-time office.Now she has dumped her medica sales career like an old cup of coffee and opened her own Sweetwaters Cof fee \& Tea cafe in her hometown, Canton. "They say invest in what you love," she said. She and husband Jay, who still works in medical sales, did just that. They are bringing Wayne County's
first Sweetwaters to 302 N . Canton Center, north of Cherry Hill, and celebrating their grand opening Friday,
Aug. 12 . Aug. 12 .
It will be Michigan's sixth Sweetwaters. A
County.

Teen injured as moped crashes into tree


## Police nab suspected 'cat burglar' in Dearborn

David Veselenak
staff Writer
Livonia police have arrested a man they're glar" who they say have broken into several
homes across Metro D $\underset{\substack{\text { troit. } \\ \text { Police say Derek La }}}{\text { ta }}$ Police say Derek La
mont Cathey, 53 of Demont Cathey, s troit, is suspected of breaking into a home in the early morning hours
of July 21 on Weyher of July 21 on Weyher
Street in Livonia. Cathey Street in Livonia. Cathey
was identified as a possible suspect, and Livoni

possession of a purse that elonged to a Dearborn ing in the suspected tar geted home. Cathey was turned over to the Dearborn Police Department, and was charged in Dear-
born's 20th District Dis trict Court on home inVasion and habitual offender charges. A prelim
inary examination in the case is scheduled to happen next Friday. Capt. Robert NenciariDepartment said Livonia
> tems such as French
Vietnamese Au Lait, Vietnamese Au Lait,
Ginger Lemon Tea and frozen Ice Dragons. The company's cold brew coffee is slowrewed for 18 hours us of a growing cold-brew trend.
> "That's the new thing," places with cold brew I think, is a good thing." Sweetwaters holds true to its Michigan roots
and offers bakery items and off Michigan bakeries such as Crust, Avalon and Tasty Bakery, among others. Wilson also said own whipped cream throughout the day.

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said Sweetwaters has
Chinese-inspired teas,
the French Vietnamese
au lait and other selecau lait and other selec-
tions. "We try to take differ the world and incorporate them into our drinks," she said. Wilson used to meet
clients and write reports at Sweetwaters in Ann Arbor when she still Worked in medical sales When she and her hus-
band decided to open band decided to open
their own coffeehouse, Canton seemed the logical place. They live here
have three children have three children -
and Kristina Wilson grad uated from Canton High Shool before going to
ortunate to have sur
vived. The Southeast Michigan Council of COG, has released an analysis that, in part, shows an alarming trend in pedestrian fatalities
and injuries. Among the findings "More than 73 percent of pedestrian and bicycle fatalities and serious injuries occur
along urban non-freeways in Southeast Michi-
${ }_{\text {g }}{ }^{\text {gan. }}$ More than 65 per" More than 65 percent of pedestrian fata
ties occur when the pedestrian is in the roadway and not a designated
police are continuing to
investigate into the in-
cidents that took place cidents that took place possibly involving Cathey
in Livonia. He could not speak to when or if any charges would be filed in Livonia's 16th District
"We're continuing our investigation," he said. As of Thursday morning, he remains locked up on a $\$ 250,000$ cash bond, according to online jail records.
sity.
"I felt that it was im ortant to stay in the community and be part said.
Sweetwaters was 1993 by Wei and Lisa Bee The new Canton coffeehouse is open Monday o $9: 30$ p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to $9: 30$ p.m. To learn more, go to
SweetwatersCafe.com, call 734-335-3834 or vi
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" More than 62 percent of pedestrians and 80 percent of bicyclist
nvolved in crashes are nale. n. More than 18 percent of pedestrian and
bicycle fatalities and bicycle fatalities and
serious injuries occur on low-speed local streets. ") Pedestrian fatalities have increased in southast Michigan each year
since 2007, when there were 64 , up to 103 in 2015.
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With championship athletics, 33 student-run clubs, and countless activities and events throughout the year, campus life at Schoolcraft is anything but boring. In fact, you'll have as much fun as you can handle-while still handling your classes, of course.

## POTTER

 2000 s: Holding your breath as ou waited in line at the book store - freaking out with ot oward midnight - and those ate-night, early-morning read ing sessions that left you knowng it would be at least anothe continue.That all ended in 2007, when he series closed with Harry ows." Unlike the previous even Harry Potter books, Cursed Child" isn't a novel. Its actually a two-part play cript in book form, writen creenwriter Jack Thorne and ohn Tiffany, director of the ondon-based production.
"Cursed Child" picks up where the "Deathly Hallows" pilogue left off, with Harry, Ginny, Ron and Hermione dropping their kids off at ear at wizarding school. It's 19 years after the Battle of Hogwarts. Harry is in his 30 s, an verworked civil servant for Albus Severus, is an unpopular kid struggling to live up to his amily's famous legacy Even before books hit the already become a best-seller It's the No. 1 Amazon seller on Kindle and in print, as well as Barnes \& Noble's most pre-
ordered book since "Deathly Hallows." And there's a chanc t could be the top seller of 2016.

It certainly looked that way in Northville Township, where hundreds of fans queued for tickets to be first in line when the book went on sale. Inside,
the store was a Hogwarts the store was a Hogwarts
haven, Pitching in to help w the festivities were 17 volunteers from the Livonia Public Library Harry Potter Club and the Harry Potter Club of dressed in black robes, stripe ies, and plenty of Hogwarts spirit wear. ment. It feels like it's excite warts," said Grace Schunot, 1 of New Hudson, as she waited at the Sorting Hat station. Grace was dressed the part, in bolt scar drawn on her fore-


Volunteers Natalie Wilson, Samantha Elliott and Kris


The Sorting
Ravenclaw.
head.
Her stepsister, Ryanne Andrews, came dressed as Hermione Granger, even braiding her hair the night before to
achieve Hermione's signature chieve "'ve never actually read any of the books, but I could already tell this was going to be really cool," she come." Either way, she knows Harry Potter backward and forward: Grace has been kee ing her up to date as she reads and quizzing her on

As "Hedwig's Theme boomed from the loudspeakers, the girls climbed one afte where a witch in trailing e ald robes placed the floppy Sorting Hat on their heads and asked them a secret question to determine their house at
Hogwarts School of Witchcraf and Wizardry. Both ended up in Gryffindor, "where dwell the brave of heart."
Nearby, Julia Kubus, 13, of mom by an archway marked

Diagon Alley, pen in hand. "My nom got the books before they were cool," she said. She pointd to a counter where limitededition books, with the original the books with limited-edition covers."
Julia and her ad just been through Cynthia had just been through he Sortout a Harry Potter worksheet, with activities like a crossword puzzle and matching the quote o the person who said it. Julia
is a Hufflepuff. Her mom Cynis a Hufflepuff. Her mom Cyn-
thia is a Gryffindor. Later that evening, two people from each house would be chosen to compete at the Triwizard Tourn ment, so Julia was carerus for hidden from prying Slytherin and Ravenclaw eyes.
More trivia was in order
oward the back of the store toward the back of the store
where Brianna Hodge and Caroline Valdez of Canton were picking out their wands. First, they had to close their
eyes, wave a hand over the
eyis, wave a hand over the
display of wands and answer a question, such as "Who is it


Guests line up in Diagon Alle
hat haunts the first floor girls' athroom?" After that came glitter, beads, sequins and ribbons for a personalized ouch. Brianna, 10, dressed in
Hogwarts tie and gown, embelHogwarts tie and gown, embel
lished her wand with a white feather.
Their parents got in on the
fun, too - although one dad un, too - although one dad was a bit skeptical about the magical if you close your eyes," he was assured. midnight, Kate Bonk of Livomidnight, Kate and Alex Steinke of Farmington were among the first to get their hands on a copy.
The two had been staked out in The two had been staked out in
front of the store since $7: 30$ a.m. - and stayed all day, despite an on-and-off drizzle. "We sat outside in lawn chairs, in the rain, and read
Harry Potter books," Bonk Haid. "It's been a long day." All afternoon, friends stopped by with snacks to reinforce them Things started getting crazy around 5 p.m., Bonk reported. By $8: 30$ p.m., the line was at
east 150 people long, snakin down the sidewalk and aroun he side of the building. Bonk and Steinke didn't have to first to arrive, they'd already gotten tickets to cut straight to he registers at midnight and buy the first two books pulle The two diehards met in 2011, at the midnight premiere of the last Harry Potter movie nd have been friends ever since. For Steinke, memories
of Harry and the Hogwarts crew run deep. "We spent 10 years of our child hood growing p with them," she said. Harry Potter by her aunt, who thought the books were cool and bought them for her. The night after the first movie
came out, her mom started reading them out loud with her It's just the most outstanding series I ever read - and I read a lot of series," Bonk said. "Yo
can read or watch it over and can read or watch it over and
over again and it doesn't get
old."

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Shine on

Plymouth Christian students pull out all stops to serve those in need In just four days this past pring, 630 students, staff an pian Academy volunteered at 22 local organizations as part of the school's seventh annual
Project SHINE service week. Each Spring, PCA works to give back through Project SHINE. During Project SHINE, all students from preschool through 12 th grade organizations throughout met Detroit. This benefits the ocal community and teaches of service. Project SHINE has become key part of PCAs mission to ives of learning leadershin nd service. With such a wide variety of organizations inolved each year, students serve in many ways, including and gardening. Here is what was accomplished in four days: " Seventh-graders wrapped less Toy Chest in Troy „Fourth and fifth grader provided 60 fleece blankets for he Foster Care duffel bags at $\ldots$ orthridge Church vided 60 tie-dyed pillow case for Big Family of Michigan n Beginning and kinderga


Plymouth Christian Academy students helped New Life Recreation Center during Project SHIN

Center
nter Waltonwood Senior " Fifth-graders provided 55 teddy bears for Mott Chil
dren's Hospital \# First-graders provided 75 Busy Book Kits for the Ronald McDonald House

" With the help $\Rightarrow$ With the help of Busch's Freshicer 175 loaves of bread
provided for the Salvation Army 85 Second-graders provided 85 cans of soup with dollar bills rubber-banded around the
cans for Ronald McDonald cans for
House
, SSeventh-graders and eighth-graders provided 35 Martyrs, Colombia 65 "Fourth-graders provided 65 teddy bears for the Canton
Fire Department to comfort Fire Department to comfort »Sixth-graders stuffed 8,250 pieces of mail for Penrickton Center for Blind Children "Third-graders provided 90 ca by ways for Zambia, Afriren Paulson PCA Alumni Lauren Paulson
$\#$ Forty-two
" Forty-two donation houses

for Bethania Kids Orphanage in India served the foll grades $8-12$ als tions: $n$ Starfish Family Services, Livonia and Canton
$\quad$ ReStore Habitat for HumRestore Habitat for Hu-
manity, Ann Arbor "Detroit Rescue Mission,
Detroit „ Vista Maria, Dearborn


Heights
\#Gleaners Community Garden in Plymouth Township Recreation Center in Ham tramck "World Medical Relief, $\Rightarrow$ Waltonwood Senior Center and Plymouth Senior Center One of the most encourag-
ing things about Project

SHINE is the feedback tha PCA receives every year.
Rhonda, the site leader at Rhonda, the site leader at Ply this to say about the students she worked with: "They were the best group of teens I have and the kids loved them. It was so great to see them interacting with the kids and truly
enjoying themselves."

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Lincoln High grad wins

## scholarship

Canton resident and Lincoln graduate Brittney Barros has eceived the Judith Dianne
Jackson Scholackson Schol-
arship award for her commitment in the classroom and dedication o her communi-
She will receive $\$ 1,000$ an nually to continue her educaion at Eastern Michigan University where she has been Barros and four other metr Detroit students are the first


The JDJ Scholarship Fund
was created to honor the life and legacy to honor the life true chap of Judith Jackson, a former president and CEO of Youthville Detroit She dedicated her life to improving the lives and opportunities for young men and women by removing barriers
and helping them realize their and helping them realize the
greatness to pursue their dreams and impact their communities.
This fund was established in her name shortly after her passing to support Detroitbased Neighborhood Service Organization's youth programs
and is administered by NSO in and is administered by NSO, in
her honor, as she was a close community partner and friend of the organization.

Dean's lists

## Indiana Wesleyan

 UniversityLauren Paulson, a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, has received recognition on the Indiana Wesleyan Uni-
versity School of Nursing versity School of Nursing
Dean's List for the spring seDeans List for the spring se-
mester of the 2015-2016 acamester of the 2015-2016 aca-
demic year. Lauren recently returned from an Indiana Wesleyan School of Nursing trip to senior year at IWU in the fall
senior ye
of 2016.

## Concordia University

The following Canton students were named to the dean's list for the spring semester:
Patrick Downing Seth
bard, Paige Messmer, Paige
Podlaszuk and Assad Turfe.
Fellowship earned Brett Zeuner, a Plymouth native and Eastern Michigan
University student, recently was awarded a $\$ 50,000$ federal
fellowship through the Envifellowship through the Envi-
ronmental Protection Agency ronmental Protection Agency pursuing an academic career that will enable him to advocate for environmental jus-
tice for communities tice for communities most
affected by environmental affected by
hazards.

## Graduates

The following Canton residents earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in April: Busuyi G. Agbetunsin

Blassic, Matthew F. Blazo, Lauren E. Branson, Kelley D. Burcroff, Christina M. Cleve land, Jordan R. Cockrum, JaCourtney T. Farmer, Allison J. Ives, Katie M. Kowalski, Jonica M. Lister, Autumn E. Lytle Megan E. McCormack, Bradley I. Mueller, Paige E. Osle Kyle R. Stoktisz, Megan N. The following Plymouth residents earned degrees from in April: Stefanie A. Cesario Carly C. Curvin, Margaret I. Deloy, Casey M. Hagan, Alex H. Jouney, Katelynn M. Krause, Jackson R. Lytle, Mi-
chael D. Moncion, Kate, chael D. Moncion, Kate L. Perry, Andrew M. Phillips, Kyle
Sugg, Sergio A. Troiani, Ste-
phanie K. Zielinski.




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## Schoolcraft banning tobacco products on campuses

| David Veselenak <br> staft Writer | Drive in Livonia and the <br> Radcliff Center in Gar- <br> den City. |
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| Students at School- | Schoolcraft College |
| craft College will want to | spokesman Frank Ruggi- |
| keep those Marlboro | rello said the move is one |
| cigarettes in the car | many other two--year |
| when they go to class this | colleges in the state have |
| fall. | mede, and the college |
| The Livonia-based | decided to make the |
| college went tobacco- | change as well. |
| free Monday, a move | "We constantly look at |
| approved by the Board of | our policies. Ithink it's |
| Trustees. The move will | something a lot of our |
| ban the use of tobacco | peer schools have done," |
| products, including e- | he said. "There's been a |
| cigarettes, on the main | lot of information to our |
| campus in Livonia, the | staff, our students, espe- |
| public safety training | cially those coming back |
| complex on Industrial | in the fall." |

## 3 more Canton students earn merit scholarships

National Merit Schol-
arship Corporation has announced over 800 additional winners of National Merit Scholcolleges and universities. These Merit Scholar designees join approximately 3,000 other
college-sponsored college-sponsored
award recipients who were announced in June.
Officials of each sponsor college selected
their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program who will attend lege-sponsored awards provide between $\$ 500$
and $\$ 2,000$ annually for and $\$ 2,000$ annually for dergraduate study a the institution financing
the scholarship. The following Canton
tudents are among the winners: " Raveena Mata, a graduate, who is consid ering a career in biomedical engineering, Meceived the National versity scholarship. "Stephanie E. Mor gan, a Canton High School graduate, re Merit Wayne State University scholarship. She is considering a career in oncology em High School gradu ate, who is considering a career in medicine, received the National
Merit University of Central Florida schol arship.

Tobacco products will
be banned on the main campus, including and around campus build-
ings, sidewalks, building ings, sidewalks, building
entrances, common areas, and college-owned vehicles. The lone excep tion, Ruggirello said, is
inside of private vehicles: students, employ and guests will still be able to smoke in their own vehicles while
parked on campus. parked on campus.
That move was made as a safety precaution, Ruggirello said, to pre-
vent smokers from having to run across Hagger
ty if they want a ciga-
rette.
The college will continue to follow federal medical marijuana. There will be some events to highlight the in the fall to emphasize the policy, as well as help those individuals who desire to quit using to The college has lected a variety of links on information for those looking to quit smoking that can be found on its
website, schoolcraft.edu


## 3 Heritage Academies in Canton honored

National Heritage Academies, one of the nation's largest chool management companies, honored its top performing schools,
including three in Canincluding three in Canton, during the 16th
nual Eagle Awards. Achieve Charter Academy, Canton Charter Academy and South Academy earned Eagle Awards for Schools of Excellence, which mean the schools had superior performance in academ-
ic achievement and full
enrollment for the 2014 -
2015 school year Data 2015 school year. Data demic has not been com piled and released yet. "We are proud to receive this top honor," Achieve Principal Jenni
fer Conley said. "Our teachers are committed to providing a culture academic excellence,
and our students have the drive to reach their full potential.
Along with Schools of Excellence, NHA reareas including: Aca-

## demic Growth, Employee Engagement, Parent

 Attendance. "I am so proud of both our teachers and stu-dents for earning this dents for earning this
award," said Kelie Fuller, principal at Canton Charter. "We have worked so hard as a team to ensure every
student receives the support they need based on their own academic goals. Our teachers know that students will rise to meet the great
tions we set."

South Canton also won awards for student atten tion and student enroll ment. Canton also wo an award for student attendance, while Achieve also won an
award for student enroll ment. NHA's system of
schools is designed to schools is designed to gaps and provide school choice to families, with the clear objective of preparing children for
success in high school college and beyond

## Skunk with head stuck in cup rescued by police

At 8 a.m. Thursday Aug. 4, Michigan State Police troopers from the
Metro North Post were dispatched to 21000 block of Glen Lodge in Royal
Oak Township about a "savage" skunk, according to a press release.
Troopers found the
skunk had its head stuck in a yogurt cup and was running around in cir-
cles thing.
Troopers attempted to contact animal contral but were advised they do not handle calls like this, not handie calls like this,
release. So, the troopers
decided to get the cup off decided to get the cup off
the skunk's head on their own. One trooper used a
wooden pole to guide the wooden pole to guide the tion and distract the skunk; a second trooper ran up and gently
grabbed the cup freeing grabbed the cup freei
the skunk.
The skunk took a The skunk took a
quick look around, nod quick look around, nodded in appreciation and left the area, police quipped.
Troopers cleared the Troopers cleared
incident unscathed.

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| AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE REQUIRING THE DUTY TO CUT GRASS AND/OR NOXIOUS WEEDS AS NEEDED, CLARIFIES CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY AND METHOD OF NOTIFICATION, CUTTING BY THE CITY AND/OR CONTRACTOR, PENALTIES FOR THE CITY CAUSING THE GRASS/W CUT OR REMEDIATED <br> DIVISION III: NOXIOUS WE Sec. 18-751. - Definitions. <br> EEDS <br> The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning $\qquad$ <br> arvensis) (Digitar goldenr $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ in height, on the shall be regarded N. Rumem $\qquad$ Cross reference- Definitio Sec. 18-752. - Duty to cut. $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> seed or exceeding a height of eight inches, on the average. Sec. 18-753. Cutting by city. $\qquad$ $\begin{aligned} & \text { neglect to cut and destroy all grass and/or noxious weeds as provided in this division, then } \\ & \text { the city manager or his agent shall cause the land to be entered upon by city employees or } \\ & \text { a city contractor for the purpose of cutting and destroying such grass and/or weeds and such } \\ & \text { entering upon shall not be deemed a trespass. } \end{aligned}$ <br> Sec. 18-754. - Costs. The city manager or $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> premises. If such expense or charge shall not be paid the same shall be premises and collected as provided by section 12.22 of the city Charter. Sec. 18.755. - Notice. $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> at least to the gr $\qquad$ sed ond $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> Sec. 18-756. - Penalty. Any owner, occupant $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> Such amounts as are paid to the city under the provisions of this division shall be deposited into a special purpose fund to be known as the Noxious Weed Control Fund. Secs. 18-757-18-775. <br> Second Reading: August 1, 2016 Public Hearing: August 1, 2016 Published: August 7 2016 <br> Published: August 7, 2016 |  |
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## Elks features the Alligators and Bill Meyer Group



the last Tuesday of the month from $7-10$ p.... the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.
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will be entertained by the Bill Meyer Group, who
will be backing DJ Holliday, who sings Billie Holliday favorites and original compositions. Come and hear about the
DJ's amazing life story DJ's amazing life story
Bill Meyer on keys, Bil Meyer on keys,
Gayelynn McKinney on


The Alligators will perform Aug. 9 at the Plymouth Elks.
drums, and Ralphe Armstrong on bass. Styled after their regular Thursday night gig at
Bert's Marketplace, Bill Bert's Marketplace, Bill
invites musicians to jam invites musicians to jam
with the group. DJ will
have her newly released CD available, "Before I Go." The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road,
Plymouth. For more

## Northville Art House to host Assemblage Invitational



Women's Health Presentations
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"Tao of Physics" by Catherine Peet.


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Plymouth Police officer Mark Farhat is happy to show a police vehicle to Blake Wagner, 3 , of Northville Township.

## Kids have fun as they meet everyday heroes

[^0]better than having to arrest people and do
some more dangerous some m
stuff. "It definitely puts a
human face to us," he human face to us," he added. These kinds do help (policecommunity relations). We're fortunate here in Plymouth we don't have
the volume cities like the volume cities like
Detroit have in terms of Detroit have in terms of
violent crime." Fire vehicles from the
Northville City Fire DeNorthville City Fire De-
partment, which serves partment, which serves and Plymouth, were parked outside the fire station. Elizabeth Lewis
of Farmington of Farmington, owner
and founder of Detroit Moms Blog, was keeping busy organizing that morning. "You can see all the kids going crazy," said
Lewis of Fairy Tale Entertainment, bringing "Bat-hero" and "Spider-
hero" in to meet the kids. hero" in to meet the kids.
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names were used, al-


Grandma Diana Scappaticci of Plymouth Township, costumed grandson Chase Scappaticci, 3, and NCFD firefighter-EMT Rachel Grandma Diana Scappatici of Plymo
Allen are having a great time visiting.
though parents used Batman and
colloquially.
colloquially.
"They're amazing," Lewis said, as the "Spidey" man did flips and greeted children, with
the Batman-based character looking fierce. "It's a great event for families and it's a great
way for families to come way for families to com
together and support their heroes," Lewis said of the event, which was
also hosted last fall in also hosted last fall in
Plymouth "This is one Plymouth event we absolutely love."
The Detroit Moms Blog is a parenting regroup of moms that share the same common goal," she said, noting th 30 -some mom bloggers
on the team contribute. on the team contribute.
Events are also hosted around the region by

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN <br> ORDINANCE NO. 16-02

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TO ACHIEVE THE REFERENCED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AS NOTED ABOVE THE
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Detroit Moms Blog, founded in 2014.
Go to www.det citymomsblog.com to learn more.
They're hoping to for an event soon, said for an event soon, said
Lewis, mom to kids 16, and 9 months. "It's some thing I'm passionate about, connecting mom
to one another," said Lewis, who previously had worked at a hospital in radiology,
Of last fall, called, "I was actually nine months pregnant" for that event. Chase Scappaticci, 3, came with grandma Di-
ana Scappaticci of Plymouth Township to mee the heroes. "This is my Batman boy," grandma said. "Where else can you
meet Batman and Spider Man in your own hometown? He was excited." She and husband
James also brought grandson Clayton, 9. "It is awesome. Spider-Man does all these tricks," Diana Scappaticci said.


Spidey shares his skills with youngsters July 30 at the Plymouth Fire Station during the Detroit Moms Blog event


## CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

 ORDINANCE NO. 16-03AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE REQUIRING THE CLEARING OF
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debris on such sidewalks, and in case of negle may cause the removal of same and the expense thereof shall be a lien upon such premises.
Sec. 62-90. . Expense of clearing.
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## Mom heads fundraiser for overseas wells

Walk4Water raises awareness for Haiti

Sharon Dargay Jessica Allen will add
a personal touch to her a personal touch to her
annual Walk4Water fund raiser next month in Northville.
The event on Sept. 17 held in conjunction with Livonia Church of Christ and Healing Hands International, which promotes
Walk4Water activities Walk 4 Water activities
nationwide. The walks raise money to fund drilling for clean, drinkable
water overseas. water overseas. dent, started a local arm of the national fundraiser
in 2012 with her husbar in 2012 with her husband
Terry and their two boys. Terry and their two boys.
This year the event will include a short walk, hayride and bonfire.
She'll also share first She'll also share first-
hand knowledge of drill-
ing. "I have a chance to go to Haiti. I never thought I'd have this chance. said 'Wouldn't it be cool to be at a well when people get their water?' This year I have a chance to
go on a trip to Haiti to go on a trip to Haiti to who will spend Sept. 1-5 in the Caribbean nation with other Walk4Water
"I can't wait to meet
the people. I'm so excited to meet them and be
around them and see around them and see
them experience clean water for the first time." She's not sure exactly what the drilling process demands but plans to roll
up her sleeves and pitch
up her sleeves and pitch
in. "I think we'll definitely be working. I've seen pictures of mud, wet water and it's spraying up," she said. The experience will help Allen raise aware-
ness of the need for cle drinking water overseas,


A youngster carries a water jug to a well in Haiti
which she says is as important as donating funds for drilling.
He's vice president of operations at'Texasbased Healing Hands
International International. "Without awareness, sense," he said, in a phone interview. "When you go to a different
country, you're blown caway by their needs." He said Walk4Water aims to create an aware ness that water "makes
life flow". The number, " 4 " in the title refers to the average number of miles some families walk to find water. out, nothing else works When you add it, you have restoration of life. Maintenance problems Healing Hands drilled 56 wells in Haiti and plans to complete 100
more this year. Because they are in constant use many wells also break down. Fair said it's not uncommon for a well to months after installation.
"It's one thing to bring water, it's another to keep it flowing."
In addition to drilling In maintion to drilling Haiti, the organization also drills in India, seve al African nations, Hon duras and Nicaragua.
Healing Hands repre sentatives attend all Wentatives attend Eight walks are scheduled next month.
"The walks all loo different. We think outside the box and we encourage coordinators to
do the same," Fair said. "Jessica had a passion for it and ran with it. "We want people to know how blessed we are
and how much of a strug gle it is in Third World countries to get water
every day"" every day."
Choosing water That notion has fueled Allen's interest in
Walk4Water Whe Walk4Water. When she
and her husband were and her husband were
looking for ways to give back and "be a part of something bigger" five years ago, they considered a variety of volun-
teer projects, including fostering a child.

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Hunter (left) and Tanner Allen raise awareness of Walk4Water at Livonia Church of Christ's Vacation Bible School.


## It's the sound of music in Goudy Park

LeAnne Rogers
staff Writer
Pokemon Go players aside, the weekly summer concert series has been drawing the biggest
crowds to Wayne's Goudy Park.
Held throughout August, the concerts are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays with bands setting up in
the gazebo. Concertgoers should bring their own lawn chairs/blan-
kets. I looked to see what
bands were available. Some bands approached us this year," said John Rhaesa, a Wayne councilman who organized the
concert series. Some years ago, Gou-
dy Park had hosted condy Park had hosted con certs but the event had
been dropped until it was

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resurrected four years "We started out with $200-300$ people. Now, we
are getting at least $500, "$ Rhaesa said.
The concerts are scheduled to follow the
weekly Wayne Farmers weekly Wayne Farmers
Market. Some of the food vendors stick around for the concert. good. The sales fout good. ors sares for," the
vendoe sa said.
The concert series is self-funded thanks to sponsorships from businesses, including the
Wayne-Westland Wayne-Westland Federal
Credit Union Credit Union, Indeper-
dent Carpet Jack Demdent Carpet, Jack Dem-
mer Ford, Mark Chevmer Ford, Mark ChevHome.
The concert series is getting some extra pro-
motion in Westland, motion in Westland,
Rhaesa said, thanks to electronic marquee signs at Wayne-Westland Fed-
eral Credit Union. Ineral Credit Union, In-
dependent Carpet and

Westland Shopping Cen-
ter.
ter. "We don't have a lot of those signs in Wayne. We are marketing the city.
It's low-key but It's low-key but we try to let people know," Rhaes
sai. "The businesses sup port us trying to make Wayne a better place." The Wayne Rotary
Club handles beer/wine Club handles beer/wine
sales during the concerts as a fundraiser. Upcoming concerts
include: include:
$m$ classic rock with ") classic rock with
Dead in Dog Years on Aug. 10; $\quad$ Fity Amp Fuse on Aug. ${ }^{17}$ Bob Seger tribute band Live Bullet Detroit on Aug. 24; "Infinity and Beyond,
a Journey tribute band, a Journey tribute band,
Aug. 31 .
Aug. The weekly Wayne Farmers Markets is open
3-7 p.m. on Wednesday. 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday.
$\qquad$ 734-883-9039
Twitter: QLRogersObserver


## Send your T-shirts to Zimbabwe via local charity drive


month. They Il be waiting or her in South Africa ext spring. She and ng Hands, Touching Hearts, will drive the hipment to Zimbabwe most of the clothing. They'll take leftovers with them on their return rip to South Africa, month before heading home.
Bonvallet prefers to hip all donations to a and then drive them to heir final destination. A direct shipment of 150
boxes of books was deained for two years before being released for use at a school library Zimbabwe.
It was one of our
more successful drive with the community," said the Rev. Todd Lack e, pastor of Kenwood Helping Hands, Touching Hearts board member. We're shipping differ ently now than we used
A collection containe for T-shirts will be stationed under the canopy
at the entrance to church,
at 20200 Merriman Sizes at 20200 Merriman. Sizes s-16 for chedium and larg for adults are needed. In the meantime, Bon vallet is sewing 80 dress
es and tote bags for Zim es abwean children. "I sew constantly, five
hours a day almost every hours a day almost every
day. I have to make them pretty," she said. "We have 80 orphans and even more kids than
that." that."
Helping Hands, Heiping Hands,
Touching Hearts also is accepting sponsorships for orphans. A monthly donation of $\$ 25-\$ 30 \mathrm{a}$ month buys food staple
such as tea and cornmeal, for each child. "Fifty-seven of the 80
children have been able children have been abl
to get sponsors. One to get sponsors. One
sponsor in California sponsored 29 of them. He has his own little tribe." Get more information
about Helping Hands. Touching Hearts, at clotheavillagenow.com.
Watch Bonvallet's video Watch Bonvallet's video
titled "A Library to Fight titled "A Library to Fight
Poverty" on desktop at YouTube.com.
dargay@hometownlife.com


Sidney Bonvallet of Farmington Hills helps a youngster in Zimbabwe get the correct size T-shirt. Bonvallet and other members of her organization, Helping Hands, Touching Hearts, was in

Do estate planning homework before living together decided that it would make sense to live together. At the time w each sold our houses
and used the proceeds to buy the new home. We each put up half money and also ba-
sically split the maintenance costs. It was our intention that if we split up we would sell the home and split the although we really didn't talk about it, there was an understanding that if one of
us passed, the other one would own the home outright. Since I am quite a few years cant other it was assumed that I would pass first. Unfortunatey, earlier this year my
significant other ignificant othe that her children are now demanding that

either pay them half the value of the house ond split the proceeds. I don't think I should have to do either of hose. I know she to keep the house. My question is, what should I do? You should know that nothing was bout the in the will he deed on our home is in both our names as tenants in common. press my sympathies for the loss of your loved one. I hope as time passes your grief is re Unfortunately, I do not Unfortunately, I do not
believe I have good news
for you. In analyzing
your situation I believe
your significant other's your significant other's
children are entitled to children are entitled to
half the value of the property. property
When it comes to determining ownership of real estate, the first thing
you look at is the deed. In your situation, you owned the property as
tenants in common. What tenants in common. Wh tenants in common
means is that each of the means is that each of the
parties own one-half of the property and upon he death of either party hey are free to leave choose. In other words there are no survivorship ights. If the goal was to nake sure that upon ither parties' death th house outright then, the deed should not have been one that was ten-
ants in common but rather, joint rights of survivorship. What joint rights of survivorship
 In today's world, more nd more people are elationships. It is no renger unusual for two pople to live together without being married. important that when you do acquire property together that there is a
clear understanding as clear understanding as
what happens to that property either upon death or if the parties separate. As far as I'm concerned, the best time
to resolve these issues is before you buy the property. In that way, the proper deed can be used. changed; however, we all know how life works and that is once a deed is one they are rarely For those of you who Fre living in non-tradiare
tional relationships it it
important that you dot

T's when it comes to estate planning. Under current law, there is very ttle protection for unmarried couples who live ogether. That is why it is xtremely important that couples in those situa-
ions do some estate lanning which may or may not include things such as durable power of
attorneys or medical power of attorneys. The power of attorneys. che ples have to know that the law offers very little protection to them; the
ore, it is up to them, through legal documents such as wills and trust. nd deeds, to protec Good luck!

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## WESTLAND JOHN

 GLENN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971 4.th reunion set for 6 p.m. tomidnidight sept. 24 at Mama Ma, maimi Plymouth Rood, Livonia.
Mail $\$ 25$ to JGHS class of 71 in Mare of Gary Pack, 38128 Cherry
Hill Road, Westland, M1 48185. Pre-reunion party is 7.11 p.m.
Sept. 23 at Westland Bowl. 5940 N. Wayne Road. For more in-
formation, call JoAnn Keenan at 734.-516-6443, Gary Pack at
734-377-9133 or Darla Webb at 734-377-9133 or Darla Webb at


RIDE FOR RED SHIELD Time/Date: 10 a.m. Saturday, Location: Plymouth Salvation
Army, 94515 . Main in Plymouth Details: A fundraising part-
nership ride between motorcynership ride between motorcy
clists and the Salvation Army. This is the second year of the
event, which this year will eni event, which this year will enioy
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rider, $\$ 15$ for a passenger, which rider, $\mathbf{S i s}$ for a passenger, which
includes continental breakfast
and and lunch
Contact: Registration can be
done the morning of the even done the morning of the even
or during office hours at the Plymouth Corps on Main, which
can be reached at $734-453-5464$ VFW FUNDRAISERS
Time/Date: Various Location: VFW Post 6695, 1426
S. Mill St., Plymouth Details: A number of events wil post WORSHIP IN THE PARK Time/Date: 11 a.m. each Sunday through Aug. 2 Location: Chery Hill Village Schoolnouse, corner of Riage
and Cherry Hills roads, across
from the V Village Theater from the Village Theater Details: St. Michael Lutheran
hosts worship services in a casua atmosphere. Professionally managed child care will be Worship in the Park on Aug. 7, a free picnic happens from 12:30-2
p.m. on the grounds of the p.m. on the grounds of the
Cherry
Hill
Village Schoolhouse. Hot dogs, cookies, chips and water will be provided, while
you enioy some you enjoy some musical enter-
tainment from one of our praise tainmen
bands.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Food, concert and classic cars coming to Southfield on Thursday

The city of Southfield, in partnership with the Board, will host the next installment of the Eat to the Beat food truck \& concert series on Thurs-
day, Aug. 11 from noon to 2 p.m. and from $4-7$ p.m. at the City Centre Plaza located on Central Park Boulevard. the second Thursday

NEWS OF UPCOMING EVENTS
The Community Calendar runs in the Plymouth and Canton
Observer as space permits. Nonprofit groups and community
organizations are welcome to submit news of upcoming
events. Please include a daytime telephone number and on-
tatct person. Email information to jmaliszews $\begin{aligned} & \text { ©hometown- } \\ & \text { life.com. }\end{aligned}$. life.com.

Contact: Church office at 734 www.connectingwith God.org SHAKESPEARE FEST Time/Date: Through Aug. Cherry Hill, Canton Details: The Village Theater at
Cherry Hill is again teaming with Cherry Hill is again teaming $w$
the Michigan Shakespeare the Michigan Shakespeare
Festival to present a three-week restivat performances in Canton.
This years 22 nd festival seaso This year's 22 nd festival season
will feature productions of Will feature productions of Like It" and "Richard III", as well
as Karen Tarian's "The Killer as Karen "Tarian's "The Killer
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ased on the novel by Angels," based on
Michael Shaara
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ing on patron's age
Contact: wuw. cantonvilla-
getheater.org or call $734-394-$ ${ }_{5300}^{\text {getheater.org or call } 734-394-1}$ FIELD DAY AND MOVIE Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Aug.

Location: Heritage Park, west of Canton Center, between
Chery Hill and Palmer road Details: Area residents are Details: Area residents are
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Services for fun activities and Services for fun activities and at
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the whole family can enjoy
during the second annual Family Field Day \& Movie in the Park.
Featured activities on the north side of Heritage Park include classic favorites, such as as potato
sack races, shoe kicks classic favorites, such as potato
sack races, hhoe kicks, three-
legged races and whee legged races and wheelbarrow
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Disne's snimated movie "The Good Dinossaur" (rated PG will
be held outside in the park on be held outside in the park on
the big screen starting at dusk. Contact. wnw.cantonfun.org
or call 734-394.5460 or call $734-394.5460$
SENIOR GAMES SENIOR GAMES Time/Date: Aug. $23-25$
Location: Various places in Location:
Canton
Details: Area seniors are invited
to enter the is to enter the inaugural Canton
Senior Games for variety of fur Senior Games for variett of fun
and challenging activities for men and women age 55 and
older. This year's events indude older. This year's events include
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bowling) and field games (be bow ing: and cield games (bea
bag toss, bocce ball, Frisbee toss bag toass, bocce ball, Frisbee tos,
sottbil throw, basketball shot soccer kick, football toss) available at mww.cantonfun.org or in person at the Canton cliub
$55+$ at the Summit, 46000 Sum$55+$ at the Summit, 46000 Sun
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must register by Wednesday,
Aug 10 Aug. 10 CANTON CHAMBER CANTO

Time/Date: Sept. 1

## Location: Phea Club, Canton

 Run Golf Details: The Canton Chamber of Commerce's annual golfouting is open to the public and outing is open to the public and
various packages are available various packages are available
for purchase. All golf packages
indlude bever. include beverages on the course
steak dinner and prizes. Individteak dinner and prizes. Indivic
ual gol is sis0 or the edinner
alone is $\$ 35$. alone is 355.
available. Contact: 734-453-4040 or go to www.cantonchamber.com. SENIOR GOLF Time/Date: 8 a.m. Tuesday, Location: Ph Location: Phe
Club, Canton Details: Area seniors ages 55 and over are encouraged to hit
the links for 18 ole four-person golf scramble that Iour-person goof scramble that
incluces a continental breakfast
lunch and cart for lunch and cart for $\$ 49$ for Can-
ton residents and $\$ 54$ for nonresidents. Come as a foursome,
twosome or a single twosome or a single player.
Check-in will begin at 8 a.m., check-in will begin at 8 a.m.".
with a shotgun start sheduled
for 9 a.m. Lunct at the cubfor 9 a.m. Lunch at the club-
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derway. Seniors are encouraged
to reserve a spot by calling to reserve a spot by calling
$734-394-5485$ or register in $734-394-5485$ or regitser in
person through Wednesday
Aug Aug. 17 , at Canton Cluus 55+
Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit on the Park, 46000
Summit Parkway. FASHION SETTERS EXHIBIT
Time/Date: Museum hours,
through Nov. 6 through Nov. Location: Plymouth Historical
Museum


Details: The First Ladies Fashion
Setters sxxibit features more Setters exhibit features more
than a dozen dresses of the first
ldies througout histon ladies throughout history. Other
memorabilia highlighting ele-memorabilia highightting elec-
tions, the presidents and the first ladies will also be displa SUMMER ARTS
COUNCIL CAMPS Time/Date: Through Aug Location: Plymouth Community
Arts Council 774 on Location: Plymouth Community
Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, south of $M-14$ in
Plymouth
Details: The PCAC will offer 40 camps in painting, filmmaking, photography, cartooning,
graphic design, theater, music graphic design, theater, music getting campers sto "think
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preconceived notions of art. Costs: Camp prices range from
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North Farmington basketball standout Amauri Hardy indicated the Michigan Elite 25 Basketball Camp helped to point him in the right direction.

## PAYING IT FORWARD



Learning about life on and off the court is focus of Michigan Elite 25 basketball camp

## Marty Budner

The Michigan Elite 25 BasThe Michigan Elite 25 Bas-
ketball Camp has impacted a number of young athletes over the past four years. Amauri Hardy is one of them.
An incoming senior at Nort Farmington High School, Hardy was one of nine four-year players who attended the 2016 camp
that concluded Friday at the that concluded Friday at the
Hype Recreation Center in Dearborn Heights. He helped Dearborn Heights. He helped
lead the Raiders to the Class A
state championship game for the first time in school history
last winter last winter. me. I have grown and learned lot of stuff from Tim (McCormick) and all the speakers who have come to the camp," said
Hardy, a starting guard for the Raiders who netted 15 points and dished a team-high three assists in last year's state semifinal win over Lansing Everett.
"This camp has definitely been

See CAMP, Page B2

## COLLEGIATE SPOTLIGHT

## Late bloomer making up for lost time

Canton alum Kayla Buford keeps climbing ladder of volleyball success

## Tim Smith

When Kayla Buford sets her When Kayla Buford sets her minder it. The Minnesota Golden Gophers women's volleyball team is glad she did ate bloomer in the , 19 , is competitive volleyball. She went from a newbie when she was a sophomore at Canton High School to an integral member of
 "If you were to tell me that would be playing in one of the best programs in the country,
with one of the best coaching with one of the best coaching
staffs and everything, I probably would have laughed and said 'You're crazy,"' said Bufor terview.
But it's a reality, as the 6 -foot-2 middle blocker now starts her sophomore season with the Gophers. Ofrcial practice for the 2016 season opens Tuesday
Wait, there's more. She also trained this year with USA Vol-

See BUFORD, Page B3


Canton alum Kayla Buford powers the ball over the net during a game last

Fastpitch
tryouts

Tryouts are just the Garden City Ga. tors Fastpitch Softball | Propram |
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terson suggests players arrive 30 minutes before scheduled tryout times to check in and warm up. reached at gcsoftball@mi.rr.com or 734-635-2388. Tryouts are as fol-
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1-3:30 p.m. $14 \mathrm{U}, 16 \mathrm{U}$ \% Sunday, Aug. 14, "Sunday, Aug. 14

## Hole in

one club
A2, of Chelsea rent 82, of Chelsea, regis-
tered a hole-in-one on July 21 at the Hills course of Fox Hills in Plymouth. Anderson aced the 105 -yard No. 6 ho using a 7 -iron
Noodle ball.

Women's
scramble
The Golf Association of Michigan is
celebrating its 100th Michigan Women's Amateur (Aug. 8-12) at Spring Meadows Coun try Club, 1129 Riple In conjunction with the tournament, the Michigan Women's Golf Association will
host a breakfast and hostamble Monday, Aug. 8, followed by a dinner and program at Tyrone Hills Golf 23, in Fenton. Many past Michi gan Women's Amateur champions will be featured on a video
depicting the 100 -year history of the event. Among the feature panel of champions are moderator Joan Goyce Kazmierski, Patti Shook Boice, Mary Jane Anderso Heistand, Stacy Slobodnik Stoll and Ally
son Geer, last year's winner.
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## Living the Cooperstown dream

South Farmington Blues 12-U team excels at tourney in upstate N.Y.
$\operatorname{Tim}_{\text {staf }}$ Smith
Cooperstown, New York, is
the hallowed baseball village where the Baseball Hall of
Fhere
Fame resides Fame resides.
During the weekend of July 24-2r, players on oethesdo outh
Farmington Blues 12 Under Farmington Blues 12-Under
baseball team enjoyed a sweet baseball team enjoyed a sweet
taste of that enviroment taste of that environment, reaching the Sweet 16 in
20th annual Cooperstown Dreams Park Toursament. It was the team's first berth in the Sweet 16 since 1999. 13-week summer tournament for 12 U baseball features skills competition and pool play to
determine seedingin the ultidetermine seeding in the ulti-
mate single elimination tourney.
Following a good showing in the skill competition - the "Around the Horn" event and

just missed making the finals in on to six games of pool play. Coached by Tom Downs, Dave Hanus, Matt Rehn and Chris Weaks, the 12 U Blues
went $3-3$ in pool play and were went $3-3$ in pool play and were
seeded 56 th out of 104 teams entering single-elimination play.
In the subsequent opener, the Blues pounded their way to
a $16-3$ victory over the lowerseeded Green Mountain Rams. For the rest of their stay in Cooperstown, Blues' op That romp started a run that would lift the Blues 40 rungs in the team standings. the Nevada Pure Baseball Ti-
tans and then the Blues continued with a Cinderella-esque 7-6 victory over the 20th-seeded
Orinda California Thunder with the Blues rallying in their last at-bats from a $5-1$ deficit to Saturday's final game for the
squad was squad was a $16-7$ shellacking o
the Kansas City Blues that held the top seed on day two of pool play and was 13 th for tourney play. But, the storybook run ended
Sunday when the East Michigan Muskies eliminated the Blues 13-1. That didn't minimize the amount of respect and congrat ulations South Farmington
Blues players and coaches received for the team's outstanding weekend Blues players include Pat-
rick Coggins, Michael Noah Felder, Sam Felder, Collin Hanrahan, Daniel Hanus, Kyle Harvey, Jacob Lee, Jake Matte son, Christian Rehn, Alex Swit-
lik, Gus Weaks and Nick Zappi

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The South Farmington Blues 12 -Under travel baseball team recently Peachic The Sowet 16 at a tournaus 12 -Under travel baseball team recently reached Switlik, Noah Felder, Kyle Harvey, Collin Hanrahan, Christian Rehn, Nick Zappia, Gus Weaks, Jake Matteson, Michael Downs, Jacob Lee, Sam Felder,
Patrick Coggins and Daniel Hanus. Not pictured: Coaches Chris Weaks, Tom Pattrick Coggins and Daniel Hanus. Not pictured: Coaches Chris Weaks, Tom
Downs, Dave Hanus, Matt Rehn.

NATIONAL JUNIOR EVALUATION CAMP

## Team USA can't finish rally against Finland

Early 2-0 hole proves too deep for host team as camp nears conclusion

Team USA goalie Jake
Oettinger wished he had the first one back while teammate having better aim in the final stretches of Friday's 2-1 loss to Yet both Oettinger and the National Junior Evaluat of Camp contest at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. game like that this early in the we're in for going forward," said Oettinger, who stopped 21 of 23 Finland shots. "I think the whole team can use this game to their advantage com Concurring was DeBrinca as-7,17-pound forward from Farmington Hills. He attende and played AAA hockey for Victory Honda out of P
mouth's Arctic Pond. us," DeBrincat said "We help us," DeBrincat said. "We had
to face adversity, I think it's big in the tournament to battle back when you're down. And we're learning how to do that here, I think it defne Team USA rallied to win $4-3$ in overtime against Sweden,
there would not be a succ there would not be a success-
ful comeback

Stymied late
Trailing 2-1 late in the third period, Team USA turned up
the offensive heat and kept th puck in Finland's zone for lengthy stretches, only to be frustrated time and again by goalie Veini Vehvillainen ( 35
saves).
With about six minutes to go, DeBrincat took a centering
feed and snapped off a laser feed and snapped off a laser
from the low slot. But Vehfrom the low slot. But Venthe corner to prevent the
equalizer.
"Tried to get it up and the way it goes," DeBrincat the way it goes," DeBrincat
said. "Sometimes it will be in the back of the net. Team USA had a chance to knot the game up with a min-
ute left, when Finland was called for delay of game. With Oettinger pulled for the extra attacker, it was a
6-on-4 advantage.
A blast from the left circle
by hard-nosed forward Erik by hard-nosed forward Erik Foley - a standout all game and Team USA's lone goal scorer - was fought off by
the Finland netminder. Moments later, forward
Kieffer Bellows crashed the Kieffer Bellows crashed the
crease in an unsuccessful bid crease in an unsuccessful bid
to notch a dirty goal with 10 seconds to go.
And when Finland cleared the zone following a subsequent face-off, it was back to
the drawing board for Team USA in advance of Saturday's
highly anticipated matchup


Team USA goalie Jake Oettinger stops an in-close scoring attempt by
Finland during Friday's game. Defenseman Nick Boka (No. 10) helps out.
against Canada. here for 10 days," Team USA head coach Bob, Motzko said "It felt like we were at the dentist all day. We liked that through it.
"We got some things in the third period, we just never got
momentum in the first two." momentum in the first two." Motzko and staffers will compare notes about how the 32 players on the Team USA coster performed over the Later this year, many of those players will be part of the roster that competes at the
World Juniors Under-20 Tournament.
"These young guys are nervous, they want to im"press," Motzko emphasized. They wake up every day
wondering 'What's going to wondering 'What's going to
happen?"'

## Slow start

The first half of the opening period was a tentative
affair, as each team slowly gauged what the other had in its arsenal.
Chances started to come midway through the stanza, with Team USA on the power play. Defenseman Adam Fox top of the left circle that Vehvillaninen turned aside. Moments after the power
play ended, however Finland play ended, however, Finland took a 1-0 edge. Eeli Tolvanen
broke in down the left wing and snapped a high shot over the glove of Oettinger
"Definitely the first goal top," Oettinger said. "And when you plan teams like Finland, their style, they try to sit back and capitalize on hay make""
Both teams had glorious chances during an ensuing ing giveaways in the defensive zone. With 6:20 left in the peri od, Finland's Janne Kuokkanen intercepted an off-themark clearing attempt and
slung a backhander that Oetinger stopped.
Returning the favor a minute later was a Finland bluelin er, whose pass found the stick
of USA's Tanner Laczynski; he skated up the gut and ripped a shot right into the chest of ehvillainen
Oettinger subsequently keep the deficit at one goal. inland skated off with the ead despite being outshot 14 Finland doubled its lead to 2-0 at $15: 31$ of the second peri-
od when Sami Tavernier burod when Sami Tavernier bured a cross-crease feed. within $2-1$ before the end of the period on a power play
goal by Foley with $1: 12$ to go. goal by Foley with 1:12 to go.
A point shot deflected off Christian Fischer, parked in front of Vehvillaninen, and the puck slithered to the wideopen Foley near the right pos
He had no trouble sliding the puck into the half-empty cage.


Michigan Elite 25 participants wait for further instructions from directors Tim McCormick and Dan Young who meet with another camper

## CAMP

beneficial to me as far as bas-
ketball and as far as life skills. "This is a great experience to showcase my skills along
with other great players in with other great players in
Michigan in front of coaches. It has been able to improve my game, mader mentally stronge and it just made me grow as a player. This camp taught me great team skills and leader-
ship, and how to unite a team ship, and how to unite a team
and stick with a team and your family.
"It's a great group (of coach-
es) to be around and they just es) to be around and they just
want the best for you," he said. want the best for you, he said.
"Being this is my last year of high school, I definitely wanted to come back and give it my all and compete. I wasn't going to miss it this year. I've learned
new stuff every year. There's always something different."
Reaching the youngsters Hardy exemplifies the stu-dent-athlete camp co-founders
Micheal Dietz and McCormick hope to reach.
The enlightening five-day conclave attracts the state's top winter in a quest of finding only the elite high school play ers - ideally 25 in each grade learn about life on and off the basketball court.
The camp's mission is to
make a lasting imprint make a lasting imprint on camp administrators stress that developing values like respect for others and country
are just as important as workare just as important as work-
ing on fundamental basketball skills like dribbling and re-

## bounding.

The 54-year-old McCormick includes 20 of the state's top coaches, is all about shaping a young person's character. One of the camp instructors is Dan
Young, who this year takes Young, who this year takes basketball team.
"The goal is to change the
culture of basketball culture of basketball in the
state of Michigan," said McC state of Michigan," said McC
mick, a former NBA player who is considered one of the country's premier basketbal analysts. "We spend a week the national anthem and patriotism. When they play the Star Spangled Banner before a game, you stand, put your hand
over your heart and say the words. "We tell them they have to
set an example for people in
"We talk about balance. We know they are really good basketball players, but they are capable of being more. We talk about them being good citizens, leaders in their class and having academic excellence." TIM MCCORMICK
Michigan Elite 25 Basketball
their class. We talk about dating and respect for girls, little things like saying 'please' and thank you. And, to have re-
spect for yourself, your coaches and your teachers. We just want to make sure they have great thant that doesn't guarantee anything," he said. "We talk about balance. We know they are really good basketball players, but they are
capable of being more. We talk about them being good citizens, leaders in their class and having academic excellence."

All about character The camp concluded Friday with a dunk contest and a career day program. In between,
some 120 enthusiastic particisome 120 enthusiastic partici-
pants honed their basketball skills in every phase of the game from stretching to shoot
ing. However, each day's activHowever, each day's activ-
ities included educational sessions with important role models such as retired Lt. Col. Tom Doman and FBI agent Bob Beeckman. Players aso were
lectured on life subjects like character, substance abuse and the importance of family. Wendell Green, who will be
a freshman at Detroit Country Day this fall, was a first-time participant. The 14 -year-old Northville resident couldn't have been happier with the
opportunity to further his point guard skills and learn about guard
"They sell that this camp is more than just about basket-
ball, but how you are as a person,", said Green, who attended
Southfield Christer Southfield Christian Middle School. "They teach you how to be good on and off the court
and they want you to do you and they want y
"On the court they're showing me some different moves
and off the court they're teach ing me about respect, so I'm learning from both aspects. This is a blessing to be here
with all these great players."

## UNIOR GOLF

## Maurier's ace seizes day at Whispering Pines Open

Stevenson senior also wins Girls 15-18 division m.B. Dillon

Madison Maurier couldn have scripted a better day of July 27 at the Kensington Junior Tour Whispering Pines Open. t only did the incoming ecord her first hole-in-one he fired 86 to win the Girls 15-18 age group on the tricky par- 72 Pinckney course.
Her ace came on the yard third hole.
"My playing partner went ver, so I clubbed down," Maurier said. "I hit it decent. It hit started to go down, I thought it went off the green. My partner as watching my balr and she said, 'You are going to like
his.' It was a foot from the pin. I got to see it roll in. It was crazy. When I saw it go in, I was in shock."
ns on the front nine, but stil carded 45 .
"I ended up shooting 41 on
across the board, the 17 -year old said. 'I played decent, eve
though I was still in shock" PGA professional Nathan Oake, who directs the Kensing ton Junior Tour, was surprised as well. "I only remember one hol
in-one in the last 11 years," he said. "So far in the last month we've had three, which is incredible. Peopl"
right, I guess."
Maurier's dad Matt and sister Sydney, 13, who was competing, were on hand to savor the accomplishment.
"I was happy for the tour ment win, but I was ecstatic for the hole-in-one," Matt said "Some people go their whole lives without one. It's a nice
reward for all the hard work Madison has put in the past few years. Syd just wishes she was in the same group to see
Alyssa Snider, who will be a senior at Howell High, finished just one shot off the pace for runner-up honors with
Brighton's Brendan Britz
16 , tore it up with 79 to conque the Boys $15-18$ field.
"I feel like I didn't play bad, but I had a lot of unlucky
breaks on the hills," said Bri who was Novi Detroit Catholic Central's No. 1 JV player last year. "''d make what looked
end up in a bad spot. I had one hale I was about on the thir and thought I hit a good wedge shot. It landed in a crevice to the left side of the green, pole high, and it was buried Britz shot 39 on the front side followed by 40 on the back, highlighted by a birdie on No. 17. My putter was better today shots I hit pretty good," he said. "The course is very hilly
and it slopes a lot. If you don't hit it in the right spots, it's a hard course." Maxwell Grant, who plays
hockey and golf at Brighton hockey and golf at Brighton
High, finished in second place with 81 .
Brendan Aughe, 13 , of Clarkston captured the Boys 12-14 age division a career-best was runner-up.
"I drove the ball straight and I still shot 88," Kumar said "Every second shot, I topped. I made par on the last hole, one
of my four pars of the day. The course has tight fairways and the greens are tough to read." Ann Arbor's Ieuan Jones, 10,
, captured the nine-hole division
with 47 , while Hartland's Keller King, 9 , was runner-up with 50 as the par-4, No. 5 hole stood out.

## World Series champs



The 9-and-under South Lyon Thunder baseball team, coached by Don Mifsud, posted a 6-0 record, capped by an 8-7 victory in the finals over the Michigan War Dogs, to capture the USSSA World Series held July $21-24$ at Canton's (101). Park. The Priots (92) and War Dogs (14-6) Coute to the title Team members: Drew Mifsud (tourney MVP), Andrew Verona-Kerley (offensive MVP), Josh Walther (Walled Lake), Braden Fox, Sam Stoll, Jack Cumberland, Michael Stack, Michael Jankowski, Ryan Hurshe, Aiden Robinson and Jacob Gusick. Assistant coaches are Dan Stoll, Rich Robinson and Scott Cumberland.


Livonia Stevenson High incoming senior Madison Maurier had a hole-in-one at the Whispering Pines Junior Open

## PRO BASEBALL

Beavers split with Unicorns in USPBL

## Marty Budne

The Birmingham-Bloom field Beavers and Utica Un weekend games, with each team winning by a $7-1$ score. The Beavers registered a 7-1
win July 24 after losing by win July 24 after losing by tha Despite the split, Birming-ham-Bloomfield continued to remain atop the United Shore Professional Baseban League
(USPBL) standings with a 17-10 record. The Eastside Diamond Hoppers are second at 12-12 while the Utica Unicorns are
third in the three-team inthird in the three-team in
dependent league at $9-16$. In the six-run victory over the Unicorns, the Beavers collected 12 hits and all nine one time.
one time.
Wilson began the offensive assault with a whopping three run, third-inning round trippe over the Chevrolet Pavilion
situated well beyond the left situated wall. It was his league-
field leading 10th home run and league-leading 24th RBI. two-run homer in the fourth and added another RBI in the fifth with a single. Martinez has a six-game hitting streak heading into
set of games.


Dan Kennon went 2-3 with a double and two runs scored. Randy Wy

## FIFTH PLAYER PROMOTED

 Dalton DiNatale recently be ome the fifth USPBL player to sign with a Major League DiNatale, who played first base for the Eastside Diamond Hoppers, was signed by the left-handed hitting infielder played college baseball at Arizona State University. The USPBL's earlier play-ers promoted to Major League programs were pitcher Ross Vrograms (St. Leouis Cardinals) and infielder Aaron Bossi (New York Yankees) from the
Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers, pitcher Chris McDonald (Pittsburgh Pirates) from the Diamond Hoppers and pitcher Evan Piechota (Pittsburgh
Pirates) from the Utica Uni corns.

## BUFORD

Continued from Page B 1
leyball first at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado and later as part of its Collegiate apolis.
"Meeting other players from around the country, being able to train at USA Volleyball and and-blue jersey was such an amazing feeling," Buford re-
 called. "It defispired me to not just settle
things. "I learned so much about
myself, about myself, about
volleyball and life in general. I'm excited to go back to try out again next February and se

Joyful attitude
When Buford talks, she does so with a joy that is impossible to miss. her volleyball career - albeit belatedly - with the Chiefs, sh is filled with nappiness about Minnesota.
"My first season with the Gophers was amazing," Bufor
said. "We finished third in the said. "We finished third in the
country, made it to the Final Fourt... My teammates and everyone were so great. Our relationship as a team was great one and a rare one.
"Everyone who is graduatin will be missed, I'll always have special place in my heart for Buford demonstrated last eason at Minnesota and this year with USA Volleyball that she is a front-row menace fo opponents, bringing an uncourt savvy.
She plays with consistency, not to mention a confidence in her ability that sometimes waned during her high school
career - because she was late to the volleyball party when compared with others who wer developed on club programs. I'm just having an overall
confidence, not doubting mysel (and) knowing I am able to compete with some of the best," Buford said. "In the game of
volleyball there's so much ad versity you face, and sometimes you may just have to deal with the cards that you're han ed and find a way to make it
"That was a really learning
key I found, different inefficiencies as different inefficiencies as a player were
brought to light. Just being to work on those. ... I've becom a lot more consistent."

## Worthwhile

The learning curve has bee steep but worthwhile for the daughter of Kevin Buford Sr. and Tamika Higgins. It should
be pointed out that Kayla Bube pointed out that Kayla
ford probably could have picked up the sport much soon er than she did. "My family just really love
sports and so sports and so I played every


Kayla Buford didn't start playing competitive volleyball until her sophomore year of high school.
thing under the sun," she said. "Like T-ball, baseball, soccer. I even tried basketball. Track an
field. Volleyball came around though." When Buford, whose older
brother Kevin was a football stalwart at Canton, decided to start playing volleyball with the
Chiefs, she was worried she'd Chiefs, she was worried she'd
let others down "There'd be times when people would get upset that I wasn't able to do things," she said. "I was still trying to learn
Buford was a quick study, ultimately playing a key role
for the Chiefs her junio for the Chiefs her junior year
(the team won the division title
with a 32-13-1 record) with 8 kills and 73 blocks. girls on my team and girls I played against were playing since they were 10 ," she said. There were a lot of tears, cry ing and frustrating moments but it finally came." senior season, instead playing for the Premier Volleyball Academy's 18-Onitsuka team. Standing about 5 -foot-11 as a
sophomore, Buford continued sophomore, Buford continued
to gain inches to her frame right up until her 2015 graduation. It was obvious to colle
the court as well, and verbally committed to play at Rutgers University.

## Perfect fit

But Buford subsequently became intrigued about playing for the Golden Gophers. pus, program and staff and everything about this school, she said, "It was a perfect fit happen." Meanwhile, Buford keeps working tirelessly to improve her game - especially knowing she fits right levels. "I started developing and there is still a lot of developing I
have left because I started late, have left because I started late,
trying to play catch-up," Buford trying to play catch-up," Buford
said. "But it's still enjoyable and something I love doing." Connecting the dots from late start to current success,
Buford figures it couldn't have Buford figures it couldn't have
happened any other way. happened any other way. "It was one of those things, at first I really didn't know how I felt about it," she said. "But I
love it now. "There were bumps and hiccups along the way, about what I wanted to do...I've
come to love it and I couldn't come to love it and couldnt amazing."
That's how many people no describe the ebullient Kayla

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| FAMILP TAO SUMMER |  |  | BERGIN <br> JOSEPH PATRICK "JoeJoe" 61, of Bonita Springs, Florida died July 23, 2016. Joe was born September 13, 1954 to Bernard Howard Bergin and Rosemary Dowsey Bergin. He was raised in South Lyo MI and lived for many years in Bonita Springs, FL. Known to have been mischievous loved sports and sharing time with the people around him. He is survived by his seven siblings, Paula (Ron) Kufner of Rochester Hills, MI, Julie (John) Milowe of Three Rivers MI, Gregory Bergin of Dexter, MI, Steven (Kaori) Bergin of Milford, MI, Theodore (Lorain Smalligan) Bergin of Lowell, MI, Daniel Bergin of Pinckney MI, and Peter (Carol) Bergin of Traverse City, MI; many nieces and nephews; and his Springs, FL. He is preceded in death by his father and be held at St. John Catholic Church, "little church" cemetery, Howell, MI at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August minute visitation immediately preceding the funeral service. for sports and at the request of his mother, a memorial athietic scholarship is being South Lyon High School. Please send contributions to any branch of FirstMerit Bank, c/o "FBO Joseph P Bergin Special Needs Trust" | KING | MAY |
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| Time/Date: 10 a m . 10 pm . <br> Saturday, Aug. 20 and 10 a.m.- 5 |  | PET-RRIENDL |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | JAMES McHATTON 90, died peacefully at home on Grand Traverse Bay in Eastport, Michigan , iust before dawn |
|  |  |  |  | BURT VERNON Passed away on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. He was 78 years old. |  |
|  |  |  |  | Burt was bornon August 5 ,1937 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the eldest of two sons born to John and Leah (SmithKing. Burt was suvived by |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Michigan, just before dawn. on July 28, 2016, surrounded by his adoring family. Born |
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| contac 6608 or 2307 |  |  |  | King. Burt was survived by his daughters, Debra (Pau) Cooney, Barbara (David) Baize and Lorie King; step-children, | University Liggett) on a full scholarship. Upon graduat |
|  |  |  |  | and Lorie King: step-children, <br> Kevin (Jackie) Daum and Michelle (Ron) Baliko; ten grandchildren two great- | he served in the Merchant Marines, on a run that took him to Iwo Jima and Okinawa. |
| Timerate $10.10 . m$ E. |  |  |  | grandchildren; two greatgrandsons; and his beloved brother, Gary King. Sadly, he was preceded in death by |  |
| Lecation Unity of |  |  |  |  | After VJ Day, he returned to civilian life and enrolled at University of Michigan in |
|  |  |  |  | was preceded in death by his wife, Penny (Haight) King. While in the Air Force, Burt married Mary Roberta Peeble | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ty gradu } \\ & \text { ked in } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  | married Mary Roberta Peebles and started his family. Burt worked for the city of Detroit. Burt enjoyed life. He had |  |
| Details |  |  |  |  | Jim worked in Chicago for a year before being drafted into the Army in 1950, to serve |
|  |  |  |  | Burt enjoyed life. He had many hobbies and interests including playing polo, sailing, traveling, playing golf, and | active duty as 1st Lieutenant in the occupying forces in Neu |
|  |  |  |  | traveling, playing golf, and skiing. He had been a memb of the Livonia Ski Club for many years. After retiring |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | to Detroit in 1951 and was married to Phyllis Chapel on |
| Contart |  |  |  | many years. After retiring. Burt lived in Sarasota, Florida for approximately 15 years before returning to Michigan |  |
|  |  |  |  | before returning to Michigan due to illness. He was loved by many and will be missed by his family and friends. | First Presbyterian Church, in Birmingham, MI. He was a successful business owner of |
|  |  |  | IETTENBACH |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | by his family and friends. The King Family will receive guests on Friday, August 19, | corporation for 32 years and retired in 1989, afterwards dividing his |
|  |  |  |  | 2016 from 3-8 p.m. at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington | time between Eastport, MI, Keowee Key in Salem, South Carolina, and Vail, Colorado. |
|  |  |  |  |  | Jim was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of FikPapids. Mi and Sino |
| Details Monthy prayer prase ${ }^{\text {and }}$ amortio sevice will |  |  |  | dquist Funeral Home on |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Elk Rapids, MI, and Seneca Presbyterian Church, in SC Predeceased by brother, |
|  |  |  |  | Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Memorial tributes may be directed to the American | Robert, Jr., Jim is surived by his beloved and loving fe of 63 yors Phyllis |
|  |  | SINGLE |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | daughters, Nancy (Richard), Cynthia and Barbara; sister, <br> Doris; brother, Myron; <br> grandchildren, Sarah, Rebekah |
|  |  |  | Chuck". Hettenbach, age 73 , of Spring Lake and Ft . Myers, Florida passed away |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | BELTOWSKI | (David), Joanne (Adam), David, and Theo; faithful dog, Spot; and by numerous |
|  |  |  |  | SARAH (CARBONE) A dog, Spot; and by numerous <br> nieces, nephews, and d dear <br> memorial service will be held friends. Jim was an avid skier <br> on Friday August 12th for <br> and goifer, loved tennis and  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | troit, Redford and Livonia a devoted husband and a <br> chigan. Sarah is survived and affectionate father  <br> and grandfather. He will be  |  |
|  |  |  |  | d step-daughter Joyce. grandchildren and seven eat-grandchildren. Memoria |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | laughter, with a positive outlook, who could always be depended on tor good advice |
| Contatt: 248.76.5.5\% |  |  |  | great-grandchildren. Memorial visitation, mass and luncheon will be held at St. Mary <br> Magdalen Catholic Church |  |
| HEARTE |  |  |  | Magdalen Catholic Church 2201 S Old US Hwy 23, Brighton MI 48114 beginning at 10 a.m. | and an encouraging word. And as long as he lived, there was always beer in the refrigerator. A private lakeside service with |
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|  |  |  |  |  | military honor guard is being held for the immediate family In lieu of flowers, a donation |
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|  |  |  |  |  | In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Jim's name to Arts in the Armed Forces AITAF, online at www.aitaf. |
|  |  |  |  | tribute | AITAF, online at www aitat. org, or to: AITAF, P.O. Box 20687, Brooklyn, NY 11202. |
|  |  |  | dod |  | Arrangements have been handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funera Homes. Please sign his online guestbook mortensenfuneralhomes.com |
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| (tan |  |  | Hettenbach of Spring Lake and Karyn Pinkston of Atlanta, GA: step-children, Scott |  |  |  |
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| PICNIC | Contate 313-408-364 |  | Nohidern:Krsisiana and |  | st, 2016 of his loving in the company of his loving family. Father of Auguste <br> (23), Xavier (21), Armelle (19), |
| $\begin{aligned} & 12: 30-1 \\ & \text { fool } 100 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | Aristotle (14), and Genevieve Taylor ( 10 ); son of Arlene and Eugene Taylor, brother of Kim Od'neal and ex-husband of Pontiac Catholic High School (1986) and was a graduate of Oakland University, A beloved father, artist and crattsmen, Ken was known for his sparkling smile and constantly positive demeanor. Memoria The Taylor Children Trust Fund, at BBCU 576 E. Lincoln, Birmingham MI 48009, 248-647-5958. |
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|  |  |  | Rev. Dr. Glenn M. Wagner officiating. Visitation to follow the service during a luncheon at the church. Memorial contributions in memoryof Chuck may be given to of Chuck may be given toHarbor Humane Society or the Elizabeth Curtis Dental Fund at the Grand Haven Community Foundation. Please sign thefamily's online guestbook at www.vbkfuneralhome.com |  |  |
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## Take steps toward better communication

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on almost any job advertisement posted today, and you will inevitably see some variation of this phrase: "strong communication skills." The ability to communicate effectively is an in-demand skill in any professional setting. In a 2014 CareerBuilder survey, employers named "effective communicator" among the 10 most important soft skills they look for in prospective employees. It isn't difficult to see why this skil is so highly regarded Poor communication in the workplace has bee shown to slow down productivity, hurt morale and even take a toll on business.
But while communication is one of the most crucial business skills a person can have, very few of us receive forma training for it. Whether youre new to the work force or have years of belt, taking steps to belt, taking steps to nication skills is always a worthwhile endeavor.

You will build stronger relationships with colleagues and clients and be more effective at your job as a result. Follow job as a result. Follow
these tips from career experts to become a be ter communicator.

## Err on the side

 of communicating too much. Commun cation is one of the few areas where less does not equal more. "There is no such thing as being too clear," says Meg O'Hara, a communications specialist with A . Bright Idea, a Californiabased public relations firm. "Practice overcommunicating in all instances and avenues to make sure your message is delivered."
## Know your

 audience. To be effective, it's important to understand that communication styles varyamong individuals "Most among individuals. "Mos of the conflicts I have seen in the workplace that are the result of poor communication municating in a way that municald want to be we would wa communicated with, as standing how the perso

we are interacting with wants to be communicated with," says James Sudakow, author of the book "Picking the ow-Hanging Fruit and Other Stupid Stuff We Say in the Corporate World."
Check in early and often. The best way to ensure that you are communicating Sudakow is simply to ask Sudakow has avoided Here is how saying, Here is how typically mork for you? If not that work for you? If not,
es?" Not only does this approach tell you what you need to know, but it shows you are consider ate of the other person.
Stay away from jargon. In the corporate world, certain companies, teams or industries have their own language - some thing we tend to forget when speaking with "outsiders." Be aware of any idiosyncratic terms corporate jargon and acronyms you may be ate an unnecessary boundary to communi
tion, Sudakow advises. Speak as generally and "normally" as possible.
Practice active listening. "The most important aspect of communication isn't actually speaking - it's listening, says Sabrina Balmick, a marketing manager firm Talent She says people talen. St says people often get so caught up in waiting they don't actually hear what the other person just said. To prevent that, try active listenin Paraphrase what you've
just heard to the speake and ask if you've understood correctly.

## Help them help

 you understand. you are having troub understanding what a olleague is trying to say ay, "I o you, understand O'Hara advises. Go further and try to identify exactly what it is that is confusing you. "This can avoid talking in circles and promotes a solution," O'Hara says. It can also help to ask open-ended questions to draw out more informaion, says Leigh Espy, a workforce-management expert who provides eadership advice on her blog, projectbliss.net. A question as simple as, Can you share more about that? not only invites others to elabora on their ideas, it also shows you are genuinely interested in what they have to say.Mary Lorenz is a writer for the Advice \& Resources section on CareerBuilder. com. She researches and writes about job-search strategy, career management, hiring trends and ment, hiring trends
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    Superheroes come in all shapes and sizes. Blake Wagner of Northville Township is only 3 ,
    but he's learning that lesson early. Blake, sister Reagan, 11 months, and their parents, Joe and Kellie Wag
    ner, were at a Hanging ner, were at a Hanging
    with Heroes gathering at the Plymouth Fire Station the morning of July 30. Detroit Moms Blog
    presented the familypriendly event with police and fire help. "So he could see the
    superheroes," dad Joe superheroes," dad Joe
    said of his son. "He love Spider-Man." The Wagners were visiting with Plymouth Police Officer Mark Far
    hat, who showed a patro vehicle. "The kids are great. They love it," said Farhat, a 15 -year law
    enforcement veteran enforcement veteran
    with $41 / 2$ years in in Ply with $4 / 2$ years in in Ply
    mouth. "This is much

