

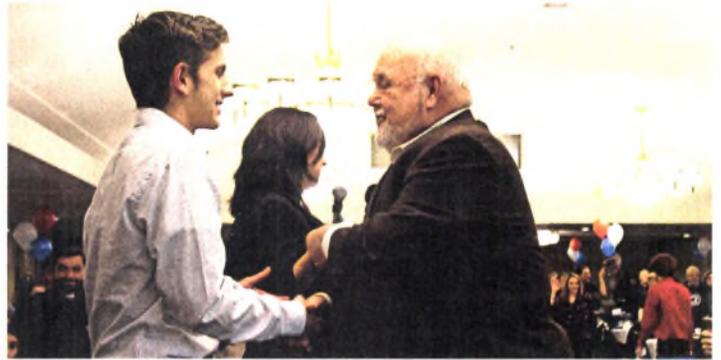


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JOHN GLENN, MEMORIAL HONOR CHAMPIONS

Champions students are achieving their goals in the Wayne-Westland school district. At John Glenn High School, 182 students met their first-semester goal, and at Wayne Memorial High School 175 students met their goal. Both high schools honored students who met their academic goals at dinner banquets for the Champions students, their families and their mentors. In addition, students

were presented with \$200 award checks. The Champions mentoring program began in Wayne-Westland Community Schools at Wayne Memorial High School in January 2009 to provide an incentive and mentorship to students. Students are paired with a staff member. Together they decide on a custom-



See **CHAMPIONS**, Page A2 Champions of John Glenn benefactor Glenn Shaw congratulates John Glenn student Ben Biber. SUBMITTED



Kaitlin Cooper of Northville and Jack Kelly of Livonia, at the protest near the Planned Parenthood in Livonia. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Planned Parenthood in Livonia attracts scores of protesters

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Rows of people praying the Rosary. People chanting, "My body, my choice."

This was the scene Saturday morning in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic on Ann Arbor Road, west of Newburgh, in Livonia. A planned anti-abortion protest in front of that clinic, as well as several others across Michigan, took place while abortion rights counter-protesters lined a part of the street.

The original anti-abortion protest, designed to call attention to Planned Parenthood and strip it of federal funding, was organized by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society and took place at Planned Parenthood centers across Michigan. Many area people came out with signs and Rosary beads, standing along the road, praying and showing support for their cause of defunding the agency.

"There's a lot of lies going on. And it's being exposed, day in and day out," said Emily Lizzio, a Hartland resident and a senior at Madonna University in Livonia who helped organize the event. "We're just here to get the word out.

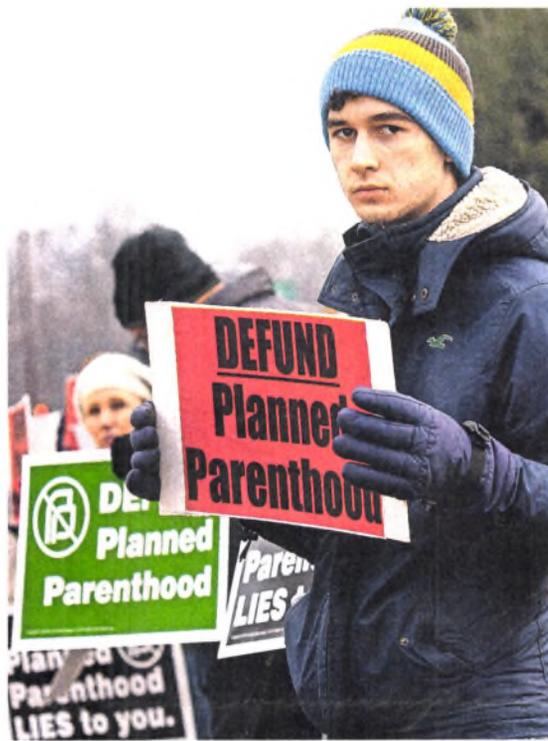
"Now, more than ever, they need to be defunded."

Lizzio said she and other students are out in front of Planned Parenthood in Livonia at least once a week. Both groups of protesters lined the south side of Ann Arbor Road and eventually spanned from Ann Arbor Trail to east of Horton.

One such protester out Saturday was Commerce Township resident Mark La-Pointe. He said he has taken part in some anti-abortion events on the east side before, but decided to drive Saturday to Livonia to protest as well.

He said he's hopeful abortions will eventually end in the country, especially with the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Donald Trump, but remains cautiously optimistic.

"It seems promising to me, but evil is like slush. If you step in one area, it'll stop around your footprint. It makes no difference what you do politically, unless people's hearts actually change," he said. "Unless people realize that this is a person, it doesn't matter who's in the



Devon Laird of Livonia holds his sign on Ann Arbor Road, scene of the Planned Parenthood protest. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Coffee and newspapers: Best deals on the planet



Whether you grab a cup on the go, juggling steaming hot deliciousness in one hand and a smart phone in the other, or sit down at your kitchen table with your favorite mug and a printed version, coffee and newspapers have a long-held symbiotic relationship.

In the current landscape, both represent traditions in transition.

Few can say that the coffee industry has not undergone some meteoric changes over the past several years. If you venture into some of the area's top independent coffee shops and order a manually brewed coffee, you are looking at an investment of just over \$2 on average. Whether enjoying a cup of hand-crafted coffee at Plymouth's Espresso Elavado or Birmingham's Commonwealth, a subscriber to the Observer & Eccentric would pay just 98 cents per edition for the twice-weekly newspapers to enjoy with their cup of Joe. The brews and the news both represent quality and require a good amount of labor to produce.

The National Coffee Association lists 10 steps that coffee has to go through before finally getting poured into your favorite mug at home. If you talk to specialty coffee professionals, they will tell you the number of hands that touch the coffee process is between 14-20 by the time that latte with a velvety Rosetta finds its way into those environmentally pleasing biodegradable to-go cups.

Similarly, our team of writers, editors, photographers and copy editors is responsible for filling every inch of the 14-16 pages that make up the eight individual newspapers we published in Sunday's news cycle. Seventy-five unique local stories graced those pages, with each page representing the work of some 12 individuals by the time it reaches our subscribers' hands.

Yes, you are correct
 I have taken many phone calls lately about how we are

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ized academic goal for the student for the semester.

In September 2009, Richard Helleppie, a Wayne Memorial alumnus, got involved and offered financial incentives to students who met their goal.

Students, who are initially interested in the program because of the \$200 award, express that it is the support of their mentor that is most beneficial to their success.

In September 2015, John Glenn High School launched Champions of John Glenn. It follows the same model as the Champions of Wayne program.

The Westland Community Foundation and Glenn and Patty Shaw are the main beneficiaries of the John Glenn program. The Shaws are local business owners, and their children are graduates of John Glenn High School.



Champions of John Glenn and Wayne Memorial were honored at the dinner.

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Today there are more than 1,000 students district-wide in the program.

According to district officials:
 » Some 25-33 percent of Champions students

make their semester goal. Some 65 percent still increase their grades, even if they don't quite reach the goal, officials said.
 » Some 95 percent of John Glenn and Wayne

Memorial staff are mentors.
 » ACT scores have increased 9.8 percent over the life of the Champions program at Wayne Memorial High School.
 » Four Champions

students have earned the Gates Millennium Scholarship in the past three years at Wayne Memorial High School.
 For more information on the Champions programs, contact Sean

Galvin, director Wayne Memorial High School Champions Program at GalvinS@wwcsd.net or Louis Przybylski, John Glenn High School Champions program, at PrzybylskiL@wwcsd.net.

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not the local newspaper we used to be. When I return those calls, my message is — quite frankly — yes, you are correct.

We employ a different — and smaller — staff, juggling the demands of digital journalism and print newspapers. With a combined 200 years of professional journalism experience, we're tasked with reporting and illustrating compelling stories that reflect the communities in which you live. In our mobile society, those stories extend beyond the boundaries of our cities and townships.

Are readers seeing more stories in their local editions that originate outside of the individual community? Absolutely. In many cases, the main

feature on our front page will span many editions. These are stories vetted in the planning process to appeal to a wider audience.

Still about quality

When President Donald Trump's executive order to limit immigration and travel from seven mostly Muslim nations became a national story, we did not bury our heads in the sand and pretend it did not affect readers in our communities. Staff photographer Junfu Han was at Metro Airport covering the rally next to all the other large news organizations. He found local residents and, with reporter Darrel Clem, we published one of the more balanced accounts you will read on the subject. And it was rightly the lead story on the front page of most of our print newspapers.

Northville/Novi reporter Matt Jachman approached a piece on sex trafficking that was front page in our Sunday

papers with the attention to details and thoroughness that he has become known for over the years. The message from local members of Love Runs is clear that this modern-day version of slavery is relevant to all of our communities.

When Apple hired a 21-year-old area resident to join its cyber security team, veteran O&E reporter Jay Grossman told the story brilliantly. It is a story that we can all relate to and appeals to readers beyond Bloomfield Hills, where Deven Kishore grew up, to communities such as Westland, Farmington and Canton.

And when Catholic Central's storied football coach Tom Mach decided he was going to retire, longtime high school sports guru Brad Emons was the first on the story. It is a story that extends beyond sports itself and beyond the Novi community. Mach's accomplishments rank him as the third winningest coach in

Michigan high school football history, behind local legends Al Fracassa and John Herrington, and that story ran Sunday in all of our sports sections.

On average, I pay \$20 for an eight-ounce bag of coffee beans. I used to pay far less for a 16-ounce bag of beans, but I purchase the more expensive beans with the comfort of knowing I'm getting great quality and a relatively great deal while supporting a local business. The same holds true for our subscribers. The O&E still delivers more quality local news from its veteran staff than any other source.

So grab a hot cup of coffee, pull up a chair and enjoy your local newspaper, knowing you are still getting one of the better deals on the planet.

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At the October 2005 Field Dedication/Naming Ceremony, former Madonna President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, with Mike and Marian Illitch at Ilitch Ballpark on the campus, off Newburgh Road, south of Five Mile.

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Madonna remembers Mike Illitch

While Mike Illitch was a major force in the rebirth of Detroit and the revitalization of the Red Wings and Tigers, he also found it in his heart to support Madonna University Crusader athletics. Mike and Marian Illitch made a substantial gift to underwrite a state-of-the-art baseball field, which was dedicated in the Fall 2005 and aptly named Ilitch Ballpark.

"Even though I was not part of the stadium process, Mike's reach is felt even beyond his gift," Crusader Athletic Director Scott Kennell said. "In my time at Madonna, I've gotten to know Mike's son Chris both personally and professionally and Mike's legacy lives on through his children. The stadium continues to provide a first-class

playing surface for our student-athletes and will continue to do so for years to come."

Many members of the Detroit Tigers organization joined the Illitches at the dedication, including Dave Dombrowski, Willie Horton, Gates Brown and Jim Price.

The facility, which was designed by Grissim Metz Andriese Associates of Northville, is the first on-campus baseball field to be built at Madonna University.

Constructed by Midwest Landscape Group Inc. of Commerce, Ilitch Ballpark is an engineered field built with sport bluegrass turf and pro style infield dirt, which is an exact replica of the playing surface used by the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park. The playing surface has widely been recognized

as the best collegiate surface in Michigan.

Ilitch Ballpark has been home to eight conference championship clubs and hosted the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament in 2005, 2006 and 2008-11. Since the construction of the on-campus field, Madonna has posted a 164-43 overall record in home contests.

"The Madonna University baseball program is very thankful and blessed to be able to play on such a great surface," Crusader Head Coach Ted Falkner said. "Every player, past, present and future, is fortunate to have the opportunity to not only represent Madonna on the baseball field, but to do so on campus at a top-notch facility. Without the Illitch's gift, who knows where Madonna

baseball would be playing today."

In 1990, many years before Illitch's donation that made the new ballpark possible, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree, in recognition of his commitment to the international campaign against hunger, his outstanding service as a partner in education with Madonna University, and for his Christian spirit demonstrated as a community leader and benefactor.

Mike Illitch will be remembered by Madonna faculty, staff and students as a humanitarian, business leader and lover of baseball. Crusader baseball coaches, players and fans will be reminded of his generosity each time they go to Ilitch Ballpark.

Women's heart health: What you should know

Heart disease is often thought of as a disease that mostly afflicts men. The reality, however, is that heart disease does not discriminate. It is dangerously under-diagnosed and under-treated among women and is the leading cause of female death in the United States.

One of the reasons why women are misdiagnosed or not diagnosed at all is that heart disease may present itself differently in women than in men and men have been the focus of most of the clinical research. Men are more prone to blockages in major arteries — which can be diagnosed quickly and is more easily identified on an angiogram. Women, on the other hand, tend to have problems with smaller arteries embedded in the heart, which are not as visible on tests.

Another reason women are misdiagnosed or not diagnosed at all is because their attention is often times focused toward the health of their family, at the expense of their own well-being.

As a practicing cardiologist in Oakland County, I encourage every woman to know the signs and symptoms of a female heart attack. Knowing can expedite diagnosis and treatment and may save a life.

While chest pain and discomfort are the most common signs of a heart attack for both men and women, women are more prone to display atypical symptoms such as nau-



Dr. Nishtha Sareen
GUEST COLUMNIST

sea, abdominal discomfort, shortness of breath and back or jaw pain.

The common heart health risk factors for women are:

- » Diabetes
- » Mental stress and depression
- » Smoking
- » Lack of physical activity
- » Post menopause
- » Broken heart syndrome
- » Pregnancy complications

Women concerned about heart disease should be proactive and speak with a doctor. He or she will likely recommend annual blood pressure readings and encourage cholesterol testing every four to six years. Those with high readings may be tested more regularly. A body mass index test may also offer clues about heart disease risk.

If there's a chance you or someone else might have heart health questions, call St. Joe's physician referral line at 800-372-6094. If you are experiencing signs or symptoms of a heart attack, call 9-1-1 immediately and seek help.

Nishtha Sareen, M.D., is a St. Joseph Mercy Oakland interventional cardiologist that treats residents from Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and surrounding communities.

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White House."

Counter-protests

After hearing about the anti-abortion protests, several groups began planning counter-protests. One such group was the Metro Detroit Political Action Network, which helped organize the counter-protest in Livonia, said Adriene Avripas, a Clinton Township resident.

She said supporting organizations like Planned Parenthood are

important, especially since abortion services aren't something most women choose to seek out simply because they want one.

"Nobody wants an abortion," she said. "It's not on their bucket list."

By mid-morning, abortion rights counter-protesters lined the streets and outnumbered the originally-planned anti-abortion protesters, complete with chants and at least one person with a megaphone.

Hina Gandher, a senior at Wayne State University, said she saw mention of the counter-protest pop up in her

Facebook feed and decided she would come out and become more active.

"I've been planning on getting more active and I thought, 'What better time than now?'" the Garden City resident said. "My boyfriend and I both decided that this is going to be the year that we'll start standing up and doing what we believe in."

She said she's learned about decisions made in history through her schooling and thought that now could be one of those times taught in history books in the future. She said she wants

to be part of the solution. "This is one of those moments in history where when we'll look back and say, 'How did

we let that happen?' I see it now and I don't want to be one of those people that let it happen."

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Sealed bids marked **Science Equipment Bid** will be received until **12:30 p.m. on the 23rd day February, 2017** in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **12:30 p.m., on the 23rd day of February, 2017**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Finance, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

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All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

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Livonia boy battling rare genetic disorder

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Eleven-month-old Aaron Sharp is nothing but smiles and laughter. But he's seen a lot of things children his age rarely see, including many medical tests and, eventually, a bone marrow transplant.

Sharp, the son of Livonia resident Angela Sharp, was diagnosed in December with Hurler's syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that prevents the body from creating a certain enzyme. Without that enzyme, his body cannot break down certain proteins, meaning the cells need to go somewhere.

"So the cells keep getting bigger and bigger and bigger until they get so big that the cell kind of dies," Angela Sharp said. "And those cells store in different parts of his body."

"They get stored in his joints, in his heart, in his brain and that's what causes the problems."

It's a disease that comes up in 1 in 100,000 births. Its rare status means only a few locations study the disease, including locations in the United Kingdom, British Columbia and the University of Minnesota. So Angela Sharp, a single mom who works at the Bed, Bath & Beyond in Northville Township, packed up her and her son's things and spent a week in Minnesota this January so he could receive treatment.

It's been a whirlwind the last few weeks after Aaron Sharp's diagnosis. In addition to doing treatment, Aaron is looking at a bone marrow transplant in the future as well, in order to help keep brain damage at bay.

Aaron's grandmother, Annette Sharp, said a bone marrow transplant is the only way to keep the brain from swelling and causing damage.

"The enzyme replacement therapy they give him helps with the lower part of his body," she said. "He has a swollen liver and spleen and so the enzymes that he gets will help reduce the size of those. For the brain, the only thing that will help will be the bone marrow transplant."

Questions over cost

It's still such an early time for Aaron's treatment, but his mother isn't sure how exactly his care will be paid for.



The Sharp family at home: mom Angela, Aaron, grandpa J.D. and grandma Annette.

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Aaron and mom Angela Sharp.

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Angela Sharp will have to take several months of work off when her son's bone marrow transplant occurs, losing the income she would bring in. And

there are still plenty of questions over what insurance will cover, especially with all the talk of repealing the Affordable Care Act in

the air, since one enzyme treatment injection for a week can run for about \$143,000 before insurance.

"We have no idea what

to expect. We know it's really, really expensive," Angela Sharp said.

But it came several of her friends, with several thousands of dollars to

help the young family raised in just in the last few weeks.

"That's why when her friends heard about that, they all decided to get on the bandwagon and try to help her," Annette Sharp said.

A GoFundMe page was launched and has collected more than \$13,000 as of Friday morning. A fundraiser took place at the Buffalo Wild Wings on Six Mile in Livonia in January as well, an event that brought in about \$1,500.

The generosity of the community so far has taken Angela and her parents by storm, even though there are more events planned.

Angela Sharp said a bone marrow drive will take place Feb. 24 at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, in Livonia. The drive will hopefully register people to donate bone marrow.

"We need a good bone marrow match for him," she said. "And the likelihood that it's a family member is less than a one-in-a-million chance. So we're just reaching out to the community."

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Belleville man named Veteran of the Month by Post 32

George Goulette, a World War II veteran from Belleville, was honored as the February 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Goulette served in the U.S. Navy from 1944-46. He was born and reared on the north side of Detroit, near John R and Six Mile. His father was a coach driver for the Department of Street Railways for the city of Detroit. When Goulette turned 15, his father decided it was time for him to earn a living and get a job. He went with his father to the DSR office, but was told he would have to wait until he was 15½. As soon as he was of age, he was hired by DSR as a serviceman for the many buses.

Goulette turned 16 in 1943 and watched as his older brother and many of the men in the neighborhood entered the war. He knew he would eventually be drafted and he didn't want to be in the U.S. Army. He went to the navy recruiter's office in Detroit and filled out all the paperwork to enlist. He was told the minimum age for enlisting was 17 and he would have to wait.

On Valentine's Day 1944, Goulette turned 17



George Goulette is Veteran of the Month.

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and was told to report to the induction center the next day. His buddy, also navy, told him that there were two places they send recruits for basic — Great Lakes near Chicago and Idaho. He told Goulette to wait a week and he would be sent to Great Lakes.

Goulette was too anxious and went in anyway. He was put on a train and sent to Farragut Naval Training Station on Lake Pend Oreille in Bay View, Idaho, for six weeks of

basic training. One day, he was walking across the base and there was his buddy. So much for inside information, Goulette thought to himself.

He completed his basic training and was sent to the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Norman, Okla.

There he was assigned to the Aviation Ordnance Maintenance group. He spent 16 weeks being trained to test, assemble, fuse, load, download, arm and de-arm all airborne

weapons, torpedoes and mines for aircraft carriage. He was then assigned to the 12th Naval Headquarters in San Francisco.

"This is it," he remembered thinking. "I'm going to fight in this war."

Goulette had assumed he would be assigned to an aircraft carrier, but instead was transferred to a small secret airfield in Watsonville, Calif., approximately 100 miles south of San Francisco. The airfield he arrived at had one grass runway, one barracks and one hanger when he arrived. There was only a two-foot fence around the base and security was tight as many Japanese farmers lived in the area.

Goulette spent many nights walking guard duty armed with a shotgun and flashlight. "They worried about saboteurs, but we never had a problem," he said.

Then the engineers arrived and it quickly became a multi-strip airport loaded with Navy F4F Wildcats, F6F Hellcats and F4U Corsairs. The base was also surrounded by a tall fence with a security gate.

The airfield was an auxiliary field to the 12th Naval Air Center in Alameda, Calif., and was primarily used to train pilots for duty on aircraft

carriers. The field had painted layouts of all the carriers where the pilots would practice landings and takeoffs. There was an additional field built on the other side of town as an auxiliary base for blimps from the Moffat Air Base in Mountain View, Calif.

"The field was busy all the time," Goulette said. "Many squadrons of 40-45 planes each would have gunnery practice and also fly reconnaissance missions up and down the coastline."

The pilots and planes would then be assigned to a carrier and would be off to fight the Japanese in the Pacific. "It was heartbreaking seeing those guys leave," he said. "They were as young as me and I knew many of them would never return."

When the war ended, Goulette was sent to San Francisco and then to Oakland, Calif., where he was assigned Shore Patrol duty. He was discharged in June 1946 with the rank of Aviation Ordnance 2nd Class, given \$240 in pay and hitchhiked back to Detroit.

"I wanted to save all the money I could and the train was too expensive," Goulette said. "It only took a couple of days to get home as everyone would give a ser-

viceman a ride."

Goulette worked for 14 years as an auto mechanic for the city of Detroit before joining the Detroit Police Department. He served 25 years as a patrolman in the 16th Precinct and retired in 1982 and moved to Port Richie, Fla. He became active in the local bicycle club. His wife died in 2012 and Goulette moved back to Michigan in 2014 to live with his son Gregg. He has four sons, three daughters, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Goulette is a member of Post 32 in Livonia.

Goulette was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee and a DVD was made and shown at the Feb. 7 S.A.L. membership meeting. A plaque was presented to Goulette from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Italian American Club of Livonia lends hand to St. Louis Center

The Italian American Club of Livonia is made up of Italian-American descendants who live in the western suburbs of metropolitan Detroit, many of whom are Roman Catholics. They have a special affinity for helping Italian-American causes and that love extends to St. Louis Center in Chelsea. It is a residential care facility for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and was established by the Italian Order of the Servants of Charity in 1960.

For the past 22 years, the club has raised funds for SLC through a dinner-dance fundraiser in late January called the Guardian Angel Dinner-Dance, benefiting the transportation needs of the center.

On Jan. 29, almost 200

people visited the club to enjoy an Italian-style dinner, live music, a silent auction, a gift raffle and raffle for a mini-bar.

Event chairwoman and former club president Mary Galasso received the St. Louis Guanella Humanitarian Award from the Servants of Charity for her leadership in making this event a success. "It's a very special honor, but I haven't done what others have done. All I do is help them so they can realize their plans for the future. All God wants from any of us is to give him our yes," Galasso said.

Following the award ceremony, Maria Harris of the Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation presented the Rev. Enzo Addari with two checks for \$7,000 to assist SLC with its Legacy Building Cam-



ST. LOUIS CENTER
State Deputy Ken Unterbrink of the Michigan Knights of Columbus presents a \$25,000 check to Father Enzo.



ST. LOUIS CENTER
Maria Harris of the IACL Charitable Foundation presents two checks to Father Enzo.



ST. LOUIS CENTER
Mary Galasso receives the SLG Humanitarian Award with Joe Yekulis, Mario Galasso and Father Enzo.



ST. LOUIS CENTER
Father Enzo Addari gives the homily during Mass at the Guardian Angel Dinner-Dance.

aign. Kenneth Unterbrink, state deputy of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, presented

Addari with a check from the Michigan State Council in the amount of \$25,000 for its 2017 com-

mitment to the Legacy Campaign and the building of the new St. Louis Guanella Village.

For more information about St. Louis Center, go to www.stlouiscenter.org.



Wayne resident Jennifer Butler and her son Holden.

Mom sends Bright Futures a Valentine

Jennifer Butler
Guest Columnist

February 14 is the day we tell the people we love all the ways they make our lives better.

This year, my Valentine is to a program that makes all the difference for me and my family, and that makes life better for countless other parents, grandparents and kids in Wayne. I'm talking about the Bright Futures after-school program at Hoover Elementary in Wayne. Let

me count the ways:

I love Bright Futures because the staff there truly care about my son, Holden, and the other kids in the program. They show it in the way they get down to their level. They show it by their patience with the children, even when they've had a bad day. They show it when they greet me as I pick my son up and give me a report of the great achievements he made or areas of concern. They are truly dedicated to seeing our children grow and thrive.

I love it because it gives my son a chance to stretch his imagination in creating music, or movies, or drawing.

I love it because it gives my son help with homework and more confidence in school.

I love it because it connects my son with mentors who guide him in his thoughts and actions.

I love it because it is building leadership and character into my son.

Holden has a lot of emotion and a lot of energy. He tends to draw people to him with his sense of humor and his kind spirit. With that "magnetic" ability also comes a lot of responsibility. Whatever his actions are, others tend to follow. Holden seems to "help" or "hurt" the situation depending on what kind of day he has had.

The staff has chosen to recognize the leader in him and he, along with several other children, were guided to form a team called the "Chilly Dogs." These kids form a group that are designated to help other kids who may be having a bad day to try to calm them down or redirect them. This is perfect for a child who has a lot of empathy to give. He also enjoys Level Up, a gaming club, and Busy Bees, a business club.

Experiences like this have made my son truly love Bright Futures.

It's hard to be a working parent. You worry about your kids all day

long, especially during the hours between the final school bell and the time we get home from work. Those hours can be some of the most dangerous for our children because they can get into trouble or get hurt. After-school programs keep our children safe and busy during those hours.

I know I'm not alone in my affection for the staff and volunteers at Bright Futures. All across the country, parents like me love their kids' after-school programs. Their kids, like mine, love their programs, too.

So, this week, as we take the time to share our love with the people in our lives who matter most, I'm happy to share my appreciation for Bright Futures, which is making a huge difference for my family by allowing me to work, keeping my kids safe and inspiring them to learn and grow.

Wayne resident Jennifer Butler is the mom of Holden.



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- Ankle-brachial index
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- Cardiovascular risk assessment

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- Abdominal aortic ultrasound
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City of Livonia - 01/18/2017 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: White, Bahr, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan Jolly, and McIntyre
Absent: None.
Items were received and filed.

- #01-17 Approving minutes of the 1,810th Regular Meeting of Council on October 3, 2016.
- #02-17 Approving minutes of the 1,815th Regular Meeting of Council on December 19, 2016.
- #03-17 Referring subject matter of neighborhood seed grants to the Committee of the Whole for its report and recommendation.
- #04-17 Referring matter of amending Section 165 of Title 15, Chapter 32 (Property Maintenance Code) to the Livonia Code of Ordinances, to the Administration for its report and recommendation.
- #05-17 Approving waiver of sidewalk requirement at 20250 Beatrice Street.
- #06-17 Authorizing sale of City-owned property at 8875 Middlebelt Rd.
- #07-17 Approving the 2017-2022 Master Parks and Recreation Plan.
- #08-17 Accepting the quote by Lexipol, LLC, for an annual subscription of policies and procedures for law enforcement and fire service, to include continued updates and daily training bulletins.
- #09-17 Authorizing purchase of four (4) unmarked police vehicles.
- #10-17 Authorizing purchase of one (1) 2016 Sewer Cleaning Vactor Truck.
- #11-17 Adopting updated Performance Resolution; authorizing various City employees to apply for the necessary permit to work within State Highway Right of Way on behalf of the City.
- #12-17 Authorizing an expenditure not to exceed \$11,121.42 payable to Nagle Paving Company for work in connection with unforeseen asphalt work for Newburgh Road Reconstruction Project at the CSX Bridge.
- #13-17 Approving Petition 2016-10-02-20, to operate an athletic training facility (Athletic Sports & Fitness) at 11844 Hubbard Avenue, subject to conditions; limiting this waiver use to this user only.

Councilmember Bahr arrived at 7:11 p.m.

- #14-17 Approving Petition 2016-08-08-10, to renovate the existing BP gas station, located at 17151 Middlebelt Road, subject to conditions.
- #15-17 Approving request for permits for Spree '67.
- #16-17 Approving request to close Stark Road in connection with the SPREE '67 fireworks display.
- #17-17 Approving request to display banners advertising SPREE'67.
- #18-17 Approving an Animal Sheltering Agreement between the City of Livonia and the Michigan Humane Society, for a two-year period commencing December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2018.
- #19-17 Accepting cash and gifts in the amount of \$2,400.00 from various contributors.
- #20-17 Accepting a cash donation of \$1,000.00 from Allstate Insurance.
- #21-17 Scheduling a closed Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and Attorney/client privileged communications with respect to *Estate of Rita H. Hughes v City of Livonia*.
- #22-17 Scheduling a closed Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and Attorney/client privileged communications with respect to *Deborah Mato v City of Livonia*.
- #23-17 Scheduling a closed Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and Attorney/client privileged communications with respect to *Albert Kosis v City of Livonia*.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

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ENGAGEMENT



Jamie Lorraine Johnson and Brian Steven Conz II.

Duane and Lorraine Johnson announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Lorraine Johnson, to Brian Steven Conz II, son of Brian and Natalie Conz. All are Livonia residents.

An April 22 wedding is planned in Plymouth. The groom-and-bride-to-be are 2008 graduates of Stevenson High School and are high school sweethearts. Their wedding day will mark their 10th anniversary and one year after the day they became engaged. The groom-to-be proposed at Disney World's Magic Kingdom in front of the castle.

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Deadlines: Friday, 4:00 p.m. for Sunday papers

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers

Holiday deadlines are subject to change.

BINGLEY

WILLIAM "EARL" age 58, of Luzerne, Michigan passed away surrounded by his loved ones on February 7, 2017. Earl grew up in Northville and is survived by his son, William Earl "Grant" Bingley, his sisters Kimberly Peragine (Frank), Pamela Green (Matt), seven nieces and nephews and nine great nieces and nephews along with numerous friends and family. Earl was also a friend of Bill W. Earl joins his loving mother, Martha Bingley, his father, William Bingley and his amazing step-father, Caron Rice. Memorial Services will be held February 18, 2017 at Farmington Junction 31505 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48336. Entrance #10. 10-11 a.m.: Visit with the family, 11-12 p.m.: Memorial Service.

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FRANK J. "UNCLE FRANK"

Age 90. Died peacefully on February 14, 2017. Beloved husband of Rose. Loving father of Mark (Mary), Heidi (the late Michael) Surprenaut, Gregg, the late Carl (Jeanne) Grisa, Frank (Janice), Duran (Shirley), and Dale. Dear grandfather of Matthew, Lee, Stephanie, Katherine, Mark, Anthony M., Jessica, Emily, Thomas, David, McKenna, Anthony J., Isaac, Erik R., Nathan, Michael, Reagan, Eric D., Miranda and Chloe. Great-grandfather of Emily and Autumn. Dear brother of Verna Burton, Edith Price, Ruth King and the late Mark and Mildred. Memorial Visitation at the R.G. & G.F. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday from 3 - 8 p.m. in state at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday from 9 a.m. until Funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. Memorials may be directed to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at www.rgrgharris.com.

SANLOR



DALE W. February 6, 2017. Age 87 of St. James City, Florida. Beloved husband of Janice. Loving father of Bill (Melanie) and Kim (Jason) Murphy. Dearest son-in-law of Jean Johnson. Dear brother of Debbie (Dave) Nikka. Loving grandfather of Devin, Cole, Rachel, Madelyn, Austin and Robin. Cremation Rites entrusted to: UHt Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtff.com

SCHICIANO



LILLIAN KATHERINE (DOLLE) formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died peacefully Monday, February 6, 2017, in Greenwich, Connecticut, following a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Mrs. Schiciano was born in Detroit, MI September 13, 1928, daughter of Alex and Mary Csaszar. Following graduation from Detroit's Northwestern High School and Michigan State University, she was a teacher, before embarking on a successful career in advertising and public relations, including positions with CBS and Wagner Advertising, before founding D. Chausar & Associates, whose clients included several of metropolitan Detroit's largest real estate developers. Prior to moving east to be closer to family, Mrs. Schiciano resided in Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she, and her husband Joseph (1926-2012) raised their two sons. Mrs. Schiciano volunteered at the Michigan Chapter of the American Cancer Society for many years, where she chaired some of the organization's most successful fundraisers at the time. She was an active member of Oakland Hills Country Club. Mrs. Schiciano is survived by two sons, Jason of Goldens Bridge, NY, and Geoffrey of Chicago IL, and three grandchildren, Logan, Hanna, and Angelo. She is predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Joseph S. Schiciano. A celebration of Dollee's life will be held in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in the near future. Contributions in Mrs. Schiciano's memory may be sent to the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 (<https://www.parkinsonsmi.org/>) Family Contacts: Geoffrey C. Schiciano and Jason C. Schiciano at iks020617@gmail.com.

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memory of your
loved one...

...bring you peace.



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Jazz at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, brings back the seasoned Latin band Nuevo Jazz Detroit with Duncan Jones on keyboard, Don Lewandowski on bass, Patrick Fitzgibbon on vibes, Chuck Golemba on drums, and Jeff LeDuff on congas. Enjoy original pieces along with old favorites.

For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com

Westland American Legion Post 251

Post meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone with an honorable discharge and meets service requirements is eligible to join the American Legion.

Created in 1917, Blue Star Service Banners were a common sight during World War I and World War II. Resurrected by the American Legion in 2001, the banner is displayed to show that a family member is currently serving in the Armed Forces. Gold Star Service Banners are displayed to show that a family member has died while serving. Each star represents one family member.

Any family who would like a Blue or Gold Banner to display can call Adjunct Ron Nickels at 734-455-3415 or the Post Commander Bill Acton at 734-776-5491. There is no cost to the family.

For more information, go to www.post251.org.

Lightning Robotics

The P-CEP Lightning Robotics team is having a robot unveil 7-8:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Canton High School Little Theater. Everyone is invited to come meet the robot and learn about the Lightning Robotics team and this year's competition. Canton High School is at 8415 Canton Center Road.

The robotics team's district events are: March 10-11 at Ann Arbor Pioneer High; March 31 and April 1 at Lake Superior State University; state championships are April 12-15. No venue has been determined yet; world championships April 26-29 at St. Louis, Mo.

Baseline Folk Society

Baseline Folk Society will host its 12th annual Valentine concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the JWH Center for the Arts at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Open-mic performances from 10 musical artists, with a featured performer at 8 p.m. Host for February is Marty Cohen, who will perform two songs and introduce the open mic performers throughout the evening. Cohen is a polished pro who has been at BaseLine on a regular basis for years.

The sign up for Open Mic performers is 6:15-6:40 p.m. The featured performer for February is John Rinn, a guitarist who sings all his own original stuff. He is a member of Song Writers Anonymous. He begins his half-hour performance at 8 p.m. Season schedule is available on our Facebook page. For more information email, bfsresident4u@gmail.com. The JWH Center for the Arts is on the east side of Sheldon on the corner at Junction Street.

Multicultural concert

A Multicultural Music Concert is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Newburg United Methodist Church located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The event is sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships. This is a third annual winter event and this year multicultural music is the focus. The event will feature a large ecumenical choir with churches from across Southeast Michigan. Musicians and dancers from a variety of cultures including Native American, Japanese, Puerto Rican, African, Middle Eastern, India, Bangladesh, American Urban and original music from local singer/songwriter Amy Saari.

Coffee with a cop

The Canton Police Department invites residents to pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee and get to know their local police officers from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 25. Ask questions, tell them about the neighborhood, or share concerns. The coffee is free and the conversation is informal and informative. It takes place at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton.

Garden City Lions breakfast

For the 26th consecutive year, the Garden City Lions will host its annual pancake breakfast 8-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Garden City Moose Lodge No. 538, 29137 Ford Road. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Guest chefs are members of the Garden City Fire Department. Cost is adults \$5, children 12 and younger \$2. For more information, contact Bob at 734-612-1775 or Vicki at 734-524-1330.

Be a Miracle League volunteer

The Miracle League in Plymouth is in need of two coaches for the 2017 season. Teams will consist of players ages 5-11. If interested, contact Shari Bilkie at shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org. Miracle League player registration ends at 4 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Forgotten presidents

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library will present Annette and Jim McConnell on the Forgotten Presidents at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The speakers will present unique trivia, key achievements and failures of the leaders we often forget or perhaps never knew in the 19th century. Annette and Jim McConnell have co-authored small historical books, newsletters and other publications. They are volunteers for the Detroit Historical Society, the Historical Society of Michigan and Friends of the Livonia Library. They have received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Historical Society of Michigan in 2012.

Wine tasting fundraiser

The Friends of the Canton Public Library and Tony Sacco's will host a Wine & Craft Beer Tasting event benefiting the Friends from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza Restaurant, 1663 N. Canton Center Road, Canton.

Sample red and white wines, craft beers, and enjoy an appetizer buffet. Participants must be 21 or older to attend. Each ticket costs \$25; there are a limited number of tickets available. Purchase tickets directly from Tony Sacco's.

Spaghetti dinner

The Plymouth VFW No. 6695 will host a spaghetti dinner from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the VFW, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Karaoke will follow at 9 p.m. in the lounge. Sponsored by the VFW Aux. 4th Dist. Pool League proceeds will

benefit Camp Trotter for Children in Newaygo.

Scrapbooking

SS. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, will host scrapbooking from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 18. The cost is \$35 for a full day, \$20 for a half-day. Vendors will be on-site. A light breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus snacks, will be provided. For more information, contact 734-721-4867

Yoooper pastie dinner

The Moose Lodge of Garden City will host a homemade Yoooper Pastie dinner 5-7 p.m. Feb. 18, at the Moose Lodge, 29122 Ford Road. Dinner is \$6 and includes pastie of your choice, salad and homemade cobbler. Also the Moose Lodge is taking orders for beef, chicken or vegetarian pasties that are filled with potatoes, onion, rutabaga and carrots all in a flaky crust. Prices are one for \$3.50, six for \$20 or a baker's dozen (13) for \$40. These are made fresh and are frozen and ready for pick up after 5 p.m. Feb. 18. To order, call Kim Dowidait at 734-564-5777 or see the Moose Lodge bar staff. Orders must be placed by Feb. 13. Proceeds from this dinner will help benefit Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

'Finding Dory' shows

The Clarenceville Church will host the movie "Finding Dory" Saturday, Feb. 18, at the church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Admission is free. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available. For more information or to pre-register, call 248-474-3444 or email the church at clarenceville-church@gmail.com.

Camera Club featured

Livonia Arts Commission announces that the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Bob and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library will feature the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council for the month of February. GDCC is composed of members from the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, Livonia Camera Club, the Motor City Camera Club located in Bloomfield, the Oakland Camera Club located in Waterford, The Photographic Guild located in Southfield, the Seven Ponds Nature Center Camera Club located in Dryden, the Shutterbug Camera Club located in Detroit, the Toledo Camera Club, the West Oakland Camera Club located in New Hudson and the Windsor Camera Club. These photography clubs meet on different days and different times but share a common interest: photography.

Each club has competitions in their Electronic Imaging Divisions, including Monochrome, Color, Nature and Color Creative (altered reality). They also have competitions in the two Print Divisions: Monochrome and Color. During the year, all of these clubs will compete against each other in all of the digital division as well as print division. All of the winners from each competition go into the GDCC's End-of-the-Year Print and Digital competition.

This month they celebrate with an end-of-the-year banquet and preparation for the February exhibit.

Seeking volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more.

Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs

of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged as several steps are to be completed prior to the start of the training sessions.

The next new volunteer orientation is March 11 and will be at the office, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Canton. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator with questions or to apply for a brief interview 888-983-9050.

Red Wings suite raffle

The Livonia Jaycess will hold a raffle to win a suite package of 20 tickets and a \$300 food voucher for the Friday, March 24, Red Wings game against the Tampa Bay Lightning. The raffle is \$20 or three tickets for \$50. The drawing will be March 7 and the winner does not need to be present. Proceeds will go to the Jaycess to use to improve the community.

To purchase tickets, contact the Jaycess at 734-956-0548 or livonia-jaycess@gmail.com or at 37699 Six Mile, Suite 250, Livonia.

Friday Night Glow Skate

The Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland hosts Glow Skate from 7-9:20 p.m. each Friday. The cost is \$8 for kids and \$9 for adults. Skate rentals are \$3. Everyone receives a free glow accessory with purchase. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood.

'Calling them Home'

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will offer a new Lenten series, "Calling Them Home," for all parents, grandparents, siblings and others who are interested in helping their special loved ones find their way home to the church. The four-week series, which will meet on consecutive Mondays from March 6-27 in the St. Michael's School cafeteria, will be led by well-known Catholic author, apologist and award-winning "Michigan Catholic" columnist Gary Michuta, who has extensive teaching experience with teens and young adults. There is no charge or reservation required for this series and all area Catholics who might have interest in this subject are welcome. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, contact the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

Weight management program

On March 14, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Registered dietitians will provide information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to develop a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and determine their healthiest weight. The class will take place 6-7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 2, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia (accessed from the south entrance).

There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register at stmymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

Trying to time market is always a dicey proposition

Q: I made a mistake when it comes to my investments that I hope you can help me with. I'm in my early 40s and in good financial shape. My salary more than covers my living expenses and, other than a small mortgage, I am not in debt. My main goal when it comes to investing — or I should say, my only goal is my retirement. I plan to work at least another 20-25 years. I am single and have no dependents. The day after the election, I sold my entire portfolio and went to cash. I was nervous because everyone was saying that, if Trump won the election, markets would crash and I figured I would get back in the market when things settled down. Obviously, I was wrong. My question to you is, do you think it is



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

a good time to get back into the market? Do you anticipate any downturns or a crash in the market that I should be concerned with? Needless to say, I feel pretty stupid.

A: First of all, don't feel stupid. I don't know one investor, including myself, who has not made mistakes when it comes to investing. It's the nature of investing that you cannot be right all the time. There is no reason to consider yourself stupid. You should look at this as a learning opportunity.

When it comes to predicting short-term gyrations in the market, it is impossible. Sometimes

when it comes to the market, good news is bad news and bad news is good news. Markets are irrational over the short run. Therefore, I have no idea if we will have a correction or when the next market downturn will occur. In addition, I have no idea how long they will last. I believe downturns and corrections in the market are normal and sometimes I'm more concerned when they don't happen as opposed to when they do happen.

I've always believed it is a fool's game to try to time the market. When you time the market, you have to be right twice — once when you buy and once when you sell. I don't know anyone who has been able to do that consistently — I don't even try to do it. What I tend to focus on is an individual's goals and

objectives. Those are more predictable and a much better indicator as to how you should invest your money.

When someone's goal is 20-25 years down the road, it is immaterial where the market is today. The focus is not on next week, next month or even next year, but 20-25 years down the road. I have no doubt that markets will be substantially higher at that point in time. For many investors, I would say to just jump back in. However, I do recognize that no one wants to see their investments retreat after just buying them.

Another strategy that you may want to consider is what is known as dollar-cost averaging. Under this strategy, as opposed to investing your money all at once, you invest it on a regular basis over a set period of time. As an

example, you may choose to get back in the market by investing the same amount of money monthly over a six-month period. By investing on a regular basis, no matter where the market is, you tend to reduce some of the short-term volatility.

For someone who is a conservative investor and very concerned with short-term volatility, dollar-cost averaging is a very good strategy to follow. If you were to follow a dollar-cost averaging strategy, six to nine months would be a good time frame. If you consider yourself more of a moderate or moderately aggressive investor, I would probably lean toward jumping back in the market.

As I mentioned earlier, every investor, even the greats such as Warren Buffett and Peter Lynch, make mistakes

when it comes to investing. What distinguishes them is, when they make a mistake, they admit it, correct it and move on. They don't focus on the past; they focus on the future.

My advice for investors is that they shouldn't be looking in the rear-view mirror. Like the great investors, they need to look forward. Don't focus on what is happening currently in the market, what the talking heads are saying on TV or even what tantrums the children in Washington are throwing. Focus on the most important thing — that is, what you're trying to achieve with your money.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

CPAs firm named 'Best'

Cole, Newton & Duran, CPAs (Cole, Newton & Duran) was recently named the Best CPA Firm in Livonia according to Friday Musings, a Livonia based e-newsletter posted at FridayMusings.com.

"We are very proud and honored to have been recognized as the best accounting firm in Livonia for the second consecutive year," said Arthur Cole, managing partner of Cole, Newton, and Duran CPAs. "It gives our brand added credibility with our clients. At Cole, Newton & Duran, we have an incredible corporate culture and focus on ensuring our clients receive outstanding service and valued advice."

Cole, Newton & Duran is headquartered in Livonia at 33762 Schoolcraft Road. The firm also has office locations in Novi and Plymouth. There are more than 40 employees, and practice areas cover assurance, tax, advisory and consulting.

Livonia property sold

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions recently sold a 33,294-square-foot office/flex business park at 38019-38035 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The seller, 38019-38035 Schoolcraft Drive Association LLC, sold the building to Todal, LLC.

Steve Eisenshtadt, senior vice president of brokerage services at Friedman, and Amit Hingorani, associate brokerage services at Friedman, represented the seller in this transaction.

Promoted in Farmington Hills

Rehmann has promoted Tony DiVito, CPA, to principal in its Farmington Hills location. DiVito specializes in

small business consulting, with an emphasis on accounting software analysis, tax preparation, fraud investigation and internal controls.

After a business combination between Rehmann and Boyes, Wright, Pittman & Co., PLLC, DiVito joined the firm in 2007. He also possesses expertise in Form 1099 reporting, worker classification and payroll taxes.

DiVito holds a bachelor's degree with concentrations in professional accounting and information systems and a master's degree in computer information systems from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Certified Advanced QuickBooks ProAdvisor and an Intacct Certified Services Provider. Additionally, DiVito serves as treasurer of the southeast Michi-

gan chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation.

Canton resident hired

Concorde Holdings, a private firm offering a full spectrum of services and support for financial professionals, has hired Danielle Kammeyer as its new director of brokerage operations.

Kammeyer joins Concorde with 13 years of experience in the financial services industry,

with a focus on brokerage operations, trading, brokerage compliance and supervision. Prior to joining Concorde, she served as the manager of strategic brokerage operations at Tampa-based J.W. Cole Financial Inc., where she was responsible for the day-to-day supervision of brokerage activities as well as the formulation and implementation of major initiatives within the brokerage department.

As Concorde's Director of Brokerage Operations, Kammeyer will be responsible for the process and operations of the Brokerage Department focusing on development and implementation, as well as identifying areas of opportunity for improvement and increased efficiency.

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Schoolcraft board sworn in, officers elected

At its organizational and regular meeting on Jan. 25, the Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft College elected officers for 2017-2018 and two trustees — one newly elected and one re-elected — were sworn in.

William (Bill) P. Erwin Jr., was elected to a six-year term during the November 2016 election and began his six-year term following the administration of the oath of office by the Honorable Mark Slavens, Third Circuit Court of Wayne County.

Erwin, a Canton resident, plans to retire in 2017 after 35 years in the trucking industry. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in education with a concentration in music from Wayne State University in 2006. He taught as a substitute teacher in many of the schools within the Schoolcraft College district. He has been active in the Plymouth-Canton area as a Canton Recreation soccer coach, Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band equipment crew chief and a member of the Plymouth Symphony. He also was the contemporary music director for St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth for 10 years and is a professional bass player.

Carol Strom, a Livonia resident, received the oath of office as a Schoolcraft College Board of Trustee member for the fifth time. Strom was re-elected for her fourth full six-year term as a trustee in November 2016. John Walsh, director of strategy, Executive Office of Gov. Rick Snyder, administered the oath of office to Strom. Walsh was a member of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees when Strom began her service to the college in 1994 when she was appointed to fill a vacancy for a two-year term.



John Walsh, director of strategy, Executive Office of Gov. Rick Snyder, administered the oath of office to Carol Strom of Livonia.



Third Circuit Court of Wayne County Judge Mark Slavens administers the oath of office for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees to new member William (Bill) P. Erwin, Jr. of Canton.

Officers for 2017-18 were also elected during the meeting. Plymouth resident Brian Broderick will serve as chair, Strom was elected vice chair, Gretchen Alaniz of Livonia will serve as secretary and Livonia resident Eric Stempian will be treasurer.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF GARDEN CITY
Wayne County, Michigan

To all residents and interested parties:
The following legal notices are available for review on our website.

The agendas and minutes (including approved ordinances) from regular and special Council meetings are available at: www.gardencitymi.org/AgendaCenter

Current requests for bids and proposals are available at: www.gardencitymi.org/218/Purchasing

You may also access this information at City Hall or the Garden City Library during regular business hours, or in the Police Station Lobby 24 hours a day.

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CITY OF LIVONIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on **Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**, in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

PETITION 2017-01-01-01 submitted D S Homes L.L.C., to rezone the property located on the north side of Roycroft Avenue between Garden Avenue and Middlebelt Road (29220 Roycroft Avenue) in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, from C-2 (General Business) to R-1 (One Family Residential - 60'x120' Lot).

SUSAN M. NASH, CITY CLERK

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ABSTRACT
WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-04
February 7, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Presentation by William Wild, Mayor of Fire Service. APPROVED: minutes of Regular City Council meeting of Jan. 17, 2017; second reading and adoption of Ord. #2017-01; Site Plan #2016-11, Metro Storage; budget amendment #2017-10; PSA with Stantec for grant assistance; legal services RFP short list; call a special meeting for 2/22/17; call CDBG public hearings 2/21/17 & 3/7/17; contract with Orion Solutions for Finance Director search; Fire Department fee schedule; Clerk's Office fee increase for birth & death certificates; 2nd year of mowing contract with US Lawns (Michigan Ave); 2nd year of mowing contract with US Lawns (Parks); PSA with Brindlee and Westshore Fire for sale of fire truck; Adjourned to Closed Session at 10:52 p.m.; reconvened in Open Session at 11:39 p.m. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 11:39 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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02-17-0025 Motion by Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Gabriel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2017-01, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

CITY OF WAYNE
PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY CHANGES TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BY THE REZONING OF PROPERTIES DESCRIBED AS LOTS 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 AND OUTLOTS IN CLARK SUBDIVISION FROM R-1C SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO IND-B INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Matthew Miller
City Clerk

Adopted: February 7, 2017
Published: February 16, 2017
Effective: February 17, 2017 LO-0000312015 3x3

Pets: Joy is worth the responsibility

It was the middle of the night and I was snuggled under a pile of blankets. Suddenly, I felt nine furry pounds plop onto my chest. It was my cat, Spunky, demanding some loving.

I sleepily stroke her fur. She rewards me by purring loudly. This happens most nights. We're both contented. It's a marriage made in heaven. Spunky and I have been together for more than 10 years. We're both seniors.

Each morning, Spunky waits patiently at her food bowl for the treats I



Arlene Funke

toss her way. She sleeps much of the day and likes to play at night. I was never a rabid animal lover, but owning pets — in my case, cats — has certainly enriched my life. This column salutes our beloved pets.

In 2005, my daughter Louise brought two tiny kittens to my Redford home. They had recently been born in the garage

at the home where she was living while attending Henry Ford Community College. The kittens' mother had disappeared. I tried unsuccessfully to find homes for them, but ended up adopting the cuties. Spunky is all black. Her black and white sister I named Domino.

A few months later, Spunky and Domino comforted me when I began chemotherapy for treatment of breast cancer. They stood vigil as I lay on the sofa, weak and nauseated. The kitties came along when I sold

my house and moved to a Livonia apartment. Sadly, I had to surrender Domino to the Humane Society after she and Spunky began fighting. I hope she was adopted into another loving family. It's tough to lose a pet. Three of my friends grieved mightily when their pets died.

My three children all have pets, three dogs and three cats among them. My friends and I often share stories about our pets, much as we brag about grandchildren.

I first met sweet, gentle Molly, a comfort cat, a

few years ago. Molly and her human mommy, Frieda Alderman, regularly visited the residents at the Village of Redford. Bringing cheer to the nursing home was Molly's task and she was excellent. Now retired from comfort duties, Molly hangs out at the Redford home she shares with Alderman.

My friend Pat Klein of Redford has rescued and adopted many cats over the years. She watched over Spunky for several weeks two years back, when I recovered from back surgery. Her cur-

rent cat is Tillie, much loved and well cared-for. I call my pal the cat whisperer.

"Come to Auntie Pat," she croons to Spunky, hiding under the bed when it's time for a trip to the vet. How does Spunky know a visit to the doctor is on her calendar? But out she comes for the cat whisperer.

Being a pet owner is a great responsibility, but the rewards are tremendous.

Arlene Funke writes a monthly column about life in Redford.

LETTERS

National security a mess

Just 24 days into the Trump regime, Gen. Michael Flynn resigned after allegations he lied to Vice President Pence, Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and Press Secretary Sean Spicer. All were lied to by Flynn, who claimed lifting of sanction against Russia were never discussed by him before the election. Flynn now admits he may have inadvertently misled key Trump officials and even Trump himself.

Trump National Security apparatus has been and is in turmoil. This while an American plane and a Chinese plane nearly collided over the North China sea, North Korea launches a ballistic missile. The Middle East is a daily explosion.

Trump named Keith Kellogg, Flynn's deputy, as Flynn replacement. Somehow, this does not seem comforting to our National Security. National Security concerns seem to be the a prime concern of Trump when he focuses on immigration but China, North Korea, Iran, Iraq, Syria seems to be a much bigger concern to the American public.

Time is of the essence for Trump to get his act together and focus on those priorities of greatest concern to the U.S. Ripping mothers from their children certainly should not be a Trump priority when his National Security team was and now is in shambles.

Gerald Maxey
Farmington Hills

Are we getting what we voted for?

Let's withdraw our support for NATO countries because too many countries are not paying their fair share.

In Mr. Trump's mind this is a very valid reason — however, it is also ill-advised dialogue coming from a man who takes pride in not paying any personal U.S. income taxes and not disclosing any tax returns showing how much his fair share ought to be.

How about the immigration ban? Closing the US borders to all who are entering from seven hand-picked countries. The reason for this: because that's where the

terrorists have come from. Did he forget about the 9/11 attack where the terrorists entered the U.S. via Saudi Arabia? Of course not, but he did remember all of his financial partners in the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia. The region also includes Dubai which has a multimillion-dollar Trump Golf Resort and Qatar that has a major airport, which has an office in the New York Trump Tower.

The major regional property development company (DAMAC) is located in Dubai and the chairman of its board was invited to the January inauguration ceremony. A second board member spent 15 years doing business within the borders of both Syria and Iraq two of the seven countries. If you would like to purchase one of their three-bedroom townhouses surrounded by a Trump golf course, they start at \$1.4 million.

Mr. Trump's presidential focus seems to remain on voter fraud. On Jan. 25, he tweeted that he will be asking for an investigation, including those who are registered to vote in two states. (This is not a crime until it is discovered you voted twice.) On Jan. 27 the New York Times listed four Trump appointees and his youngest daughter as those registered in two states. We will have to wait to see just how far any investigation will go.

We can only hope that the Republican-controlled Congress will oppose his rhetoric and take control of our future.

Jim Brenner
Redford

Is Trott afraid to meet?

Residents of Michigan's 11th Congressional district are angry because our Rep. Dave Trott refuses to hold a town hall to meet with us in person. His last in-person town hall was held April 9, 2015. That's nearly 700 days ago. It seems as though Trott is afraid to meet with us.

In a feeble attempt to meet constituent demands for a meeting, Trott held a "tele town hall" on Feb. 7, 2017. A "tele town hall" is basically a conference call.

We signed up online, gave our phone numbers, and were supposed to receive a call at the time of the meeting. My call never came, so I went on Twitter and Facebook, and hundreds of others never got the call either. Furthermore, from reading the tweets and posts, it seems that registered Republicans received their calls and the meeting mainly consisted of softball questions. Was the whole thing rigged? Sure seems that way, but I guess we'll never know for sure. Maybe it was just gross incompetence that led to a failure with the technology used to hold the meeting. However, one thing I do know for sure is that cowards do not belong in Congress.

Heather Gatny
Plymouth

Still can't find Trott

I'm sorry to say that this "town hall" was not accessible to me. The only link I had to it was the Google link to signed up. They didn't do me any good because when I went there the sign-up was full. There was no link to indicate where the actual town hall link was.

I went to Trott's Facebook page and his Twitter page and there were no links there either.

Oh, I forgot to mention that Trott sent an email at the last minute to say that his town hall was rescheduled from 5 o'clock to 6 o'clock. He did not send a link to the town hall online so that people could easily join.

This is exactly the kind of constituent evasiveness that Trott has shown in the past.

I am astonished and saddened that his opponent Dr. Anil Kumar, did not beat him in the 2016 election

Colleen Crossey
Novi

Not natural growth

Art Van Furniture has been acquired by private equity firm Thomas H. Lee Partners based outside of Michigan in Boston, Massachusetts. The news releases claim this is natural growth of Art Van and indicate this is a normal step in the growth of any company.

That is far from the case.

Private equity is a source of investment

capital from high net worth individuals and institutions for the purpose of investing and acquiring equity ownership in companies. This means a group of individuals have a pile of cash and are unable or unwilling to invest in other financial channels.

These individuals want a guaranteed return on a regular schedule. Like corporate raiders they are not interested in the true value of any company. All that matters is that there is a definite and seemingly regular flow of cash.

Art Van was sold to a company intent on extracting profit from an income stream to which they add no value. As with telecommunications giant Avaya, which recently declared bankruptcy, they are at a critical juncture. If management had gone public the resulting wealth created would have increased the real value of the company.

Private equity reduction works more slowly than a corporate raid but still is not valuable as a reasonable means for generating wealth. It is a one-way deal.

Avaya's recent bankruptcy turned a leading American innovator in telecommunications into a beggar. We all pay the price when someone takes the easy way to easy street.

Don't you agree?
Alfred Brock
Wayne

Normalizing hate

Carol Maynard (Letters, Feb. 2) may not personally hate immigrants, the disabled, people of color or the millions who marched the day after Inauguration and at dozens of airports the weekend after that.

And yet, the person Ms. Maynard voted for, and many of his closest advisers, are a very different story. The events of the past few weeks — things the president advocated for and promised before the election, but which "reasonable" people assumed to be campaign rhetoric — are driven by strongly negative impulses. Beliefs that inner cities are burned-out, poverty riddled war zones; that "criminal aliens" regularly commit countless violent crimes even as "bad dudes" pour across the

border hoping to kill decent Americans; but most of all, that America can be made great again only if Americans embrace fear and accept that only a "strong leader" can save us.

Ms. Maynard doesn't hate, she just cannot yet see that her vote helped normalize hatred in others — hatred of others. She could have ignored a pink handmade sign carried by a friendly, kind-hearted social worker, maybe even said that though she does not agree with Colleen Crossey's opinion, she supports her right to express it. Instead, she pretends the sign is explicitly aimed at her, stoking an outrage that comes across as fake, perhaps to suppress Ms. Crossey's willingness to speak her mind in the future. This is how our culture is coarsening.

Herb Helzer
Northville

Media does matter

U.S. citizens are living in surreal times under an autocracy led by an egotistic, emotionally stunted con artist who is the puppet of a racist, disgusting "adviser" and supported by a cowardly Congress. The first few weeks have been chaotic, laws have been broken, serious mistakes might have proved disastrous. The Nov. 8, 2016, presidential election was stolen from Hillary Clinton with the help of the Russian government, plus Mr. Comey of the FBI.

Opponents of this new regime will continue to protest in the streets in order to restore democracy. Citizens will contact senators and representatives. A major problem is how do individuals receive true news and information when the powerful in D.C. and certain media outlets offer "alternative" facts, fake news and lies.

Media matters. We must be aware of the major networks, plus the people they hire. As an example, NBC and MSNBC have made some questionable choices recently. One can find fault with some aspects of Facebook, yet I find such sites as Moveon.org, Buzz, Proud Democrat, YouTube and even "Saturday Night Live!" helpful in encouraging persons to form grassroots efforts to hold officials accountable. patriotic

people post reasonable ideas and possible solutions in restoring democracy.

I suggest citizens read reputable newspapers and magazines: the New York Times, the Washington Post, The Nation, The New Yorker. All are available online. We should be familiar with the more conservative views, too.

Have hope, be vigilant and active. Start now to help restore democracy in the 2018 elections.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce Township

Speak up, contact legislators

As a proud, former Michigianian, raised in Oakland County, it is distressing to hear what is happening today. Italian author Umberto Eco was a man who understood the influences and results of fascism. He wrote that fascism was not a concrete political system, but a collection of behaviors that, taken together, forged something incomprehensible. "Fascism was a fuzzy totalitarianism," he wrote. "A collage of different philosophical and political ideas, a beehive of contradictions."

In 1995, Eco made a visionary prediction. "There is in our future a TV or Internet populism, in which the emotional response of a selected group of citizens can be presented and accepted as the Voice of the People." I would appear that is exactly where we are now. The president's fascism is new. It's a reality-TV kind of fascism. Typically American, designed to entertain and fed by the Internet. The president is its prophet.

One need not look any further than to see the rapid rise of xenophobia in our country, how it has completely polarized its citizens.

Whatever can we do about this vile movement?

You can find your congressional representative and your senator online. But be patient, as their boxes may be filled temporarily due to the overwhelming response to what is occurring today. It seems to me that this may be the only way to practice democracy in action today.

Dennis Kostecki
Former Michigianian
Sausalito, Calif.



Notice to Taxpayers Charter Township of Redford March 2017 Board of Review

Notice is hereby given that the 2017 March Board of Review for the Charter Township of Redford will meet at the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly Road Redford, Michigan 48239 in the Board Room for the purpose of reviewing the 2017 Assessment Roll. Appeals will be heard **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. You must call the Assessor's Office at (313) 387-2730 to schedule your appeal.

THE BOARD WILL MEET ON THE DATES AND TIMES INDICATED BELOW.

Tuesday	March 7, 2017	Organization Meeting	to	11:00 A.M.
Thursday	March 9, 2017	9:00 A.M.	to	4:00 P.M.
Friday	March 10, 2017	9:00 A.M.	to	4:00 P.M.
Monday	March 13, 2015	3:00 P.M.	to	9:00 P.M.
Thursday	March 16, 2015	3:00 P.M.	to	9:00 P.M.
Friday	March 17, 2015	9:00 A.M.	to	4:00 P.M.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A TAXPAYER TO PROTEST THE VALUATION PLACED ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE YEAR 2017.

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ATTENTION POVERTY APPEALS: PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR POVERTY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AT (313) 387-2730.

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

City of Livonia - 01/30/2017 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Kritzman, Brosnan Jolly, White, Bahr, and McIntyre
Absent: Meakin
Items were received and filed.

- #24-17 Approving minutes of the 1,816th Regular Meeting of Council on January 18, 2017.
- #25-17 Approving the request to waive the city's noise ordinance to allow a car show with a DJ at Saint Collette's Catholic Church on Saturday, June 3, 2017.
- #26-17 Approving reappointment of Vahan Nazarian to Livonia Board of Review.
- #27-17 Approving location and schedule of dates and times for the 2017 Board of Review meetings, as well as compensation rates for members.
- #28-17 Authorizing purchase of two (2) new Avid Systems, including set up of the workstation PC, a LED-LCD TV monitor, wall mounts, disc drive and the AVID systems, to upgrade current equipment from Keycode Media.
- #29-17 Accepting bid of Jacobson, A Textron Company for the lease of 23 pieces of equipment to be used to maintain the Fox Creek, Whispering Willows and Idyl Wild golf courses.
- #30-17 Authorizing a Lease-Purchase Agreement with Wells Fargo Financial Leasing, Inc. in order to finance the purchase of said equipment from Jacobson, A Textron Company, for the lease of 23 pieces of equipment to be used to maintain the Fox Creek, Whispering Willows and Idyl Wild golf courses.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Chapter 30 (Smoking in Public Places) of Title 8 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 32 of the Zoning Map and amending Article III of Ordinance 543, as amended, known and cited as the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance.

- #31-17 Approving the assessment roll for Arbor Trail Estates Site Condominiums.
- #32-17 Approving Petition 2016-11-01-07, to rezone the property located on the south side of Five Mile Road between Farmington Road and Shadyside Street (33233-33243 Five Mile Road), from PL (Public Land) to C-1 (Local Business).

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

Livonia police seek video game theft suspect

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Livonia police are asking for help identifying a suspect wanted in connection with the theft of several video game systems.

Police say the suspect, described as a male about 6 feet tall, walked into the Gameplay shop at 29462 Seven Mile in the Livonia Marketplace shopping center during the afternoon of Feb. 4 and walked



LIVONIA POLICE
Suspect

out with four Nintendo 2DS gaming systems without paying for them. Police say the suspect has been back to the store on several occasions and has taken four other gaming systems, all worth several hundreds of dollars.

The thefts were dis-

covered after employees at the shop reviewed security footage, and those images were posted on the police department's Facebook page.

Police say the suspect is about 160 pounds, was unshaven and had a mustache. Anyone with information on these cases is encouraged to call a Livonia police detective at 734-466-2328. Callers can remain anonymous.

dveselenak@hometownlife.com

Woman charged in Livonia bank robbery sent to prison

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

A Redford Township woman will spend at least the next nine years in prison after taking a plea deal over several bank robbery charges stemming from several cases in Livonia.

Laura McCarthy, 54, was sentenced Friday in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice to serve 9-20 years after taking a plea deal. McCarthy was originally accused of robbing several banks in both Livonia and Redford last fall, including a Chase Bank and a Citizens Bank on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Two counts of bank robbery and two counts of false report or threat of terrorism were dismissed as a part of the



McCarthy

plea deal, according to online court records, and in exchange, McCarthy pleaded guilty to two counts of armed robbery. Police say McCarthy passed a note to tellers at two financial institutions, insinuating there was a bomb in the building and asking for money.

She is expected to be eligible for parole in 2025, after she's served the minimum of her sentence at the Huron Valley Women's Correctional Facility near Ypsilanti. Her maximum discharge date is 2036, according to online Corrections records. She

received credit for the 90 days she spent in the Wayne County Jail awaiting trial.

McCarthy was arrested shortly after several bank robberies were reported Nov. 12 on the south side of Livonia. Police located and arrested her as she was walking down a side street. She was stopped and police located several thousands of dollars on her person, as well as a glove police say was used to pass a note to tellers.

Police say she was also believed to be responsible for a pair of bank robberies that took place in Livonia and Redford back in September.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Catalytic converter taken

A resident in the 8900 block of Hugh came to the Livonia police station Monday to report his catalytic converter missing.

He said he parked his car in front of his home the night before and came out that morning to find his vehicle was making a loud noise when he started it. After checking, he discovered his catalytic converter had been taken. No suspect information was available.

Another stolen catalytic converter

Police were called Monday to a home in the 9000 block of Oporto on a call of a stolen catalytic converter.

The resident told police he parked his car in front of his residence the day before and locked it. When he came out that day, he heard how loud the car was when he started it.

He then noticed the catalytic converter had been taken.

Retail fraud

Police were called Saturday evening to Target, 20100 Haggerty, on the report of a retail fraud suspect who had fled the store.

After the call, police on Interstate 96 noticed a vehicle that matched the description of the one the suspect drove away. Police pulled the car over and discovered the driver had several bags from Target. She was detained and employees were able to describe her appearance as the suspect. She was arrested. Target employees said she was seen selecting several items and placing them into bags.

She was then seen leaving without paying for the items, even though an employee attempted to stop her. She did not stop and left the store, getting into a vehicle and driving away.

Computer taken

Police were dispatched Friday evening to Doc's Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, on the report of a larceny

from auto that had taken place.

The victim told police he parked his vehicle outside the restaurant and went inside for a few hours. When he came out, he discovered one of the vehicle's windows had been smashed and several items were missing, including a laptop computer, USB drive and a backpack.

Wallet stolen

A resident in the 17200 block of Deering came to the police station Friday to report her wallet had been stolen from her vehicle.

She said she parked her car in the driveway of her home the night before and left the doors unlocked. The next day, she found her wallet was no longer in the vehicle. It contained her Social Security card, Bridge card, debit card and ID card. There was no damage to the vehicle and nothing else appeared stolen.

—Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

Livonia police arrest suspect in meet-up theft case

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Livonia police say they've arrested a man accused of stealing cash last month during a meet-up involving an online transaction.

Ali Wehbe Hakim, 18 of Westland was arrested last week by Livonia police after they say he stole \$400 from an individual looking to buy an iPhone. Since his arrest, he has been charged with larceny from a person in Livonia's 16th District Court. He was given a bond of \$50,000 cash or surety and remains locked up in the Wayne County jail as of Tuesday afternoon.

Police say Hakim met an individual who contacted him through OfferUp, an app designed to connect buyers and



Hakim

sellers of goods online.

The woman wanted to purchase an iPhone.

The meeting to discuss the sale of an iPhone was made and the two met Jan. 30 in a parking lot near Schoolcraft and Farmington.

During the meeting, the victim had several hundreds of dollars in cash in her hand, but asked to see the phone to make sure it worked.

Before that exchange took place, police say Hakim grabbed the money out of the woman's hand and ran off on foot. Security footage from the nearby KFC showed the suspect running across the park-

ing lot and getting into a vehicle there before driving away.

Through an investigation, police were able to identify the suspect, which led to his arrest. He is due back in the Livonia courthouse March 2 for a preliminary examination. If convicted, Hakim faces up to 10 years in prison.

Livonia police encourage those looking to buy and sell online through services such as OfferUp and Craigslist to make transactions at the police department. The department also offers a service for Livonia residents to check and see if an item being bought is registered as stolen.

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WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Car theft reported

Wayne police were dispatched the afternoon of Feb. 9 on the report of a stolen vehicle from Payless Used Cars, 31615 Michigan Ave.

The owner told police he noticed a vehicle was missing from the lot, even though the keys remained on the ring. Security footage showed a suspect hop out of a vehicle that pulled up in the parking lot. After a while, footage showed the missing vehicle driving away from the lot about 15 minutes later after the other vehicle had pulled up. Police reviewed the footage and searched the lot for evidence. The employee said the car was taken without the keys and was unlocked at the time.

Furnace, hot water heater taken from home

A listing agent for a home in the 32300 block of Carlisle Parkway filed a report with police Feb. 9 over the theft of a fur-

nace and hot water heater.

The agent said it appeared both were taken from the home. Both appeared in the home during an inspection Jan. 26. There were no signs of forced entry.

Vehicle damaged

Police received a report Saturday afternoon from a resident in the 33400 block of Morris on the report of damage to his vehicle.

He discovered someone broke the back window of the vehicle and left broken glass everywhere. He called his brother to pick him up

and they then went to work.

Window smashed on vehicle

A resident in the 34900 block of Ash filed a police report Feb. 8 over damage to their vehicle.

The resident said it appeared a heavy object was used to dent the vehicle's roof, and someone had shattered a glass window. A second vehicle's window was also shattered. Nothing appeared missing from the vehicle.

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You are hereby notified pursuant to chapter VIII Section 6, of the Charter of Livonia, the Board of Review will conduct Public Hearings on the following dates in the Board of Review Conference Room of the Assessor's Office in the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan and such additional meetings as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll for the year 2017 and hearing any taxpayers deeming themselves aggrieved by the said assessments.

The meetings of the Board of Review provide the only opportunity after March 7, 2017 for property owners to present protests or suggestions relative to the assessed valuation placed on property by the Assessor for the year 2017. Property owners deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessments will have the opportunity to be heard and may obtain further information from the Office of the City Assessor.

First Session			
Tuesday	March 7, 2017	Organizational Meeting	9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
Thursday	March 9, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Friday	March 10, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Second Session			
Monday	March 13, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Tuesday	March 14, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 9:00p.m.
Thursday	March 16, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Friday	March 17, 2017	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 165, Public Acts of 1971, we hereby give notice that the following tentative ratio and multipliers will be used to determine the State Equalized Value (S.E.V.) for the year 2017.

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PREP WRESTLING

Shamrocks send 14 to Saline regional

CC wins 10 district titles; Franklin, Glenn each qualify eight

Brad Emons
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It was a dominating week, to say the least, for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team.

The host Shamrocks captured their MHSAA Division 1 team district Feb. 8 with an 83-0 win over Walled Lake Western.

On Saturday, top-ranked CC captured 10 of the 14 weight classes at the Livonia Churchill individual district while advancing 14 to the upcoming Saline regional (Feb. 18).

"I'm excited. I thought the guys wrestled well," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "Anytime you have 14 finalists, that's a good thing. I thought we could have scored more points in our semifinal match-ups. I think those guys were a little tentative in those match-ups. But I thought we opened it up a little bit in the finals and did a nice job."

CC's five defending state champions all won district titles: Nick Jenkins (285), Ben Kamali (112), Kevin Davenport (130), Cam Amine (145) and Ty Morland (171).

The Shamrocks also got individual titles from Devon Johnsen (103), Derek Gilcher (119), Stone Moscovic (125), Dane Flynn (189) and Jackson Ross (215).

Two of those championship

finals pitted CC wrestlers one another as Kamali decided teammate Rhett Newton, 11-5, while Morland pinned Easton Turner in 41 seconds.

"I thought Rhett Newton is a really good wrestler and he wrestled Ben Kamali, a returning state champ, and did a really nice job," Hancock said. "The third period, the match got away from (Newton) a little bit, but I liked his intensity and liked the way he wrestled."

CC wrestlers captured the first seven weight classes before Canton's Justin Winnie edged Dearborn Fordson's Hamze Mrech, 7-5, in the 135-pound final.

At 140, Livonia Stevenson's Tarik Alcodray decided Stevenson's Joe Urso, 3-0, while Livonia



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Dane Flynn (right) decided Plymouth's Ethan Shulaw in the 189-pound finals, 7-3.

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YOUTH HOCKEY



RENA LAVERTY

Members of the Compuware Tier 1 AAA girls hockey team (foreground) listen along with others at a February 2016 press conference at USA Hockey Arena. The event highlighted the 2017 Women's World Cup coming to Plymouth.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

RU clips Eagles for Township trophy

Brad Emons
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Valentine's Day proved to be sweet in more ways than one for the Redford Union girls basketball team.

The Panthers not only got the season sweep against rival Redford Thurston, but also took home the Township trophy as well with a 48-39 triumph.

Sophomore forward Johnnia Steele provided much of the love for visiting RU by scoring a game-high 19 points.

But also playing Cupid was junior guard Haley Hebner, who came off the bench to score 13 as the Panthers improved to 11-4 overall and 7-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division.

In the first meeting between the two Township rivals on Jan. 20, which resulted in a 45-31 RU win, Hebner had only one 3-pointer.

"She's actually scored 18 points in a game earlier this year, so she's capable," RU coach Scott Purdy said. "She gave us a big lift."

With the Panthers leading 21-9 at halftime, Hebner scored six points in the third quarter as RU took a 31-17 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

"She (Hebner) did an excellent job," Steele said. "She'll knock it down. That's her area, the mid-range and high post."

The 6-foot Steele added nine points in the final quarter as RU opened up an 18-point advantage.

"In our spread offense there hasn't been a team able to stop her from the wing," Purdy said. "She moves the ball well, she attacks the rim, she's left-handed, so that helps huge and has good baseline drives. She needs to pass a little bit more, but she's a good player."

Thurston (7-10, 3-6) shot

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IN THE DEEP FREEZE

MAHA decision forces Compuware girls with Tier 1 aspirations to find alternatives

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

A year ago, players from Compuware's girls hockey Tier 1 team sat in the front row at a press conference announcing the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championship.

But when those games are played March 31 through April 7 at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, the Compuware team won't even exist anymore — except for postseason awards banquets — thanks to a recent reduction of Tier 1 (AAA) girls programs for 2017-18, announced by Michigan Amateur Hockey Association.

MAHA awarded Tier 1 status for next season to four



RENA LAVERTY

Goalie Katie Nowak of Compuware's U12 AAA girls team participates during a December clinic at USA Hockey Arena. The Livonia resident will need to find a new organization to play for in 2017-18.

organizations — Honeybaked, Little Caesars, Belle Tire and West Michigan Elite (Meijer AAA) — but shut out the Compuware girls program.

Compuware's Tier 1 boys program is good to go for 2017-18, also playing at USA Hockey Arena. There are eight boys Tier 1 programs slated for next season.

"They had to shrink the top level to help grow the girls hockey (at lower levels)," said Mike Henry, USA Hockey Arena's director of youth hockey. "MAHA had a tough decision and they selected four great organizations. It's unfortunate Compuware didn't get one. But the four they did award are well-deserving of

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PROGRAMS COME TOGETHER

Soccer worlds uniting under the dome

Wolves-Hawks, AC Milan, Livonia Soccer Club merger to help grow game

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Soccer is enjoying a growth spurt in Livonia — with the major "seeds" planted into the artificial turf at Schoolcraft College.

The new dome at Schoolcraft already is the long-term home of the elite Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club.

But a recent merger takes

the Livonia based AC Milan-Detroit select program and rebrands it as Wolves-Hawks beginning in June.

Meanwhile, recreational teams will continue to operate as the Livonia Soccer Club, but tapping into the same resources (including facilities and coaches) that the more-advanced programs will rely upon.

"It's a great opportunity for both clubs," said Ed McCarthy, president of the nationally recognized Michigan Wolves-Hawks. "We're look-



SUBMITTED

Posing under the Schoolcraft College soccer dome following the merger are (from left): Chris Burnette (Livonia City Soccer Club, president), Doug Landefeld (Michigan Hawks, vice president and director of coaching), Rick Larson (Livonia City Soccer Club, director of coaching), Dan Mellors (Livonia City Soccer Club, youth director), Ken Shingledecker (Livonia City Soccer Club, director of operations), Lars Richters (Michigan Wolves, academy director) and Ed McCarthy (Michigan Wolves-Hawks, president).

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HIGH SCHOOL POM

Stevenson pom squad set for Breslin

Mid-American Pompon finals on Sunday

Tim Smith
HometownLife.com

A blue wave will make a splash inside the largely green interior of Michigan State University's Breslin Center on Sunday.

That's because the Livonia Stevenson varsity pom squad, coached by Hazel Jillian Pacion, is going all out for a Class A Division 1 state championship.

Breslin is hosting the 2017 Mid-American Pompon state championship, which also will include D1 teams from Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin.

"It's a huge deal," said Pacion, adding with a laugh that she didn't think "they'd keep me around if I didn't get them into states, or especially D1s. I know they weren't happy about D2 last year."

Teams create and perfect routines beginning in the fall, and then compete at the Mid-American regionals (which this year were in late January at Northville High School). In order to be slotted into D1, routines must be performed at 80-percent proficiency or better; teams at 79 percent or less are part of the D2 competition.

"Every team does one routine, and you get to showcase all the creative things you can do," said Pacion, who has previous coaching experience with the Canton junior varsity and Farmington United. "We'll make sure it's 100 percent original."

On Monday evening, Michigan State University pom coach Linda Karbo and an assistant coach visited Stevenson's gymnasium to help the team iron out any last-minute wrinkles before heading to East Lansing.

Welcoming the extra work were junior team members Jenna Fisher and Keri Martin, both 16.

"I think we're going to have put in a lot of hard work this week," Fisher said. "We're all going to have to really come together and push, because last weekend we had a competition, and we've been having a lot of practices."

"A lot of us are sick, so we really have to push through as a team and become unified. I think we can do really good."

College try

Fisher added that she gets a boost from the MSU coaches being at the Stevenson practice.

"The Michigan State coaches are really inspiring to me, because I want to be at Michigan State when I'm older," Fisher said. "But Linda pushes us all the time, she teaches us *snap*. She gives us really good choreography to work with, she's really good at motivating us to do better."

Martin said the team got it together at regionals and now wants to showcase what it can do to an even bigger audience.

"It's an amazing opportunity," Martin said. "It's not something that we're given, we have to earn our spot. To be



Livonia Stevenson's varsity pom squad competes last week at halftime of a Spartans-Northville boys basketball game. The team will go for a state championship Sunday at Breslin Center.



The Spartans pom squad works on precision routines with crisp, sharp movements.

able to get to states and get Division 1 at that is a really big competition."

The key to making the cut at regionals, she continued was "just being one as a team, instead of performing as 20 individual girls. It was being united and being close as a team so we could go out on that floor as one team."

Both Fisher and Martin said one of the most frustrating things about being on the pom team is "confusion" about what it is the team actually does — what with other entities such as competitive cheer and dance (although Stevenson does not have the latter).

"People just don't get it," Fisher said. "They go 'Oh, you do cheer?' I'm like, 'no, I do pom.' It's two completely different things. Pom is more dance-y and cheerleading is more like yelling."

"It's either we're cheer or dance, so I usually say it's a combination of both," chimed in Martin. "We have the energy

of cheer and we have the snappiness and emotion behind dance."

Oh, snap

When asked to define "snappy," both said it came down to making moves with emphasis, purpose.

"Snappy is just hitting moves and holding them, it's being really sharp and powerful," Martin said. "So it looks like you conditioned all year just for that move."

Concurring was Fisher, noting that "you have to hit everything and hold it. She says if you're going to do something make sure you have an intention for it, if you're going to hit something hit it all the way. Don't do it halfway."

Their coach totally gets why there can be confusion about all the different sports, having been on Northville High School's varsity pom team.

"There's a big comparison between,

'Are you guys dance or cheer?' We're kind of in the middle," Pacion said. "We don't do tumbling. We're not allowed to have both hands and feet off the floor at the same time. We can't do a back tuck on the floor, it's illegal for us. We can't do something overhead, like extensions ... we can't do pyramids."

"We're more of a dance team with a cheer style. We have a lot of stiff movement, we have a lot of big, sharp and very precise (movements). Make sure every count looks the same, everyone has the right movement."

Pacion said another winning ingredient for her team is camaraderie.

There is only one senior on the squad, Katie Orlich. But the Spartans feature strong numbers in all three other grades.

Juniors include Fisher, Martin, Kelly Jarosz, Julia Hebert, Holly Cleaver and Samantha Burney while four Spartan sophomores are Maddie Piccard, Caroline Kaniowski, Shelby Pelc and Lexis Cholette.

Rounding out the roster is a large group of ninth-graders. Those include Riley Bauman, Kaitlyn Boris, Kelly Flannigan, Riley Hannigan, Alexa Michels, Megan Pence, Rylie Ickes, Alexis Raymond and Samantha Zawisza. Helping Pacion with coaching duties is Meg Bugajski.

"It's kind of cool to get girls coming into ninth grade who can get right into the sport," Pacion said. "We have a lot of girls on our middle school team (Livonia Pom) that we're getting next year, nine girls. And we bring them up. The seniors are very welcoming of the freshmen."

As for all three Livonia district high schools sending teams to the Mid-American finals, Pacion credited the Livonia Pom feeder system. "Every team is super committed to this."

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PREP WRESTLING

Clarenceville advances seven grapplers

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Livonia Clarenceville will be sending a contingent of seven to the MHSAA Division 3 individual wrestling regional Saturday at Richmond.

The Trojans were led in last Saturday's district by 130-pounder Joseph Sanchez, a senior, who reached the finals of the Richmond district before falling to Algonac's Mark Langewicz by major decision, 9-1. Sanchez is 34-14 overall.

The Trojans also received third-place finishes from Dylik Hunter (125), Greg Lutz (145), David Means (171) and Max Woodcock (189).

Hunter, 31-18 overall, defeated Warren Michigan Collegiate's Trachon Adams in the consolation final, 8-6, while Lutz, 28-7 overall, won by major decision over Clawson's Luke Rusher, 13-1.

Means, 32-6 overall, pinned Algonac's Ozzy Kinch in 0:31 seconds, while Woodcock, who is 35-13, pinned Michigan Collegiate's Anthony Taylor in 2:09.

Also advancing by placing fourth for the Trojans included Jacob Weiss (119), who is 34-15, and Zack Richards (160), who is 31-16.

"We had some tough losses in the 'blood round' that could have gone either way, and there were two huge losses in that round," Clarenceville coach Nick Elam said.

RU qualifies trio

Redford Union senior Kenny Vadnais improved to 36-4 overall by winning the 145-pound division in Saturday's Division 2 district at Warren Woods Tower.

Vadnais decided Woods Tower's Keff O'Connell in the championship final, 4-3, to raise his season record to 36-4.

HOME OF THE BLUE DEV



Clarenceville's individual regional qualifiers include (from left) Dylik Hunter, David Means, Joseph Sanchez, Jacob Weiss, Zack Richards, Greg Lutz and Max Woodcock, along with head coach Nick Elam

RU also has two other regional qualifiers including Larry Elliott (130), who lost to Farmington's Jake Justice on an injury default in the finals. Elliott is 38-1 overall.

Meanwhile, Isaac Grant (189) added a fourth and will take a 32-3 record into the upcoming Carleton-Airport regional.

Rockets send eight

At the Division 1 district hosted by Westland John Glenn, the Rockets qualified eight for the Saline regional — including five individual champions.

The first-place finishers included Mikey Mars (119), JaWuan Peete (215), Anthony Gibson (135), Lionel Cornish (189) and Kyle Borthwell (112).

Earning second place at 145 was John Sienasz, while Brandon Carreathers (285) and Isaac Lefler (125) finished third in their respective weight divi-

sions. "As a team we had an average day," John Glenn head coach Bill Polk said. "We qualified eight individuals which is nice but I was figuring more than that."

"It was a competitive day of wrestling and we look forward to attempting to get eight to state."

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SOCCER

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ing forward to working together and moving forward as a single entity. I think the consolidation of what we're doing, there certainly was some overlap, it allows for every player to have a spot.

"... But they (Livonia Soccer Club) do an excellent job with the recreational side, going up into Premier. And we have a Premier side and we have the elite side, our U.S. Academy and ECNL divisions. What it allows us to do is be able to cover every player in the community with high-level facilities and high-level coaches."

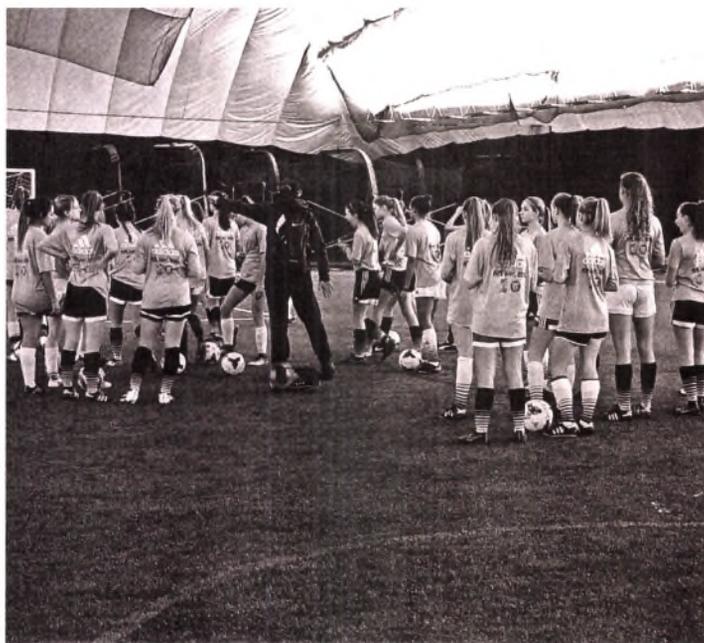
There are about 850 players currently in the Wolves-Hawks program, comprised of top-notch boys and girls players from metro Detroit — primarily Livonia, Canton, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Brighton and Ann Arbor.

Add to that number about 400 rec players from Livonia Soccer Club and 400 more Premier players from AC Milan, "so both groups doubled in size," McCarthy continued.

The new soccer dome at Schoolcraft is the rising star of the entire endeavor.

"That has been one of the best moves we've been able to do," said McCarthy, about signing a 25-year deal to be a main tenant at the dome. "The facilities at Schoolcraft are top-notch, they are meticulously maintained. Their attention to detail is great, the security is there.

"The field is enormous, it's 120-by-75 yards. It's a brand new facility, with LED lighting. It provides our club with the ideal training environment. ... It is great for the entire soccer com-



Members of the 2002 Michigan Hawks ECNL girls soccer team congregate during a practice at Schoolcraft College.



Hailey Lindow works on her goalkeeping stance during a recent 2002 Michigan Hawks ECNL practice at Schoolcraft.

Club and a longtime men's coach at Schoolcraft.

"Years of preparation and relationship building have positioned our soccer club for this opportunity," Larson said. "It is an exciting time for our players, our coaching staff, as well as the Livonia community.

"Creating this holistic environment for players at all levels inside of one club is something that we began working toward in 2008.

"This merger provides tremendous opportunity for the future and collectively we are committed to making this a seamless transition for each player and family."

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munity."

Great opportunity

Excitement over the merger is palpable.

"Exciting times ahead, as we merge two great soccer clubs both rich in history as well as community," Livonia Soccer Club president Chris Burnette said. "The soccer climate has changed

considerably over the past few years and we feel the marriage of our clubs creates an unprecedented opportunity for players of all ages to play at all levels.

"The merger unites our clubs, our families and our community and we are excited for the future."

Concurring was Rick Larson, director of coaching for Livonia Soccer

WRESTLING

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Franklin's Nathan Atienza, a returning state champ, ran his record to 51-1 in the 152-pound final by pinning CC's Aiden Wagh in 5:02.

Novi senior Lincoln Cleary (160) also came home with a title after a hard-fought 2-0 decision against Canton's Christopher Little, raising his record to 31-9.

"It's good to see Lincoln Cleary finally come out with district championship," Novi sixth-year coach Joel Smith said. "He's worked real hard, proud of the kid and he's come a long way. He won the Lakeland tournament, he was runner-up at Observerland. He didn't wrestle at Walled Lake Northern, but he's had a nice season this year, so it's good to see him come out with a championship today. He works hard."

Novi's other three regional qualifiers were third-place finisher Matt George (135) and fourth-place finishers Corey Grassmeyer (171) and Chase Sparling (189).

"It's been a few years since Novi has had four regional qualifiers and I'm proud of all four of these guys today," Smith said. "They did a nice job."

Northville freshman Nicholas Gatto (130) also made it through with a fourth-place finish. He is 32-21 on the year.

Franklin, which hosted the meet, had three others reach the finals in addition to Atienza.

Franklin recap

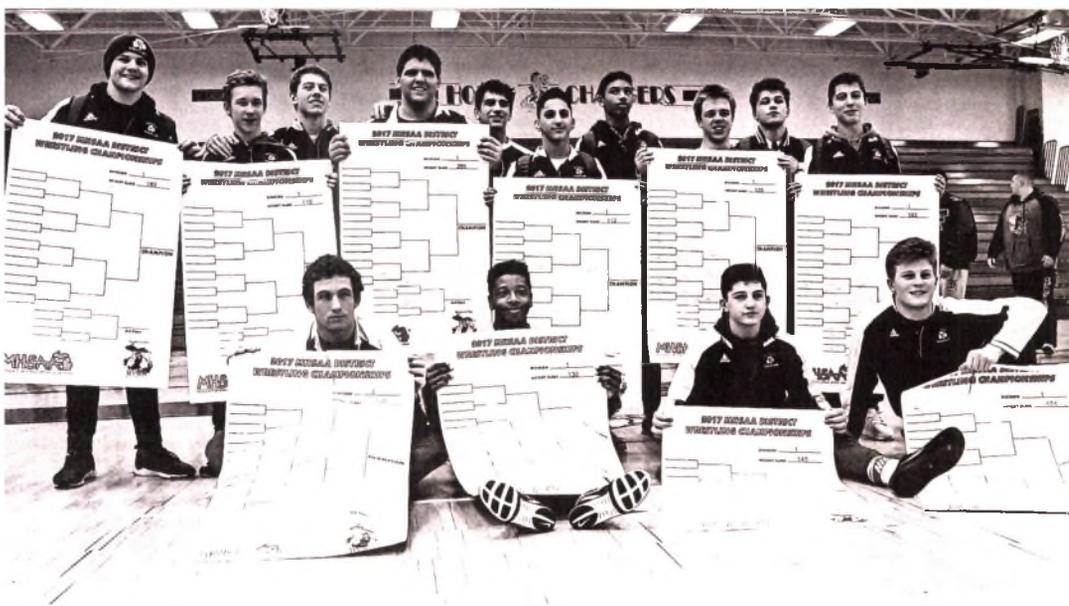
Defending champion Nathan Atienza earned the individual district championship at 152 for Livonia Franklin and leads a group of eight who will go to the Saline regional.

Earning second-place finishes were Johnny DiPonio, Jacob Johnson and Manny Willie.

Placing third were Marino DiPonio and Jake Swirple.

Fourth place honors were registered by Russ Rusnell and Devin Visnaw.

"Overall I was happy with eight qualifiers," Franklin coach David Chiola said. "I did think we could have



Catholic Central had 10 individual district champions and four other regional qualifiers.

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squeaked out a couple more, but a lot of the guys were wrestling in their first district.

"Like all wrestling in the post season there were a lot of highs and lows. We have a week to get ready, but I'm hoping we can get many of the qualifiers onto the state meet."

Chiola said it was impressive for Swirple and Visnaw to make it out of districts in the deep, talented heavyweight division.

"There are very evenly matched kids at heavyweight next week," Chiola noted. "Swirple really impressed me. I have had freshmen qualify before, but never at an upper weight. He showed great poise and determination."

Rockets send eight

At the Division 1 district hosted by Westland John Glenn, the Rockets qualified eight for the Saline regional — including five individual champions.

The first-place finishers included Mikey Mars (119), JaWuan Peete (215), Anthony Gibson (135), Lionel Cornish (189) and Kyle Borthwell (112).

Earning second place at 145 was John Siemasz, while Brandon Carreathers (285) and Isaac Lefler (125) finished third in their respective weight divisions.

"As a team we had an average day," John Glenn head coach Bill Polk said. "We qualified eight individuals which is nice but I was figuring more than that."

"It was a competitive day of wrestling and we look forward to attempting to get eight to state."

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.

MHSAA DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS Feb. 11 at Livonia Churchill

215 pounds: Jackson Ross (New Detroit Catholic Central) d. Emmanuel Willie (Livonia Franklin), 5-2; **third place:** Tyler Whiteside (Livonia Stevenson) d. Parker Novak (Stevenson).

2-1 (2 overtimes).
285: Nick Jenkins (Detroit CC) p. Zach Lohmann (Plymouth), 1:14;
third: Jake Swirple (Franklin) d. Devin Visnaw (Franklin), 6-5.
103: Devon Johnson (Detroit CC) d. Aaron Garcia (Dearborn), 6-0; **third:** Mojahid Ahmed (Dearborn) won by technical fall over Russ Rusnell (Franklin), 19-4.
112: Ben Kamali (Detroit CC) d. Rhett Newton (Detroit CC), 11-4; **third:** Azeel Almuhammad (Dearborn Fordson) d. Tyler Campbell (Plymouth), 6-2.
119: Derek Gilcher (Detroit CC) d. Tarik Shallot (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), 7-4; **third:** Ethan Englehart (Churchill) won by injury default over Esam Kasen (Hamtramck).
125: Stone Moscovic (Detroit CC) d. Josh Mussen (Churchill), 6-4; **third:** Akash Rai (Salem) pinned Waleed Othman (Fordson), 1-45.
130: Kevon Davenport (Detroit CC) p. Johnny DiPonio (Franklin), 2:34; **third:** Al Alsayadi (Fordson) won by major dec. over Nicholas Gatto (Northville), 12-2.
135: Justin Winnie (Canton) d. Hamze Mrech (Fordson), 7-5; **third:** Matt George (Novi) won by injury def. over Tyler Knop (Salem).
140: Tarik Alcodray (Stevenson) d. Joe Urso (Detroit CC), 3-0; **third:** Marino DiPonio (Franklin) d. Zack Dehnke (Canton), 13-7.
145: Cam Amine (Detroit CC) p. Jacob Johnson (Franklin), 0:27; **third:** Dylan Slowik (Canton) d. Vincent Savaya (Walled Lake Western), 6-0.
152: Nathan Atienza (Franklin) p. Aiden Wagh (Detroit CC), 5:02; **third:** Bruce Haslitt (Salem) p. Calvin Vos (Plymouth), 2:01.
160: Lincoln Cleary (Novi) d. Christopher Little (Canton), 2-0; **third:** Ali Makki (Fordson) p. Joey Ahsaen (Plymouth), 1-41.
171: Ty Morland (Detroit CC) p. Easton Turner (Detroit CC), 0-41; **third:** Amir Naser (Fordson) p. Corey Grassmeyer (Novi), 1:34.
189: Dane Flynn (Detroit CC) d. Ethan Shulaw (Plymouth), 7-3; **third:** Mohamed Zahwi (Fordson) d. Chase Sparling (Novi), 11-4.

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it." Compuware can re-apply on an annual basis.

At the root of MAHA's decision, Henry explained, is the desire to comply with USA Hockey's "20-percent rule" recommendation, where no more than one-fifth of all girls players play at the Tier 1 level (19U, 16U, 14U).

The goal is for the younger levels to be more balanced and competitive and ensure girls don't burn out too quickly on the sport.

"It's the right thing to grow hockey," Henry said. "It's going to get (equal) competition. So instead of seeing games that are 10-0, 11-0, 12-0, you're going to push even competition.

"You're going to see the Tier 1 levels be more competitive in the scores and (at) the Tier 2 levels, there will be more competition that will, hopefully, retain girls in the game and make other girls who haven't tried hockey be more interested in playing."

Jean Laxton, MAHA vice president for girls/women's hockey, said the change is designed to "maintain a high

standard of play at Tier 1 and prevent the dilution of Tier 1 hockey. We also hope that it will increase the growth and competition of Tier 2 teams and offer more opportunities for girls to have age-appropriate training, where they can develop by playing at the right competitive level."

Partnership

Henry said Compuware still had the chance to field Tier 2 teams, but instead opted to steer younger girls to Livonia Hockey Association's program at Eddie Edgar Arena. He added that Compuware and the LHA have successfully been partnering this season at the Tier 2 level.

"Compuware decided that if we field a Tier 2, we'd be competing with Livonia, our partner," Henry said. "So we're encouraging our (Tier 1) girls to either go try out for one of the other organizations and, if you don't make it, go to Livonia (for Tier 2)."

"Compuware is going to continue to support girls hockey — by helping our Livonia partner."

USA Hockey Arena will continue to house a recreation program for girls and boys, as well as a learn to play program (for girls only).

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BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

CC completes weekend sweep with shutout

Northville spoils Salem senior night, 3-1

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Carter Korpi scored twice Saturday as host Novi Detroit Catholic Central posted a 4-0 non-league boys hockey victory over Grandville at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

The second-ranked Shamrocks, winners of six of their last seven, improved to 15-6-1 overall while holding the Bulldogs to nine shots on goal.

After a scoreless opening period, Korpi got CC on the board at 9:03 of the second period, assisted by Spencer

Kimball and Zachary Sprys-Tellner.

Kory McCullough made it 2-0 at 13:44 of the same period, assisted by Sprys-Tellner and Mitch Morris.

Korpi then added a power-play goal at 7:10 of the third from Rylan Clemmons and Morris to give CC a three-goal cushion. Michael Considine capped the scoring at 12:00, from Jared Lee and Brendan West.

CC goalie Sean Finstrom made nine saves to earn the shutout, while Alex Whitmore had 26 saves for the Bulldogs (10-8).

NORTHVILLE 3, SALEM 1: The Mustangs (16-5-1, 9-2 KLA A Central) overcame a 1-0 first-period deficit Saturday to beat the host Rocks (10-9-1, 5-5-1 KLA A South) in a Kensington Conference crossover at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Joey Driscoll got Salem on the board with 19 seconds remaining in the opening period, assisted by Colin Goleniak and Matthew Schaumburger.

Northville's Danny Scorzo tied it just 45 seconds into the second period, with assists to Nick Bonifoglio and Daniel McKee.

Luke Skillman then scored what proved to be the game-winner with 5:21 left in the third, assisted by Ty Kilar and Bonifoglio.

Nick Bogenhagen's even-strength goal from Shane Bryans and Skillman put the game away with 2:28 remaining.

"After a bit of a hangover after the first period from our game the night before, I thought the boys dug down deep and really started to play well the last two periods," Northville coach Clint Robert said.

"Luke Skillman turned 18 today, had the game-winner and also got a big cut over his eye. I was say that was a pretty cool birthday for him."

Northville goalie Brett Miller made 29 saves, while Salem's Matt Visel and Tristan Rehling combined for 25.

DETROIT CC 3, STEVENSON 1: Livonia Stevenson (13-9) got on the board first, but Novi Detroit Catholic Central scored (14-6-1) scored three unanswered goals to earn a non-league victory Friday at USA Hockey's Olympic Rink in Plymouth.

The five-time defending state champion Shamrocks fell behind 1-0 at 3:11 of the opening period on Kyle Lynch's power-play goal from Logan Dunham and Connor Jakacki.

CC's Spencer Kimball tied it at 11:12 of the same period, with Ethan Ervin drawing the assist.

The Shamrocks took the lead for keeps, 2-1, at 13:33 of the second period on Brendan West's goal from Michael Considine.

Zachary Sprys-Tellner added an empty-netter with only 40 seconds remaining to seal the win.

CC goalie Sean Finstrom made 16 saves, while Will Traggie made

18 stops for Stevenson, ranked No. 5 in Division 2.

CANTON 4, NOVI 3 (OT): Paul Maurer's goal with 2:48 left in overtime Friday gave the host Chiefs (5-13-1, 1-9 KLA A South) a Kensington Conference crossover victory over the Wildcats (9-11-2, 5-5-2) at the Arctic Edge.

Hugo Fonovic and David Gunnis both added a goal and assist, while Brendan Kacic scored the game-tying goal with only 37 seconds left in regulation.

Novi's Zach Perpich finished with a hat trick, while Evan Chippa and David DeNova both added two assists. Cam Czapski also drew an assist.

BRIGHTON 7, NOVI 1: Will Jentz, Drew Daavett (a) and Adam Conquest each scored a pair of goals Feb. 7, leading the top-ranked Bulldogs (18-4, 10-0) to a KLA A Central Division win over visiting Wildcats (9-10-2, 5-4-2) at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

The Bulldogs handed injury-riddled Novi its fifth straight loss. Jake Crespi also added a goal and two assists, while Sam Brennan collected three assists for the Bulldogs, who led 1-0 after one period and 5-2 after two. Keith Wikman chipped in two assists.

Novi got a short-handed goal and one assist from Zach Perpich, while Ryan Fonda had the other goal. Nathan Graff also drew an assist.

Logan Neaton went all the way goal for the Bulldogs, while Manny Legace Jr. was in net for Novi.

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PREP BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

PCA girls cagers clipped on senior night

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It was senior night for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball team Tuesday, but not much went right following pre-game introductions.

All five of PCA's available seniors (Rachel Witkowski has missed most of the season due to injury and Aliyah Pries was sidelined by illness) opened the non-conference game against visiting Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central. But it didn't take long for the Kestrels to take control, cruising from start to finish in a 57-27 victory.

By the time just 3:32 had been played, senior Lydia Chapel had to sit out due to being slapped with three early personal fouls.

The Eagles (10-8) could not get the attack going, falling behind 12-4 after one frame and 22-10 at halftime as the Kestrels (13-4) were able to box out in the paint and get rebounds and plenty of extra cracks at the basket.

"We played hard tonight but struggled to score and get stops," PCA head coach Rod Windle said. "We were missing two key players tonight due to the flu. Early foul trouble for Lydia and Robin (Albert) impacted the game tonight as well. Senior guards Hannah Schulz and Jordan Reed did a great job pressuring the ball."

PCA's Albert was a bright spot in the opening 16 minutes, scoring six of her team's points. The only other points came on a bank-shot by Schulz and a putback by junior forward Isabel Nunez.

For St. Mary CC, some well-timed triples helped keep the team in charge. Right before the buzzer at the end of the first quarter, Alexandria Dobberstein drained a 3-ball from the right wing to end the quarter 12-4.

Then, midway through the second, Katherine Bess scored a triple to make it 17-10, which answered a modest four-point run by PCA.

PCA enjoyed a brief spurt to open the second half, with a pair of buckets by senior forward Taylor Mistele (six points), slicing the deficit to 22-14.

All that did was jump-start St. Mary CC to a 15-4 run to finish the third (which ended 40-18). Two field goals by Courtney Baumann (13 points) and single buckets by Avery Treece (10 points) and Vanessa Villarreal (six points) con-

tributed to the surge.

In addition to Mistele, the Eagles were led in scoring by Albert (six points) with Chapel tallying four points.

It also was senior night at PCA, with seven players honored for their contributions this season.

Senior honorees included forwards Witkowski, Pries, Chapel and Mistele and guards Schulz, Reed and Kennedy Horne. Five seniors comprised the starting lineup: Schulz, Chapel, Mistele, Reed and Horne.

PCA (BOYS) 71, CARDINAL MOONEY 57: On Tuesday night at Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Levi Yakuber's 18-point effort spearheaded Plymouth Christian Academy to a non-conference boys basketball victory.

Helping the cause for the Eagles were Max Okolo (14 points), Andrew Fernandes (11 points), Matt Malcolm and Jayme Fadden (10 points each).

ROCH. NORTHWEST 62, LUTH. WESTLAND (BOYS) 59: Despite 32 points from Zach Burk — who eclipsed 1,000 points in his career, the first ever to do so for the Warriors — Lutheran Westland fell short Tuesday in a MIAC Red Division boys basketball contest.

Luke Smith tallied 16 points and seven rebounds for Lutheran Westland.

"I am proud of Zach and his accomplishment in surpassing 1,000 points," coach Kevin Wade said. "That definitely comes from a lot of hard work and great teammates who support him as well."

"To finally see someone surpass 1,000 is an incredible accomplishment, considering in 31 years we've had no one eclipse that mark."

Lutheran Westland trailed 35-23 at halftime and made a late push in the fourth, but it was not enough.

LUTH. WESTLAND (GIRLS) 37, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 29: Rachel Reddeman and Kelli Orme scored 14 and 11 points, respectively, to spark the road Warriors (14-4, 7-2). Reddeman also pulled down 13 rebounds.

"We did a really good job moving the ball offensively tonight to find the open person," coach Sandi Wade said. "Defensively we were able to get 20 steals, which led to some easy transitional points."

"Oakland Christian came within six in the fourth quarter, but we made a few baskets when needed and pulled out the win. We have two games left in regular season play; we are looking to keep



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Plymouth Christian seniors Hannah Schulz (from left), Taylor Mistele and Jordan Reed wait for Courtney Baumann of Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central to dribble into the Eagles' zone.

working hard in practice to finish the regular season strong heading into districts."

GARDEN CITY (BOYS) 72, CVILLE 31: All 10 Garden City boys basketball players got on the score sheet Tuesday as the host Cougars took care of Livonia Clarenceville in a WWAC matchup.

Leading the way for Garden City were Cameron Walter (12 points), Darius Benson (11 points) and Colin McHugh (10 points).

For the Trojans, Rickey Scott registered 21 points.

"It was a very nice team win tonight," GC coach Rick Morton said. "We got points from all 10 guys. We were very efficient."

The win upped Garden City's record to 4-1 overall and 2-7 in the conference; Clarenceville fell to 1-15, 0-9.

GARDEN CITY (GIRLS) 47, CVILLE 22: The Cougars broke out to a 11-3 lead after one quarter of Tuesday's WWAC girls basketball game and never looked back.

Scoring 16 points for Garden City (8-9, 6-3) was Kayley Hower, with Alea Montgomery (nine points), Alex Lelewski (seven points) and Brittany Radtke (six points) helping the cause.

Myla Hoskins-King scored 16 for Clarenceville (1-15, 0-9).

JOHN GLENN (BOYS) 66, YPSI LINCOLN 59: In Westland John Glenn's final tuneup before the KLA A tournament, Joe Moon IV scored 17 points to pace the Rockets.

Chipping in with 15 points was Christian Agnew, with Kijuan Chandler and Dajon Parker adding 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Amari Frye led Ypsilanti Lincoln with 20 points.

John Glenn (14-2 overall) erased an 11-point halftime deficit.

ROBICHAUD 54, REDFORD UNION (BOYS) 50: Jasir Poole scored a game-high 24 points as Dearborn Heights Robichaud (12-3, 8-1) remained in first place in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division with a come-from-behind 54-50 win Tuesday at Redford Union (9-7, 5-4).

Jaylen Favor added 13 points for the victorious Bulldogs, who rallied from a 19-7 first-quarter deficit with a 19-5 first quarter run. Jacob Gagnon and Eric McCarter paced the Panthers with 12 and nine points, respectively.

"We just thought it would be easy after the first quarter," RU coach Randall Taylor said. "Our intensity went from high to low. We turned the ball over and made poor decisions shooting the ball. We weren't backing out or passing them off on the boards."

CRESTWOOD 61, THURSTON (BOYS) 50: Malik Rodgers scored a game-high 28 points, including four triples, to propel Dearborn Heights Crestwood (12-4, 5-4) to a WWAC Blue Division 61-50 victory Tuesday over visiting Redford Thurston (6-10, 2-7).

Crestwood led 30-29 at halftime before outscoring the Eagles 16-8 in the third quarter and 15-14 in the fourth.

Junior Kevin Newell led Thurston with 12 points, while Dorian Taylor added 10.

MARIAN 31, LADYWOOD 19: In a first-round Catholic League A-B Division playoff game Saturday, defending champion Birmingham Marian (13-4) earned a 31-19 victory over Livonia Ladywood (2-15) at Riverview Gabriel Richard.

On Feb. 7, Ladywood ended its Catholic League Central Division season at 1-11 falling 41-32 at home to Dearborn Divine Child (10-6), the only team the Blazers defeated this season in the league.

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only 4-of-36 (11.1 percent) through the first three quarters before getting untracked offensively in the fourth. But it was too little, too late for the Eagles.

"We haven't shot well as a team, it is what it is," Thurston coach Bob Ostrowski said. "The girls practice real hard and give me an effort every time on the floor, but our shooting is not as good as it was with RU tonight."

Thurston senior guard Megan Abela finished with a team-high 14 points, while sophomore Naudia Jackson and junior Bryanna Burton added 10 and eight, respectively.

After scoring just 17 points through three quarters, Thurston racked up 22 in the fourth by hitting 8-of-15 shots from the field.

"I thought we had a good first quarter," said Ostrowski, whose team trailed 9-5. "The second quarter we got out of sync with our offense. The third quarter, I think, was OK. The fourth quarter got behind a little bit and had to come out of our zone. We had to just play them front-up. It didn't work to our advantage. But they never gave up and played to the final second."

Johnna Steele's sister Johnnae, a 6-2 sophomore center, finished with four blocked shots before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

"We're a good defensive team," Purdy said. "We've got to get better at executing our offense and not picking



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Thurston's Bryanna Burton (15) goes up for the shot while being pressured by Redford Union guard Angelica Wellons.

up tick-tack fouls. You see how many 'and-ones' we gave them late in the game. We gave up 22 points (fourth quarter) and we give up only 27 points a game. It still needs work."

Johnna Steele said the season stretch boils down to a couple of key elements. "Going forward it's a matter of working together, passing the ball and just executing the ball," she said.

Thurston, meanwhile, has three regular season games remaining and Ostrowski has seen progress throughout the season.

"The girls are coming on and I think we're doing better than years past," he said. "We're going to keep working at it and get ready for the districts."

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PREP BOWLING

Redford Union rolls pair of shutouts

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The Kerkhof brothers propelled Redford Union to a 30-0 Western Wayne Athletic Conference boys bowling victory last Friday over Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Inkster's Cherry Hill Lanes.

Trevor posted a high game of 226, while Brendan added a 211 as the Panthers improved to 10-3 in the WWAC.

Sara Pigeon also bowled with the boys team and added a 177-175 as RU captured both Baker games, 152-123 and 222-83, along with both regular games, 871-538 and 953-500.

Meanwhile, the RU girls improved to 8-4-1 in the WWAC by earning a 30-0 forfeit victory over Robichaud as they posted Baker games of 133 and 132, along with regular games of 546 and 584.

Rolling high games for the Panthers were Brianna Clapham (177) and Lizzie Pigeon (161).

RU, coached by David Battistelli and Roy Biggs, returns to WWAC action beginning at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, against Livonia Clarenceville at Allen Park's Thunderbird Lanes.

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