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Canton still faces money challenges

Despite 'terrific' audit, officials remain leery of future recovery

By Darrell Clem

Canton officials have reined in spending and boosted the general fund surplus, a new audit report shows, but local leaders say financial challenges still threaten a tenuous recovery. The latest report by Plante-Moran, an outside auditing firm, showed gener-al fund spending fell from \$25.7 million

to \$2.4 million for a one-year period ending last Dec. 31, while the unreserved surplus spiked from \$3.8 million to \$4.6 million. Buoyed by the numbers and a glowing report card from Plante-Moran, township officials still warned against a celebratory mood as Canton faces rising health care expenses, still-weak property tax revenues and flat state-shared revenue.

"We still need to be careful over the next few years," Finance Director Wendy Trumbull said Tuesday evening, after Plante-Moran unveiled the latest adult report during a Canton Township Board of Trusteess meeting.

Boar

Canton continued a two-decade streak of excellence in financial report-ing auditors found, and Plante-Moran gave the township the highest possible rating, known in industry terms as an "unqualified opinion." Swartz placed Canton "near the top, if not the top" among Michigan commu-nities for its financial position and de-veloping a long-range blueprint to

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CREATIVE THINKING

Hoben camp lays STEM foundation

By Brad Kadrich

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Inipersonal Brandon Domas of Canton doesn't care
much for green beans (although he admits to liking
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"It sounded cool," Ty said. "I watched a bunch of videos on You-Tube and I wanted to come. I've always wanted to invent things that will make people's lives easier." It's the kind of inventive drive teachers and camp volunteers were trying to encourage all week. Ho-

See CAMP, Page A2

Man accused of hitting wife with truck

Also smashes Mustang and damages condo in rampage

By Darrell Clem

A 54-year-old Canton man is ac-cused of striking his wife with a Ford F-155 pickup truck outside Ford F-155 pickup truck outside the back of a Mustrang parked in their garage and partially pushing it into the residence, officials said. The victim, S8, was taken to a hospital for injuries Fire Chief Josh-ua Meiert described as non-life-Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said police received a call shortly after 7 pm. Wednesday as the domestic dispute unfolded at the Preserve on Fellows Creek, a condo-minium complex near Palmer and "Neighbows haved the missing the con-

Lotz roads. "Neighbors heard the victim

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Absentee ballots should hit mail July 2

By Darrell Clem



week, township clerk Terry Bennett saw, were processing them now and "We are processing them now and the post office by July and July Bennett said. They are coming in daily," Bennett said. They are coming in daily, "Bennett said (primary elections)."

Voters still have time to request an absentee ballot application by calling 734-934-5120, going to the clerk so office at the Canton Administration of the post of the



OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

Canton cops seize stolen liquor, pot while searching home

By Darrell Clem

A pair of siblings investi-gated by Canton police for stealing liquor from a local grocer apparently had a taste for Bombay gin and

grocer apparently had a taste for Bombay gin and Hennessy cognac.

their 20s, were suspected of stealing liquor from the Holiday Market on Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Baugh said.

The suspects opened the door for police and cooper-ated during the investiga-

about for pointe and cooper-tion.

"Three detectives went over there and got confes-sions from one lady and her brother." Baugh self.

"And mitted she had stolen liquor several times from Holiday Market and her brother confessed to fewer inci-dent to the stolen liquor several times from Holiday Market and her brother confessed to fewer inci-dent to the stolen liquor several times from Holiday Market and her brother creatistic and the stolen liquor retail fraud charges after the Wayne County Prose-cutor's Office reviews the case. Police issued a misel-suspect to appear in 35th District Court.

Plymouth's Hill set for last parade hurrah

Back in the mid-1990s, when the Plymouth Jaycees were organizing the annual Plymouth Jaycees were organizing the annual Plymouth Fourth of July parade, mouth Fourth of July parade, mouth Fourth of July parade, and the July parade with the July parade and the July parade at a Line When it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at a Line when it was head to a few the July parade at Line parade at Line

going to be yet, out it is sure a infind one."
Hill got involved in the parade at a time when it was held at 1 pm., making it difficult to draw big crowds. Soon after.
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Rechristened the Good Morning USA parade and uSA parade

given the parade a huge enter-tainment value to the community. There's a lot of detail that goes into that. continuing that goes into that. continuing that goes into that. continuing that be the biggest challenge."

In addition to leaving the parade, Hill takes his Birefease Pull Team on its final tour, but the parade, Hill takes his Birefease Pull Team on its final tour, but the parade, Hill takes his Birefease to yet the pull takes his Birefease but the parade. After more than 30 years, the team, which has drawn national attention and marched in the team, which has drawn national attention and marched in the team, which has drawn national attention and marched in the peranea at the 2015 Pymouth parade.

New York, makes its last ap-pearance at the 2015 Pymouth parade and the 2015 Pymouth Good Morning USA parade.

"And, said Hill, a Detroit Tri-gers fan, "hopefully a World Schollenger of the parade of the 2015 Pymouth Ard, said Hill, a Detroit Tri-gers fan, "hopefully a World Schould and the "be on the forth (hole) in Naples Perbruary, Hill said, will do a great job.

"Il don't think I can just do it a little bit. I have to let it go, "and "and Tim absolutely go-ing to miss it. But I'll find something else."

CAMP

Continued from Page AI finding different ways to fuel them.

"We try to incorporate real fire with what they re learning the with what they re learning the strength of the st

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BALLOTS

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percent and 22 percent,
she said.
Bennett also reminded
potential new voters they
percent and they work they
register. They may get an
application to register
from the clerk's office,
any Secretary of State
office or by going onlinos
and looking under the
Elections in Michigan tab.
Bennett said voters
during the primary
should remember to stick
with one politicals with
the primary is for political
parties to select their
ber general election.
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Instructor Jason Lupescu advises Ty Bahnka and Brandon Domas in their efforts to design a machine that turns bad food (like green beans) into good food (candy). PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Gustavo Gallegos built a propeller-driven



TRUCK

screaming that he was trying to kill her," Baugh said. The suspect, described as intoxicated, was taken into cus-tody at the scene. Charges were pending Friday with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, police said. A police is.

police said

A police investigation indicated the suspect struck his
wife and then hit the back of the
Mustang, pushing it through a
wall of the condo until the front
wheels were inside the residence, Baugh said.

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said.

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said.
Canton paramedics treated the victim and transported her to a hospital, Meier said.
Baugh said it wasn't immediately known what had triggered the argument.

AUDIT

guide spending.
"The audit opinion is rock solid," he said.
Even so, Trumbull, Supervisor Phil Laloy and other pervisor Phil Laloy and other efforts to forecast multi-year budgets still point to troubling signs on the horizon as the township faces rising costs and Tragile revenues. One of the biggest challenges in-the budgets can be presented to acre personer as a growing number of employees join the retiree ranks.

Audit snapshots
Plante-Moran associate
Kristin Hunt led Canton officials through a series of financial data Tuesday.

« Canton property tax revenues, which lag two years
behind assessment increases,
declined 2.1 per



almost flat this year before potentially increasing 2 percent in 2015 and 3 percent in 2016.

Conton's taxable value isn't expected to return to 2007 levels until 2019 - still grim, but three years sooner than what auditors had once projected.

n Canton's combined mill-age rate for the general, po-lice and fire funds has re-mained at 10.4 mills since 2010, when the township board approved a 1.75-mill tax hike for police and fire services.

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Baracy reflects on years leading W-W

By Sue Mason

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When Greg Baracy turns
off the lights and closes the
door to his office Monday, it
will mark the and of a 41-year
educational career that started in the classroom and ended
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land Community Schools to his
successor, Michele Harmala,
and head into retirement
knowing that with the help of
a "great group of individuals"
century school district prepared to make its students
college- and career-ready.
"I've never had the time to
reflect on what retirement
would look like," Baracy said,
years and worked with a great
group of people focused on
taking care of our children
and never looked back."
Before Baracy took over,
Wayne-Westland had had three
spin-



Retiring Superintendent Greg Baracy talks about his time with the district.

years. Board members didn't bother with a search, instead they asked Baracy, a deputy superintendent, to take the job. He was hired by the school board in June 1997,

putting an end to the revolving door on the superintendent's office.

His first thought after say-ing yes was, "Oh my God, will I be able to make it three

years?"
"I never aspired to be su-perintendent, but the board saw something in me that I didn't," he said. "It all worked for the better."

me."
He started his teaching career in 1973 in adult education, then in the spring of 1974

Bird Elementary teacher goes the 'Extra Mile'

By Brad Kadrich

Tuesday night by the board. "This woman is remarkable." Binders aid of Burnsstein. "You walk past her classroom and you hear her talking or singing or doing whatever her bears. But he was a single of the work of the walk o

derstanding of what's going on in (Burnstein's) classroom, "In Burnstein's) classroom, "Barrett said.

Burnstein's own daughters attended Bird before she ever started teaching there and she was impressed with the staff then. When an opening to teach at Bird came around, Burnstein jumped at it. "When I had my own the tel luckiest parent," Burnstein said. "This school had the most amazing staff of teachers. I told myself if I could be a fraction as good as my now-colleagues, I do be pretty good. They inspire me."



Board of Education Trustee John Barrett presented Bird School teacher Jayne Burnstein with the district's Extra

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Performers kick off summer of fun at Plymouth library

School-age kids in this year's Summer Reading Program were treated Thesday, June 24, to performances by June 24, to performances symouth District Library. The Plymouth library is also offering summer reading fun for younger children, teems and adults. On Investay, The Public Commodate busy schedules. This very interactive, and of Cirque Amongus offers, and on Investage and Investage a

website.
The performances were funded by the Michigan Humanities Council and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, as well as the local Friends of the Library.
Programs continue through August and these well the programs continue through the continue through the council for the council f

Library.
Programs continue through
August and there's still time



to register online at ply-mouthlibrary.org. The school-age theme is Fizzl Boom! Read! For young readers and teens, there are many activ-ities at the library this sum-mer to enhance the reading



skills from sliding in the sum-mer, Champagne said. Fun is also a big part of the library initiative.

The Plymouth library can be reached at 734-453-0750, ext. 5 for kids, ext. 4 for teen and adult questions.

BARACY

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landed his first full-time job in the Dearborn School District.
He was hired on a handshake by the principal of Edeel Ford teacher, had had Barney's mother in class at Fordson High school.
He might have spent his entire career with Wayne-called two days for lotter the career with Wayne-called two days foo late. He had to honor his commitment to the Dearborn schools.
He did join Wayne-West-land in 1957, working first as a more considered and in 1957, working first as a forder of vocational education and deputy superintendent before accepting the superinted wayne-westland was the district with the highest mill-age rate in the state. Confu-

sion over Proposal A, which changed how school districts changed how school districts rejection of a lornill renewal levy that had a drastic effect on the new per-pupil foundation allowance and plunged the district into a defricit.

Barray dug in his heels and Barray dug in his heels and Barray dug in his heels and the district into a defricit unally agetting an additional \$8 million in enhanced school aid to offset the loss. One his prize possessions is a photograph taken with Gov. John Engler when he signed into law the when he signed into law the come known as the Wayne-Westland Inaquage, which brought an additional \$80 million until it was discontinued by Gov. Rick Snyder two years ago.

by Gov. Rick Supue: 1807, ago.
Baracy worked with state
Sen. Lorne Bennett and a few
other influential people in
Lansing to get the language
approved.
"It took 3% years to convince the state; one of three or
four highlights for me was
getting the restoration of that

milage," he said. "I worked relentlessly and talked with everyone I could. The most influential legislators aren't from this area, but I was able influential legislators aren't from this area, but I was able inficant hardship Wayne-Westland experienced because of the confusing message about Proposal A." as he's been pre-And even as he's been pre-And even as he's been pre-Milagorial with the proposal A." as he's been pre-Milagorial with the proposal with th

ey back for Wayne-Westland.

Other highlights

His other highlights include passage of a \$105 million bond Wayne-Westland schools into 21st century facilities and the passage and renewal of a sinking fund that has helped the district add state-of-the-art athletic facilities and expanded elementary schools to make the property of the

their investment immediately and for years to come. I think we've done that:

we've done that:

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Baraey looks on it as part of doing business. Unfortunately, the strategy backfried, many teacher strike in 2008, but Baraey looks on it as part of doing business. Unfortunately, the strategy backfried, many the strategy backfried, many care to stand the strategy backfried, many and the strategy backfried, many are because the teachers "took such radical action."

And if there is a low point, it would have the closing of such that the strategy backgride in 1993 and then again in 2010, when six elementary schools were closed and the turned.

"Parents don't like closing schools, they don't like their kids changing schools, "he dand most difficult time."

Baraey admits that today's Wayne-Westland doesn't look like the one he took over in 1997. The curriculum has been updaled, the classrooms are

filled with the latest technology and students can take classes online and earn college charges on the state Blue Ribbon exemplary elementary schools — Edison in Westland and Walker-Winter in Canton—and a host of Golden Apple—and he schools are discontined to the control of the schools of the schools of the schools of the schools of the school of the school beard to move the school beard to school

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Look 10 years younger in one hour 'The Hour Lift' facelift now most popular cosmetic procedure — lasts for 10 years

66The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient."

Dr. Eric Seiger Skin & Vein Center in Fenton

By Sally Rummel

She eats right, she works out and takes care of herself every day. She wants her face to reflect this same youthful vitality that the rest of her body shows.

reflect this same youthful vitality that the rest of her body shows.

That's why one local 69-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is in the pre-op area of the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for "The Hour Lift," a mini-facelit procedure that's becoming more and more popular.

"We've been doing these for about 15 years, but they've become much more mainstream now since makeover shows on TV began to glamorize them about 10 years ago," said Dr. Eric Seiger, board certified dermatologist and cosmetic surgeon. "It's not a 'taboo' thing anymore." Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each 86 years old. "I'd say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 per-cent of my patients are women. The results will last

between five and 10 years, depending upon the

between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient."

If the patient of the patient of the patient of the patient of the patient patient patient patient patient is that The Hour Lift movies cutting the skin and tightening the facial muscles. The then moving the facial muscles. The areas primarily improved by a facelist are the jowls, checks and neck. There's a huge difference in recovery time and price. "It's the difference between a three-day recovery and a two-week commitment," said Dr. Seiger. The price is also a huge factor in a person's decision to undergo this procedure. Dr. Seiger says he used to charge \$3.800, and he cut the price to \$2.900 when the economy changed a couple of years ago. A full facelith will cost between \$6.000 and \$15.000 — depending upon the scope of the procedure. These elective cosmetic procedures are not covered by insurrance.

insurance

"The number one thing that patients say to me is, 'I don't want to look 20 years old again. I just want to look in the mirror and be able to look as good as I feel inside. I want to feel refreshed," and Dr. Seiger.

For the 69-year-old patient who was waiting for her procedure, The Hour Lift was not only for her own self-esteem, but also for her success will be a supported to the self-esteem that the self-esteem was waited to the work of the self-esteem that all appearance will date sy some sours of an all this is how we get measured for our success."





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O: What happens before the procedure?
A: Prior to surgery, you may be given a medication to he anesthesia is then administered to minimize discomfort.

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At A short incision is made in front of the ear. The surgeon gently lifts the tissues under the skin, renoving any extra skin. The surgeon re-drapes the overlying skin, leaving the patient winkle-free with a firmer, more youthful

Q: How long will the results last?

Q: Can I talk to anyone who has had the procedure?

A: The Skin and Vein Center can arrange for a contact with someone who had the procedure and agrees to speak to prospective patients.









A patient is prepped for a mini-facelift at the Skin & Vein Center in Fenton. Dr. Eric Seiger is assisted by nurse Amy Sowers and resident physician Kate Johnson.

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County sets traps to monitor West Nile virus

Wayne County's Environ-mental Health Division has begun its annual mosquito monitoring program to detect the presence of West Nile's rus in Wayne County commu-nites. The initiative, funded through a grant from the Michigan Department of com-munities of the most of the early warning system for WNV infection, which can be spread to humans by mosqui-toes.

spread to humans by mosqui-toes, income began June 16 of an alleast, through September, when the risk of infection is highest. Mosquito traps have been set in the 42-community Wayne County Public Health jurisdiction touside Detroity, including the Downver area, Garden City, and Insker. One hundred mosquito samples from these traps will be tested and monitored by the Wayne County health departed three-month summer period. Wayne County's Department of Public Services, in-

cluding the divisions of Pacilities Management, Parks, Roads and Water Quality Management, are also assisting in the 2014 prevention efforts. Mosquito larvicide will be county properties and storm water catch basins at maintenance yard facilities to eliminate breeding pools the properties of the pro

season."

Individuals age 50 and over are at greater risk of being sickened by West Nile virus and all residents are advised to avoid exposure to mosquitoes and their bites. In 2013, nine individuals became ill and one died in the Wayne County



health department jurisdiction. The virus reached epidemic proportions nationwide in 2003 and most recently in 2012. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-

and your family can "fight the bite," visit waynecounty.com/ hhs/WestNile.htm, cdc.gov/ westnile or call Wayne Coun-ty's West Nile virus hotline at 734-727-7445.

Greenville College

Maria Koppelberger of Canton graduated May 25 from Greenville (III.) Col-lege. Koppelberger graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish, international and cross-cultural studies.

Providence College

Providence College Marriana Marcarelli, a resident of Ann Arbor, and a member of the class of 2014, has been named to the deans flist at Providence College for the spring 2014 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, and the college for the spring 2014 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, and the college for the spring 2014 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, and the college for the spring 2014 semester. To qualify the college for the spring 2014 semester and the college for th

University of lowa
Emma Buchele of Canton
has been named to the University of lowa's dean's list
for the 2014 spring semester.
Undergraduate students

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Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering and the
Thypic College of Business
who achieve a grade-point
average of 3.50 or higher on
of graded course work during a given semester or summer session and who have no
semester hours of I (incomplete) or O (in grader ciporter are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for
that semester.
Siena Heiribts.

Siena Heights

Siena Heights
Siena Heights University
recently announced its
dean's and academic
achievement lists for the
winter semester 2014.
Canton residents making
the dean's list included criminal justice major Cynthia
Bradford, physical therapy
assistant major Aldi Dushku, occupation of the properties of the
major Tymtia Stone and
social work major Brittany
social work major Brittany

Thornton.
Canton residents making the achievement list including the control of t

Robert Morris University congratulated Madelyn E. Betts of Canton for being named to the spring 2014 dean's list. Betts is majoring in marketing.

Canton Farmers Market promises busy Sunday

Canton Farmers Market
Manager Than Lloyd has announced a flurry of activities
from 9 am. to 1 p.m. Sunday at
rom 10 am. to 1 p.m.
House from 10 am. to 1 p.m.
House from 10 am. to 1 p.m.
Have information and a display
of an herb garden. Visitors are
encouraged to stup by with
garden questions.
One Foul to the sunday at
to noon.

The Spotlight Players will
be at the market with a free
drawing for thefets to see
The ater. The drawing takes
Place at the end of the market.

The Canton Public Library
hosts story time from 10:30
am. to noon. Also the bouncer

is available for children,
weather permitting.

» Vendors include Jen's
Gournet Dressing, Xiong's
Gournet Jen's
Include strawberries, spinach,
garlic, take, rhubarh, scallons,
radish, herb plants, vegetable
garden plants, potted and
hanging plants.

» Food includes honey, granolls, burbecut sunces, pasta
ings, marinades, meat, farm
eggs, haked goods, frozen falafel mix, garlic sauce, artisan
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This year's pie-eating contest at Livonia Spree saw a rash of returning champions are shown to the contest of t



Michael Fowler competes; Chris for see her son do so well at the contest one year removed. Year the contest one year removed year the contest one year removed year the contest one year the year of the contest of the

amount of flaky crust in the pie in.

He came into the Brighthouse Networks tent at the Spree with confidence and walked away victoriously. Afterward, he said he knew he would win all along.

"I just did it with pure power and aggression," he said. "I'm very talented at his said." I'm very talented at his series of the said. "I'm very talented at his piece. Seven, year-old Saide Vesseler of Livonia took home the top prize in the 7- and 8-year-old division. Pie-eating may

be something that runs in her family's blood: her mother, Carrie Yessler, won last year's adult heat.

"I'm passing down my "gitt," Carrie Yessler, won last year's adult heat.

"I'm passing down my "gitt," Carrie Yessler said."We fait," Carrie Yessler said."We fait," Carrie Tessler said. "We fait," Carrie Tessler said with the 9- and 10-year-old division. He spent the entire minute concentrating on eating in order that mad may have for the fait of the fait o

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Yessler took first place in her age group. BILL BRESLER | STAFF



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I-96 construction a nightmare for nearby businesses, residents

By narion A. Walker
General Median
Redford Township resident
David Nagy would rather stay
home than battle the mindnumbing maze of clogged
roads and detours that has
become a part of daily life
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"We try to leave the house
as little as possible ... We feel
almost like prisoners," said
Nagy, who with his family
lives on a street near the highway, just across Schoolcraft.

From motorists forced to
maneurer around the sevenmile stretch to local businesses
forced to watch their clientel
disappear, October can't get
here quick enongh. Tales'
county's busiest arteries —
from Telegraph to Newburgh —
is scheduled for completion.

The \$550 million overhaud
and ramps, adding new overhead lighting and updating or
replacing about three dozen
bridges.

The old road is now piled in

head lighting and updating or replacing about three dozen bridges.

The old road is now piled in pieces throughout the seven-mile stretch, with some content of the content of the replacing on the new road, said Diane on the new road, said Diane on the new road, said Diane Cross, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Transportation. The work is on schedule, so the concrete has been poured, along with number of ramps, out of about 56 alne miles of roadway (four lanes in each direction.) Two bridges that of the content of t



Michigan Department of Transportation spokeswoman Diane Cross said the agency is doing what it can to ease traffic woes, from posting detours to adjusting the timing of traffic signals to keep vehicles moving. MDDT also has taken to social media to keep the public updated on the 1-96 project_lasead_betweeskoll_GANN_

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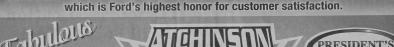
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of Budweiser and Bud Light for \$9.96, with the change displayed in the interstate sign. "I keep telling myself ris about halfway over," Denha said. "We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad." We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad." We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad." We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggressiad." We're offering aggressiad. "We're offering aggres

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One bridge along the 1-96 project is governing a product nade right down her road. Livonia-based AlphaUSA has provided contractors working on the seven-mile, \$148 million project with 1-96 million project with 1-96 million project with 2-96 million project size with 2-96 million projects is Using DN on projects is Us



d AlphaUSA on the Melvin Street bridge as a part of the I-96 recor ew product was installed.

Could be used across state

Jeff Horne, an engineer with the Michigan Department of Transportation, said while there's no mandate the state demands contractors find local products for their projects, any attempt to use materials from the community is seen as a plus.

If a local product me is right, contractors are encouraged to use those materials. Construction on the free-way, which has been closed between Telegraph and Newburgh since early April, is

ce in Michigan where AlphaUSA's ne still on scholdule. Home said. He said the freeway is still he said the freeway is still he said the freeway is still not all the said that the said that no later than October. AlphaUSA began in 1957 in Detroit and moved to several locations before settling in Livonia in 1969. The company people at its Livonia facility. Lawrence said the DNAs were also installed on another state trunk line last week, along the furum X-21 route in Ottawa Courry near Lake in Ottawa Courry near Lake in Ottawa Courry near Lake in Grand River on the route, which is expected to be com-pleted by 2016.

With the construction on the bridge on that route, Law-rence said several hours of work on the facets were elim-inated with AlphaUSA's prod-

inated with AlphaUSA's prod-uct.
Horne said AlphaUSA ap-proached the contractors, offering the parts as a dona-tion to try then out. They have worked out well so far, Horne said, which could lead to wider use in state projects. He said it could lead to as contraction of the said it could be a procedures.
One of the biggest factors would probably be cost, Horne said: "They're more

expensive, but they do save on time."
Lawrence said once AlphaUSA heard about the 1-96
chapta CSA heard about the 1-96
cago, it was the company's goal to receive approval from the state and approach the contractors, CA Hull and Dan's Excavating, about trying out its product just down the road ters.

trom its Grendae neadquar-ters.
"It was very important to us. We knew we had a product that could be used on state highways," he said. "We had a mission to get this product on that project. We're thrilled that we made that happen."



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cancer had lit up the PET
scan — dense black
splotches throughout her
lungs and arms and abdomen and neck and
chest.

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The doctor was talking. Grim, horrible statistics. Theatment. Experimental medicine.

Grand hadn't heard much after "six" and "months."

She interrupted: "Do you know of anyone else who has survived this cancer?" She cringed at the sound of her own did not show the sound of the sound

"It's the first question every time: 'Are you a smoker?' It's almost ac-cusatory," she said. "It



Mary Jo Grand of Garden City has late stage lung cancer and now works to raise money for research and other patients. KATHLEEN GALLIGAN | GANNETT MICHIGAN based nonprofit that raises funds for lung cancer research. But the more proxi-mate reasons for her continued fight for oth-

made me cry in the be-ginning. It's hard enough to get the diagnosis, let alone facing those who give you that 'I'll-take-my-compassion-else-where' look."

Sharing her story
By the time Grand
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The Bonnie J. Addaris Foundation works to raise awareness of lung cancer, boost early detection and raise funds for research toward better treatment. It website also offers information to patients and loved ones and offers interesting the streaming support groups and workshops. Go to lungscarefoundation.org. Lungseity, another foundation raising awareness and Lungseity, another foundation raising awareness and Lungseity, another foundation raising awareness and Michagen this year— two SK walks and a fashion show. Visit lungseity org.

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Travis Grand, now an advertising copy editor. Amber Grand collapsed to her knees, sobbing. think that getting the diagnosis is bad." Thy telling the mess to your kids. Then, that's when it's really, really bad. It was the hardest hing I've done my entire life."

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The nightmare began when — as she hurriedly showered on the way to meet friends and watch her daughter sing the national anthem for a kent of the company of the

Just Cant," she said
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desk in early September
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after a series of tests.
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Days later, Tom and Mary Jo, in fact, were in the doctor's office, the results of a biopsy confirming the worst.

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annual JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge was canceled due to bud-get cuts by finding a way to make it happen on their own.
With the help of the Michigan National Guard, they were able to participate in their own JCLC at Fort Custer in Battle Creek, conducting training for three days



ized that training to find points in the woods with only a map and a com-

only a map and a com-pass.
While on the course, they faced an incoming thunderstorm and they quickly had to use the land navigation skills to find their way our and back the starting point. They also completed a confidence course where they used their abilities to conquer the obstacles in front of them, whether it was low crawling un-

der wire or climbing over inclined walls. "Each evening, half the cadets slept in Army barracks and the other half experienced a biv-ouac, sleeping in pup tents in the wild," Dean said. "They cooked s'mores and had a talent

show the night before w returned and we saw comedy, singing and even some skits." And if that wasn't enough, the cadets had the chance to go on a road march for an hour, carrying a rucksack weighing more than 35



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Ground broken on long-awaited Northville development

Schostak Brothers and Co. Chief Executive Offi-cer David Schostak an-nounced at the Northville Park Place groundbreak-ing that it already has a number of business com-mitments to help fill the future development, including Chipotle and Grante City Food and Brewery.

Grante City Food and Brewery. Held Wednesday morning at the southwes corner of Haggerty and Seven Mile roads, the ceremony took place while nearby workers were under way prepar-ing the site for the sec-commendation of the sec-tor of the joint venture be-tween Livonia-based Schostak Brothers and Bloomfield Hill-based REI Investment Group, Inc.

REI Investment Inc.

It's been a long journey for the 82 acres,
from being covered in
trees as part of the
Northville State Regional
Psychiatric Hospital to
almost being annexed by
Livonia to planners
reaching an agreement



Developer David Schostak (far left), REI Investment's Gregg Orley (right of Schostak) and many others joined in the groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday at the Schostak property in Northille Township at Seven Mile and Haggerty. JOHN HEIDER ISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

with Northville Township to make it into a vibrant, tax-generating mixed commercial site. "A couple of thoughts

come to mind as we sit down here and one is all great things are worth waiting for and patience is a virtue," Schostak said



an artist's rendering of Northville Park Place, a mixe ommercial site at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in lorthville Township.

According to Schos-tak, businesses that have signed leases thus far include Granite City Food and Brewery, Rusty Bucket, Sherwin Wil-liams, Burgerff, Chipotle and Jimmy John's. Other opportunities are currently in negotia-tions as well, he said. The Phase II portion is located on the northeast

22 acres of the 82-acre property owned by Schostak. The CEO said the development will open in spring 2015 and include 65,000 square feet of retail and restau-rants.

feet of retail and restau-rants.

The location will fea-ture water ponds with floating fountains, an elevated waterfall, wal-se and outdoor seating, area and outdoor seating, throughout the property, with a wide variety of perennials, ornamental grasses and flower fea-tures planted.

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to open in the coming weeks. Schostak emphasized that what brought this plan together was coopen private entities. He said the partners ship with Northville! Township will eventually assist in clearing the old psychiatric hospital proping that are nothing but an eyesore and impediment in making that a park. Some of the tax reve-

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ever seen. "Mud Day is a fun

Robert Ficano said.
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charge into the mud at 11 an.

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mud. Parents are also ad-

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Kesler on the move, flies to Ducks

Livonian traded by Canucks in NHL draft day deal

The lure of winning a Stan-ley Cup has Livonia native Ryan Kesler changing teams for the first time in his NHL

tor the first time in his NHL career.

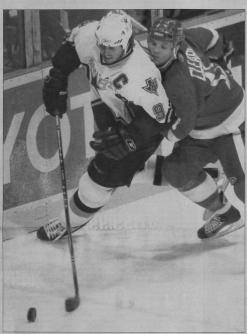
The 29-year-old star center, who spent his entire 10-year career with the Vancouver Canucks, waived his no-trade clause Friday on the eve of the NHL Draft as he was acquired by the Anaheim Ducks for center Nick Bonino, defense-

the trainers, my teammates and friends, and of course the and friends, and of course the Twitter account. "Nothing but nice things to say about the city and team. Very excited to be joining the Anaheim Ducks and have a quest for the cup."

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Westland native Mike Modano (left) played for both the Dallas Stars and Minnesota North Stars. He also

Modano enters as first-ballot Hall of Famer

Westland native played 22 NHL seasons

By Brad Emons

Soft Worter

He's come full-circle, all the
way from his days growing up
as a youth in Westland.

Mike Modano is among six
new inductes who will be
enshrined Nov.17 in Toronto
into the Hockey Hall of Fame,
the Heyers old Modano,
Ster player, is the top
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PITCHER PERFECT

MLB-sponsored skills contest at Comerica Park brings out best in Canton youngsters at Pitch, Hit & Run event

By Tim Smith

Forget Verlander and Scherzer, they've got nothing on Canton's Luke Janack and Ben Brandt. Well, actually they do. But one could excuse Luke, 10 and Ben, 8, from feeling sky-high about their own skills after each won the recent Team Championships in their respective age division at Comercia Park in the Major

League Baseball-sponsored Pitch, Hit & Run Contest. "He's pretty excited, it was "He's pretty excited, it was "He's pretty excited, it was brandt said about Ben's reaction to competing on a big league field. "It was cool just to be at Comerica Park and be able to pitch from (near) the pitcher's mound and stuff like pitcher's mound and stuff like high pitcher's mound high pitcher's mound high pitcher's mound high pitcher's high pitcher's mound high pitcher's high pitcher

Having finished first in their respective age brackets

in the PHR local and sectional championships (held at East-ern Michigan University's Oestrike Stadium), Luke and Ben — who both attended Workman Elementary School in 2013-14 — qualified for the Detroit Tigers-hosted competitive of the Competitive of the Competitive of the Competitive Oracle (held of the Competitive O

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Luke Janack (left) and Ben Brandt, both of Canton, won their respective age division at the recent Pitch, Hit & Run contest at Comerica Park. Both will find out Sunday if they qualified for the national competition slated for MLB All-Star Game week at Target Field in Minneapolis.



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Whalers' GM Craig says: Let NHL draft chips fall

Some of the Plymouth Whalers players that Mark Craig inherited from Mike Vellucci when the Whalers players that the Order of the Whalers was the Whalers with the Whalers was the Whalers was

draft.
"I'm excited for the kids," Craig said during a telephone interviewe before Physics to Philose defended and the second of the control of the control

goaltender, Alex Newey, kovic.
He is rated as the fourth-best North Amer-ican goaltender by NHL Central Scouting Bureau and many prognostica-tors figure he will be drafted in the second round, although a selec-tion in the first round is



New Plymouth Whalers general manager Mark Craig says the NHL draft is exciting, but unpredictable. RENA LAVERTY

not out of the question.

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However, NHL teams sometimes hold off on early in the difference of the control of the contro

Possibilities loom

Possibilities loom Several other Whalers also are good bets to land with NHL clubs, namely defensemen Alex Peters, Josh Wesley and wingers Connor Chatham and Matt Mistels and Connor Chatham both have a great oppor-tunity," Craig said. "Pe-ters, I think, has the leadership ability that

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we love. I could see him going early, also because he's big and strong. "Connor Chatham is another one. With Mis-tele, I hope somebody realizes that last year' was an anomaly and he's a much better player realizes that last year was an anomaly and h a much better player than people may have thought."

a much better player than people any have the player than people any have the player than people and player the player. He sa so there is a so knock for Wesley. "He's another kid I hought, just last year when I was watching the with Mike Vellucu's and Don (Elland, the new Whalers head coach), I thought showed great improvement, "Craige-ond half of the season, Josh Wesley probably made as much improvement as amybody we have been as a mybody we have been as well as well as a mybody we have been as a mybody we have been as well as well as a mybody well as a mybody

KESLER

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Being strong down the middle is crucial in the because the champion Los Angeles Kings have four quality centrers in Anne Kopitar, Joff Carter, Anne Kopitar, Joff Carter, Richards. The Kings are a physical team and Kes-ler's presence adds prickings to the Ducks of 10 points in 25 playoff games as the Canucks lost to the Boston Bruins in the seventh and deciding means at the Canucks Last season, Kesler finished with 25 goals and Bassistis in 7 games as the Canucks and the playoffs. That followed an injury-plagued 2012-13 season that included the NHL lockout in which he ap-

Despite being traded to a team within his own division, Kesler was add-ed to help offset the Kings' depth down the middle during the play-

Nings depth down the playmiddle during the playmiddle during the playin Tonically, the Ducks posted their best regular season in franchise history to go along with a
Pacrific Division title, but the season ended with a
second-round exit against the Kings aquiring Kesler, the Ducks will have a
proven second line center
behind Getzlaf, the team
captain and runner-up for
the Hart Trophy, Kesler
has two remaining years
and \$10 million left on his
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"I'm going to Anaheim to win a championship," Kesler told the Associa-tion Press. "That's going to be my sole goal and my team's sole goal."

MLB SKILLS

competition and will find out Sunday afternoon on the MLB Network wheth-er they are PHR national finalists.

The live announcement will take place between 3-4 p.m. Sunday during the MLB Tonight program. Results also program with the sunday of the work of the work of the work of the sunday of the sunday of the work of the sunday of the sunday

troit Tigers deliver their pitches.

If either or both get the nod (the top three scores nationwide in each age group will be invited to the national Target Field in Minneapolis for the ultimate PHR competition — not to mention being allowed to shag fly balls on the field during the Home Run Derby.

Run Derby.
With four boys divisions and four girls divisions, only 24 youngsters from around the country will get that opportunity July 14.

Fun surprise Mary-Grace Brandt said it was exciting to

"He's pretty excited, it was pretty cool. It was cool just to be at Comerica Park and be able to pitch from (near) the pitcher's mound and stuff like

crazy; how many kids can say they've done that?"

that. That's

MARY-GRACE BRANDT mother of Ben Brandt, Pitch Hit & Run champion from Canton

find out two of the Comerica Park division winners hall from Canton and were school-mates, too. This fail, to Pioneer Middle School for sixth grade. In addition, both paly for the Blue Jays base-ball club, albeit on different teams. Ben is a start-team, Luke is a pitcher and center fielder for the state champion 10-U team.

and center fielder for the state champion 10-U team.
"We didn't know until we were at Comerica Park that Clade by we use the state of t

points after that.

"This year, he was able to get 150 more points than he had in the past, he was ranked 17th when he won it at Comercia Park last time."

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Brandt said both Luke
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"That was cool, too, that
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draws thousands or gartile.

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times (until today)."
Brandt said. "It's a combined score over all
three events.
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Huron Valley names new athletic director after Ott steps down

Jim Ott wore many different hats and juggled many balls during his 14-year stay at West land Huron Valley Lutheran High School. Ott served as the coro and coached the varsity boys basketball team for 13 He also training and physical education. Ott will be stepping stepping the coaching with the end of the month to take a at Kettle Moraine Lutheran Land Park School Coache Coache



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by former Principal Tim Plath.
Ott served on the building committee to be building to buildin

apart, HVL is a member of the Wisconsin Synod denomination, while Lutheran Westland is Missouri Synod.

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Misc Unger, Both schools are members of the Michigan Independence, HVL was an original member, while Lutheran Westland joined the MIAC after the Metro Conference disbanded following the 200 control of the Wisconsin Synon Syn

Spring hoop champs



The Livenia Hawks (fifth-grade boys basketball team recently captured the Big Cat Spring League with a \$1 record. Team members include. (front) Jacob Mars, (second Spring League Mars, and coach Myan McGlinch and Windrid row, from left Dominic Uffernance, Glini Breen and coach Myan McGlinch and Colim McGlinch. Also on the team are Scott Borseth, Tonmy Cormier and Ethan Tehan, NEW MCGLINCH.

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excited." Modano, who officially announced his retirement Sept. 23, 2011, still views the game of hockey in the same light. In 2003, the city of Westland renamed its municipal ice skating facility Mike Modano

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SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Stevenson hockey

The Livonia Steven-son summer boys hock-ey camp begins Monday, July 7. For dates, times, application forms and other information, email Stevenson head coach David Mitchell at dmitchel@livoniapublic-schools.org.

Churchill hockey
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H.S.). For more informa-tion, email Churchill coach Jason Reynolds at Jayrey48152@gmail.com or call 734-788-0447.

Madonna volleyball
Madonna University
will offer a series of
summer volleyball
camps for middle school
and high school players

and tight school players including:
Setters – 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday through Wednesday, June 29 through July 2; hitters (session I) – 1.4:30 p.m. through atty seminor (session I) – 14-30 p.m. Sunday through 30 p.m. Sunday through 40 y 2, hitters (session II) – 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday, July 7-30, and Monday though Thursday, July 7-30. The cost for each camp is \$135.

For more information of the cost of the c

Canton football

A summer football camp run by the Canton High School program is slated for July 14-17 at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park varsity field.

The camp is for players entiring grades 7-9 in fall 2014. Times are 5-7-30 p.m. Contact Richard Mui at 248-229-2738.

download a flier.

Churchill hoops
The Churchill girls
2014 summer basketball
camp (grades 5-9 in the
fall) will be 3-6 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday,
July 15-18, the high
school. The cost is \$50.
For more information, email coach Matt
McCowan at
mnccown54@gmail.com
or call 248-761-9201.

or call 248-76/9201.

Lutheran soccer

A soccer mini-camp for beginning and intermediate players thorsy and the social properties of the social

Harrison Volleyali Harrison High School will host a girls volley-ball camp July 22-24 in the school gym. The hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for girls who will be in the grades 4-6 in the fall, 1:45-4 p.m.

The cost is \$55 at the door. There is a family discount of \$50 per girl door. There is a family discount of \$50 per girl for a family with two or more children participating.

A concussion form must be completed and signed. Go to farming:

The more information, call either coach Mike Love at 313-758.

HISS or coach 5 we Kendall at 248-505-7261.

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Detroit Catholic Central High School will have a boys basketball camp from 9 a.m. until onon (greades 57) and day, July 7-10, at the high school, 27225 Wix. To download a flier, visit catholic central net. For more information, and the high school of the control of the flight of the control of the flight of t

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Diamond gems make all-area softball team sparkle

FIRST TEAM

Hanna Warren, Canton:
Despite missing several weeks due to an ankle injury that hampered her the rest of the season, Warren was a major reactory of the control of the control





ores, one triple and seven home runs.

"Abby was a workhorse for us," coach Sara McGavin said, adding Mercy didn't have a deep pitching staff. "In the summer, Abby a stepped in and did a really good job. We won the Catholic League with her and she took us deep into the state tournament.

"Besides bitching in an additional state for the state fournament."

us acep into the state coarm-ment.
"Besides pitching in all the big games, she was a huge hitting threat and drove in a lot runs. We were able to win a lot of ballgames (25-3) with her combined pitching and hitting, (Opposing teams) don' want her coming up with peo-ple on base. She's going to drive them in."



drive them in."

Rozlyn Price, Ladywood:
The junior right-hander went
25 9 with a 260 ERA en route
for the second straight year.
In 20' Innings, Price struct
out 250 batters and walked 67
as she earned first team allstate, all-district, all-region
and all-Cartheir.
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Softodia, sue and posteriors in impacted her teaminates, impacted her teaminates, victoria Lupher, Churchill: The junior catcher, who start-ed every game but one, batted a whopping, 516 (63-for-122) with 16 doubles, nine triples, for the start of the s

ting, she led us in almost every category this season," Chur-chill coach Steve Gentilia said. "Her speed on the bases was also a threat, allowing her to ongets it done in the classroom with all honors courses and a GPA over 4.0 She is an all-around student-athetic."

Kattle Upinski, Stevenson Headed to Indiana Tech, batted 489 with three homers and 21 RBIS.

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Garcia finished with eight homers, 22 doubles and scored of the state runner-up Bis of the state runner-up Garda and served with the state runner-up Garda and served with the state runner-up Garda and served with the state runner-up Garda and served was going to get playing time. She wasn't sure if she wasn't she wasn't sure if she wasn't she wasn't sure if she wasn't she was





Eric Ruth, Hizron Valley Lutheran SECOND TEAM is St. John, Ir, P. Huron Valley Luth, teel Bornmarito, Sr., P.OF, Garden City, sac Chenney, Soph. P. N. Farmington relianie, Richardson, Sr., P. Churchill Kara Hutchison, Soch. C. Salven

age with 17 doubles, four home runs and 37 RBIs while making just three errors en route to all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and all-state honorable mention honors.

Aresco, who will attend Michigan but not continue her softball career, was also named a KLAA scholar-attender of the continue her softball career, was also mand a KLAA scholar-attender of the continue her softball career, was also mand a KLAA scholar-attender of the continue her softball career, was also makes everything.

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"Paige makes everything look easy, smooth as silk." said White, whose squad went 32-8 record and made it to the quarterfinals for the second consecutive season. "She plays because she loves it."

Megan Keller, N. Farming-ton: Reller is one of the all-time greats at North. She batted. SS this year and made the coaches all-stater discussed in the coaches all-stater will play hockey are all stater will play hockey are all-stater will be a kid one more spring. "Those are conjusted to come out, have some fun and be a kid one more spring." The search will be a kid one more spring. "The search will be a kid one more spring." The search will be a kid one more spring. "The search will be a kid one more spring." The search will be a kid one more spring. "The search will be a kid one more spring." The search will be a kid one one spring. "The search will be a kid one one spring." The search will be a kid one one spring. "The search will be a kid one one spring." The search will be a kid one one spring. "The search will be a kid one one spring." The search will be a kid one one spring. "The search will be a kid one one spring." The search will be a kid one one spring. The search will be a kid one one spring. The search will be a kid one one spring. The search will be a kid one one spring. The search will be a kid one one spring. The search will be a kid one one of the second straight were after briting allo including six homers. Is doubles, 40 labert will be a s





only kid I have to tell over and over when we're doing infield: 'Stop diving, you're going to get hurt.' Just a great team player."



per and the control of the control of the came is leading hit-ters with a 4.10 average in the cleanup position.

If all overage in the cleanup position is one triple and two home runs among her 41 hits. She also drove in 30 runs and scored 22. Ewald will play softball at Michigan-Bearborn.

"Jordan swarp and two home runs among her 41 hits. She also drove in 30 runs and scored 22. Ewald will play softball at Michigan-Bearborn.

"Jordan swarp and the control of my captains," McGavin said. "She kept everybody focused and was agrains," McGavin said. "She kept everybody focused and was grid in the control of the contr





bunt.

"She was one of the most feared litters. A lot of team and when they did, she definitely put the ball in play. She was a huge threat at the plate. She's one of the hardest working kind litter.

"Abby Joseph, Garden City: The junior thrid baseman' catcher earned Division! all-state accoloades for the men and the plate of the plate of the plate of the plate. The planior thrid baseman' catcher earned Division! all-state accoloades for the other works and 42 RBIs. She anchored a potent batting order from the clean-up spot, leading her team of the plate of the plate, her sold performed the plate, her sold produces at the plate, her sold produces at the plate, her sold effensive plays sometimes tend to get overshadowed. Leadership, dedication and preparation are definitely her strong suits. Abby is alword preparation are definitely her strong suits. Abby is alword preparation are definitely her strong suits. Abby is alword preparation are definitely her strong suits. Abby is alword preparation are definitely the make herself and those around her even better. Fortunately, we get to reap the bene-season."

This of her takes season."

Nikki Wald, N. Farmington:
Wald, who will be a preferred walk-on at Michigan, was a four-year starter, beginning her prep career in right field and moving to third base to fill and moving to third base to fill a need.



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An appoint politic hitter, butting 474 this year and 456 for her career. Despite a ham-string in jury.

Wald had two doubles and two doubles and two triples among her 18 stolen bases and scored 31 runs.

Wald swide swide words the career stolen bases with 58. She also had 196 hits, 46 RBIs and 157 runs scored in her career.

and 157 runs scored in her career.
"Nikki made her mark on the program, too," Brubaker said. "It's not every day (U-M coach Carol Hutchins) puts her hand out and says, "We want you to come to Michigan." She's another ballplayer who's not easily going to be replaced.

"If she had stayed in the outfield, she would have been an all-state selection her junior and senior years. I had to move her to third base because of her athleticism and sowieding of the game. She had to be the selection of the selection o







right rield."

Brittney Miller, Plymouth:
The senior third baseman packed a punch, batting, 453 with seven home runs and 42 RBIs while handling the hot control of the part of



Independent Athletic Conference.

"We had our goals set from the beginning of year on three things-conference, district and regional champs," said the set of the set

that had 20-plus mis of the season."
Ruth, a volunteer coach who owns a construction com-pany, is a 1999 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. "I really enjoy working with the girls and teaching them about a game I love," he said, "but also the life lessons that can be learned from srorts."







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Livonia mom calls for safe driving, kind acts on Sunday, June 29

Jennifer Lashbrook will honor the memory of her late son, Brad, by taking three actions on Sunday, June 29.

"Drive perfectly, as if you were on a road test all day long, Do one random act of kindness and recognize the number 56," said Lashbrook, a Canton resident, who formerly lived in Livonia.

Brad died in an auto accident on died, and the standard of the control of the contr

Brad's death.

Tribute

More than 1,000 of the 20,000 Facebook users who follow her Pay It Forward Day page have indicated they'll participate this year. That includes the band, PowerPlay, which will perform a Spree Lashbrook plans to be in the audience.

"I'm looking forward to the concert at Spree and the fireworks. Normally "I'm looking forward to the concert at Spree and the fireworks. Normally "I'm looking forward to the concert with Spreed and Armoly March 20, 100 to 100 to



take her to Spree."

Lynyrd Skynyrd song
Lashbrook said she doesn't personally know Tama Smith, wife of PowerPlay
band leader, Mike Smith, but was
touched by her offer of a tribute song
"Their soou when people are willing
to reach out," Lashbrook said.
"Their soou when people are willing
to reach out," Lashbrook said.
Smith said are her son "hung out" with
Brad's younger brother in elementary
school and that she and Lashbrook have
"I was invited to join her page this
year," Smith said. "So, I joined. It's such
a small thing to ask. It's trying to make
something positive to happen out of
when Smith realized the band was
scheduled to play on Pay It Forward
Day at Spree, she suggested a tribute.
"We would ask everyone in the
crowd to commit to doing a random act
"We would ask everyone in the
hand will play Lynryd Skyryrd's Free
Bird. "I'm definitely going to do something (a kindense) more than that and I
know every one in the band is going to
od something."
Lashbrook said visitors to the Face-

PAYING IT FORWARD

A random act of kindness can be anything from visiting an elderly neighbor to paying a friend's cell phone bill.

"A close friend of mine landscaped a single momen shouse," and learning trainbook, who honors her late son, Brad, with a Pay it Forsitation, people and learning trainbook, who honors her late son, Brad, with a Pay it Forsitation, speople up any for other people's gas." Here are a few other ideas:

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book page offer ideas for random acts of kindness. Some share stories about auto accidents and personal losses. Some say they to been able to forgive some say they to been able to forgive driver involved in Brad's death. "I've tried to find the positive in this." Lashbrook said. "I'want to keep the message out there to be responsible and to drive safely."





werPlay, will perform a tribute to Brad shbrook when it plays at Livonia Spree, 10 p.m. Sunday, June 29. Band members e Mike Smith (left), Mario Resto, Dave tro and singer April Hudson.

Visit the Pay It Forward Day — In Memory of Brad Lashbrook page on Facebook and click join, to support the cause.
Watch PowerPlay perform 6-10-15, Sunday, June 29, in the BrightHouse Network's Tent at Livonia Spree, located at Ford Field, at the corner of Farmington Road and Lyndon.



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WHO'S YOUR

Turning up the heat on dryer manufacturers

he news reads: The clothes dryers in the U.S. homes are wasting up to \$4 billion worth of electrical annually because energy and the common a



the quality of today's major home appliances and I have many times and thave many times cause of this viewpoint being the energy savings involved with appliances. In the past month or so I have received directly from readers and so many of you voiced opinions on what you think about your appliances and theread the property of the pr

washing machines and I don't believe I received one complaint about their clothes dryers and herein comes my message for the future. The clothes dryer you will purchase in the coming years will be classified as a piece of junk according to Joe Gagnon.

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and achieve some of the massive efficiency gains all the other major home appliances have seen. I must confess that the cause sounds great but the consequences that the cause sounds great but the consequences and this is a country that and this is a country that certainly knows how to waste money. I say, leave the clothes dryer alone for the sake of keeping an appliance the quality, life change the quality, life change the quality of the good old American clothes dryer. We need it bad. Stay tuned.

Fireworks party patrons have a blast while donating to charity

Ceather Guru Chuke Gaidica remained confident and poised in his Hawaiian shirt Monday might. Atop the Miller Parking Garage, overlying the might of the Miller Parking Garage, overlying the Miller Parking Garage, overlying the Miller Parking Garage, overlying the Miller Garage of th

Next door at the Ren-aissance Center on the 75th Floor at Coach Insignia, former Detroit Pistons' Hall-of-Famer



Isiah Thomas was the Honorary Chair at the 9th Annual Cell 19th Annual Cel

Community Social Services.

"Everything and everyone has come together to support Cass' mission of fighting poverty and creating opportunity in the City of Detroit," said Reverend Faith Fowler, Cass' executive director.

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tor.

Rev. Fowler will have a book launch of This Far by Faith: Twenty Years at Cass Community, 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Orchestra Hall; (www.casscommunity.org).

The evening culminated with the best fireworks show ever—no rain.

no rain. Contact Julie Yolles at socialsceneju-lie@gmail.com or 248-642-9465.



Parade Company Special Events Intern Hayley Raiche, with Lisa Raiche and Brian Lawrence of Canton

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guests at the Parade Company Freworks Tundraiser last Monday night to color his American flag photo for ProjectS.N.A.P. (Share, Nurture, Act, Preserve). ProjectS.N.A.P. will incorporate all photos into a mosaic mural to support U.S. troops. A 9- by 5-feet original of the mural behind Paws, Reva Berman from Ann Arbor and Karen Lowen of Farmington Hills, hangs in the Pentagon.





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**Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day. This will not only help with overall health, but also will manufactury foot swelling.

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Sand may feel great between your toes, but flip flops or sandals are a better alternative to going barefoot on the beach. Shoes limit injuries and bacterial infections.

» Do not wear flip flops when playing sports, running, gardening and doing yard work. » Wear sturdy, supportive shoes while walking for long periods of time. » Apply sunscreen on all » Apply sunscreen on all gopen shoes. » Use extra care while driv-

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The Lupus Foundation event is designed to raise awareness of the disease awareness of the disease awareness of the disease with the walk beginning at 8:30 am., at the Detroit Zoo, located on 10 Mile (1-696)

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nearly \$41,000. Proceeds support Cancer Services at the hospital.

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Shortage in primary care

Primary care physi-cians—particularly those in family medicine—are in short supply and many experts predict they will

only become more so in the coming years. In fact, a 2012 study published in the Annals of Family at 2012 stony portrols, in the Annals of Family Medicine estimated the Medicine estimated the State of the St

school enrollment will in-crease 30 percent between 2002 and 2017, too many new medical students choose sub-specialities over primary care fields. A cap on federal financing for residency programs has compounded the is-sues, making it impossible for many medical school graduates to complete the final portion of their train-ing necessary for practice

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and medical groups by one staffing firm found 31 percent of respondents intended to increase their medical staff with primary medical staff with primar care doctors. Many will look at untapped sources of talent as they search for candidates, and retired spe cialists and other physician looking to make a career change are exactly that

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Becoming a family medicine physician after a consideration of the physician after an article and the physician after another specially doesn't require a return to medical school. Last year Dr. Leonard Glass, a retired reconstructive and plastic surgeon, launched an online course designed to make it simple for special-ists to transition to primary acre. Doctors – from those currently practicing to those who have retired yet retained their medical licenses—can refresh yet retained their medi-cal licenses—can refresh and deepen their family medicine skills through the 100-hour web-based Physician Retraining & Reentry program. The program features a curriculum developed by professors at the UC San

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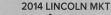
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