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Rezoning tabled for traffic study

Proposed Nankin Mills Village would construct 70 homes

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Consideration of a rezoning for a Planned Unit Development off Joy Road near the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland was recently postponed to allow time for a traffic impact study. The proposed Nankin Mills Village would construct 70 homes on 19.2-acres which under the PUD would be clustered with smaller lots in exchange for wetlands and woods that would not be developed. The development would be south and east of the Hellenic Cultural Center and Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, located on the south side of Joy west of Wayne Road.

Nearby residents, including those on Ravine, have opposed the rezoning citing concerns about the negative impact of the development on their properties which have half and three-quarter acre lots. Other issues city by the residents were the density of the development and concerns about traffic on Joy Road.

"The extremely small lots are now what is in the immediate area. The value of my home would go down. We're worried about the traffic and the safety of the kids on Joy Road," said Greg Wacker, who lives on Ravine. "This would be right behind my house."

Residents spoke against the rezoning at both the Planning Commission, which recommended that the rezoning be approved, and city council meeting, Westland Planning/Building Director Bruce Thompson said the proposed PUD development was an excellent use

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TROTT NOT DUCKING, SEEKS TOWN HALL VENUE

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Republican U.S. Rep. Dave Trott is planning to hold a live town hall meeting in March to talk about health insurance and other related issues.

"We're still looking for a venue," Trott said in a phone interview Wednesday. "Part of what's not being reported is that we're in session so much. I'm looking at the legislative calendar for March ... out of 23 working days, we're in session for a total of 20 days. So I'm probably going to have to hold the meeting on a Saturday."



Trott

A statewide political group called the Michigan People's Campaign has organized several rallies in recent weeks, targeting Trott and other local Republicans who support the possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The most recent one was held Tuesday at Shain Park in Birmingham.

"I've heard loud and clear from constituents that pre-existing conditions is a critical part of health care," Trott said. "Our hope is that any replacement we put in place will address some of the cost issues in terms of escalating premiums and deductibles. It's one thing to have access to health care, but what good does it do if it's not affordable?"

Trott is one of several legislators co-sponsoring the Pre-Existing Conditions Protection Act of 2017 (H.R. 1121). The proposed bill aims to "guarantee access to coverage, prohibit pre-existing condition exclusions and ban premium rating based off of health status."

Trott said the intent of the bill is to preserve parts of the Affordable Care Act that guarantee coverage for people with pre-existing conditions. He also noted that any health care solution will require bipartisan support in Congress.

"The message I hear is often the same," he said. "Michigan families are experiencing skyrocketing costs and dwindling coverage. We need to make health care work for everyone."

As for the rallies, Trott believes some of the activity is being staged. He said he personally met with eight



Annis Pratt of Birmingham rallies to support the ACA. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

different groups from his district in recent weeks, each one lobbying for a different cause.

"I just met with some residents from Novi who are advocating to make sure the NIH (National Institute of Health) has money to address rare diseases," he said. "I truly

think this is a better use of my time."

Trump talk

Asked about President Donald Trump's first few weeks in office, Trott said, "I think it's a been a busy

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Man charged after Westland police chase

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A 19-year-old Detroit man has been charged after Westland police say he took them on a chase that went all the way to Van Buren Township.

Kendrin Wilson was charged Thursday in Westland's 18th District Court one count of receiving and concealing stolen property (motor vehicle), one count of fleeing a police officer in the third degree, and one count of operating a vehicle with his license suspended, revoked, or denied. He was given a \$100,000 cash or surety bond by District Judge Mark McConnell.



Wilson

Police say Wilson was seen driving a vehicle Tuesday afternoon near Michigan Avenue and Merriman when police attempted to pull it over for a routine traffic stop. They then discovered the car was listed as stolen out of a neighboring jurisdiction. Police say the car did not pull over and they chased it to the rest stop near Interstate 94 and Rawsonville Road.

The suspect crashed the vehicle when trying to get into the rest area, and he was taken to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries. No one else was injured in the incident.

If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison.

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month ... it's been a little chaotic, but he's also accomplished a lot." Trott thinks the business community and stock market are respon-

ding favorably to regulatory rollbacks initiated by Trump. He also praised the president's speech Tuesday before the joint session of Congress. "Hopefully, his kinder tone will help ease some of the acrimony," Trott said.

On Trump's proposal to build up the military, Trott said there's probably not a single country in the world that can claim to be better off today than eight years ago, resulting in a lot of global tension. "People need to understand we're a strong

country that will support our friends and defend our interests," Trott said. "But whether Congress goes along is a different story. We have plenty of debt in our country. If we see 3- to 4-percent growth in the next year, we'll have plenty of money for the military, health

care, the infrastructure and other issues. But if we have 1.8-percent growth, like we did last year, it's going to be a question of where do we find the money."

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Master planning

The city of Westland is developing a master plan and the public is asked for input. There is an opportunity to voice an opinion at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center. This meeting will focus on the Norwayne area.

Wild's Wings

The annual Wild's Wings vs. Red Wings Alumni hockey game will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, with proceeds benefiting the arena. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and can be purchased at Westland City Hall, the Mike Modano Ice Arena, North Broth-

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ers Ford or at www.cityofwestland.com. In February, the city cut the ribbon on \$1 million improvements to the Mike Modano Ice Arena, which was funded, in part, by proceeds from this special charity hockey event.

Composting

Compost collection will begin April 3. Compost is garden waste, grass clippings, hay/straw, leaves, pruning debris, bushes/shrubs and tree branches. Branches are to be cut into small bundles and tied with rope or twine. Residents may put out up to 10 bundles per week. You may also use compost bags or garbage cans for compost disposal. The limit for compost

collection is 10 compost bags or five garbage cans weighing less than 50 pounds. Compost is picked up the same day as regular trash by a separate truck. Compost should be separated from your regular household trash by four feet. Mixed compost and trash will not be picked up.

State of the City

Mayor William Wild will deliver his annual State of the City address on Tuesday, April 25, at Westland City Hall. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the event will begin at 7 p.m.



Wild

NANKIN MILLS CALENDAR

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is in the Wayne County Parks Office building at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Call 734-261-1990 to register for programs.

Meet the critters

10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 18: See Michigan reptiles and amphibians up close and learn all about their unique characteristics that help them survive in their wetland habitats. The program will be held indoors at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. All ages are welcome.

Cost is \$6 per child, \$2 per adult, add \$1 per person for out-of-county residents (no charge for

ages 3 and under).

First People of the Great Lakes

1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18: Many contemporary Great Lakes native cultures descended from the earliest people in our area, while other groups migrated into and out of Michigan. Discover their vast knowledge of our natural resources and the impacts of historic events on First Nations in our region. The program will be held indoors at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center. Recommended for ages 12 to adult. Cost is \$3 per person, add \$1 per person for out-of-county residents.

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of the property and much less dense than the plans previously approved for the site.

Back in 2008, property owner Glenn Shaw, Jr, received approved for a \$35 million senior housing development that included a 147-unit, three-story senior assisted living apartment building, 20 duplex-style condominiums and 54 stand-alone homes. The project was approved on a split vote by the council and generated an unsuccessful recall effort by some residents opposed to the development.

"Some of the residents are new and weren't here in 2008 when that PUD

was approved," said Thompson.

The goal with the PUD is to preserve the woods and wetlands on the property which are adjacent to the Holiday Nature Preserve to the south, said Thompson. "Over 30 percent of the property is open space," said Thompson, adding the development would bring 70 families to the city and be an economic development tool to help the city be sustainable.

The rezoning was tabled to allow developer Steven Schaefer time to have a traffic impact study prepared. No date was set for when the rezoning would be back before the city council.

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Livonia Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability seeks official status

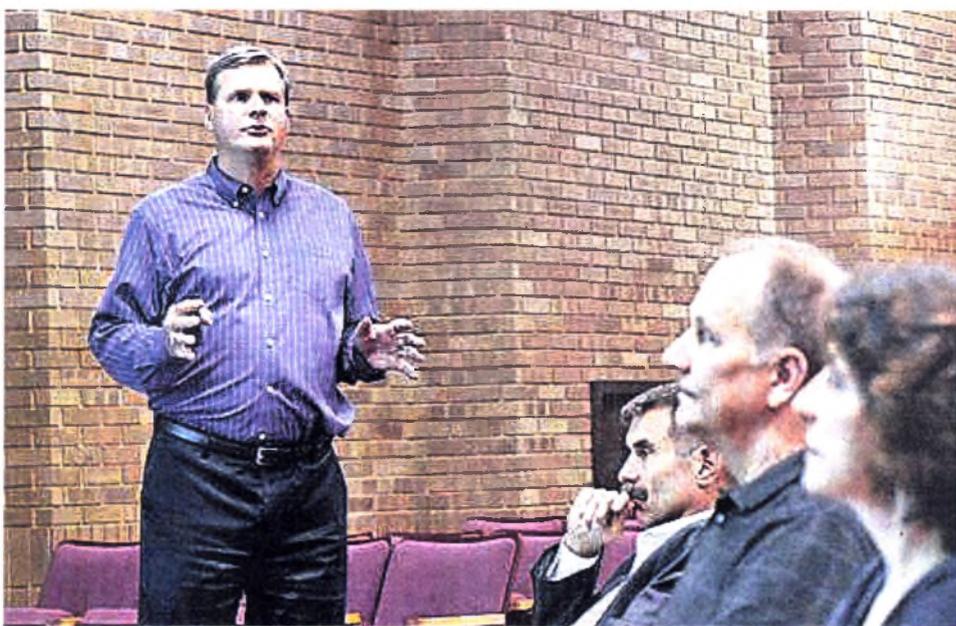
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What began as an initiative to get more sustainability into the city looks like it will become an official city commission.

Livonia's Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability began the process of becoming a full-fledged city commission Monday night, as the city council reviewed proposed ordinance language that would install the commission into the city's code of ordinances. The committee has existed less than four years as a community committee.

"I'm sure you'll agree with me that these people have been very dedicated individuals," Mayor Dennis Wright said. "They've been working for three-and-a-half years to promote conservation and environmentally friendly practices across the city."

The committee has done several things in its few years of existence, including establishing the Greenleaf Award, given annually during the Livonia Leadership Banquet each February to a business or local group who has helped advance Livonia as a



Jim Baringhaus, chairman of the Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability, speaks during a recycling event in this file photo. The commission is moving forward to becoming an official city commission.

resilient and sustainable community. It's also hosted several community forums on recycling and has assisted in the implementation of creating neighborhood portals through the website NextDoor.

Currently, the commission meets monthly and consists of members Jim Baringhaus, Paul Sgriccia, Mike Shessterkin, John Grzebik, Heather Douglas, Betsy Calhoun and John Elkins. Once approved, com-

missioners, who are appointed by the mayor, will be compensated \$25 per meeting attended. The chairperson will receive \$35 per meeting attended. There are no set term lengths as of now; members currently

serve on a volunteer basis. Baringhaus, the chairman of the Greenleaf Commission, said the commission has continued its work, reaching out to other groups such as Madonna University

in order to promote sustainability on campus. He said they've worked with companies such as DTE Energy as well, and looks forward to continuing the work they've put in so far. "We're proud to serve in this role, and we look forward to continuing serving in this role in the future," he said. Council Vice President Brandon Kritzman, who helped begin the commission several years ago, said he's been happy with the work done by the commission since its inception, and has confidence it will continue pushing issues in the areas of recycling and environmentalism across Livonia. "After all of the years of effort they have put in, I'm proud to say I've had a very small role in starting, but I've had nothing to do in moving this forward," he said. "It really has been the passion and the work that has been put forth by members of the Greenleaf Commission themselves that has made this what this is today."

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Fallen Livonia veteran's family receives flag

The Michigan Chapter of Honor and Remember, Inc. presented an Honor and Remember Personalized Flag to Doug and Joann Blake of Livonia for their son, Pvt. Joseph R. Blake, who was killed in Afghanistan on Aug 17, 2006, serving the United States in the U. S. Army.

The presentation took place Feb. 15 at the Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323 at 1055 Wayne Road in Wayne.

Honor and Remember Inc. is a nonprofit organization that has presented flags to families of fallen veterans across the nation. The national group seeks to present a personalized flag to family members of fallen soldiers.



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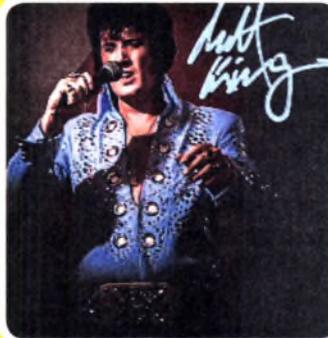
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Tail Wagger's leader honored in Salute to Women

The American Association of University Women Livonia Branch held its 43rd "Salute to Women" Luncheon in December. This year's honoree was Laura Zain, president of Tail Wagger's.

Zain established and runs a Livonia based animal charity called Tail Wagger's. The focus of the organization is to help people care for their pets and keep them in their homes during difficult financial times.

The genesis of the organization came as she watched her aunt take care of stray animals at her Detroit bar and she promised to carry on her aunt's legacy when she passed away in 1989. Zain had what was going to be a one-time bowling fund-

raiser in her aunt's honor and gave the money to the Michigan Humane Society. She raised \$6,000 but her fundraising didn't end there — the bowling tournament has become an annual event.

In 2005, Zain took it further and established the official nonprofit organization: Tail Wagger's, and in 2007 she transformed it from a once-a-year fundraiser to a year-round pet food drive.

In 2011, Zain expanded the organization into a unique nonprofit that provides pet food assistance, low-cost vaccinations, spay/neuter funding and rescue efforts. She left the corporate world and put all her time and efforts into



At left, Laura Zain with her award and AAUW Branch President Cecilia Thibault.

seeing Tail Wagger's succeed as she moved it from a home-based office to a store-front office in

Livonia. With support from the community and several grants from pet compa-

nies, Tail Wagger's is now a unique animal charity that allows people to keep and care for the pets they have. Tail Wagger's distributes food and holds clinics, provides emergency care and vaccinates 2,500 animals a year.

Zain's constant attention to pet owners helps give them the dignity they deserve and helps them do the right thing to keep their animals. She established Tail Wagger's with the philosophy that there would be no income barrier and wanting every pet owner to know they were there for them, making it convenient and cost effective to keep their pet. Her goal is to keep the animals in Livonia and the

surrounding suburbs vaccinated and to prevent overpopulation, all without losing focus on the need for food and the mission she has of keeping pets with their owners.

AAUW Livonia Branch is an affiliate of AAUW, with the mission of advancing equity for women and girls through education, advocacy, philanthropy and research and is open to anyone with an associate degree or better. They hold monthly meetings on the third Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Seven Mile in Livonia. Guests are welcome. Meetings are at 7 p.m., except in January, February and March they are held at 1 p.m.

Catholic Vantage Financial expands

Catholic Vantage Financial has announced approval by the National Credit Union Administration, the credit union's governing agency, to offer its services to more than 1.3 million Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit, which includes the six counties of Wayne, Oakland, Lapeer, St. Clair, Macomb and Monroe.

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CVF is also engaged in community outreach through sponsorship of fundraising activities, donation drives to help the needy, financial counseling and workshops to help people improve their credit, protect against identity theft, prepare budgets, receive valuable home buying tips and more.

In addition to CVF's annual scholarship program for students in kindergarten through

high school, the credit union recently donated \$10,000 to a fund that awards scholarships to children of employees of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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Sweet Dreamzzz springs forward

It's almost time to spring forward, bringing longer days, more light and the spring and summer months. While the increased exercise and exposure to vitamin D is great following daylight savings, the first week starts with losing an hour of sleep and readjusting to a new sleep schedule. Local nonprofit organization Sweet Dreamzzz Inc. and partner Reverie are committed to keeping local students on a proper sleep schedule and teaching them the benefits of healthy sleep for their academic success as the clocks change.

Sweet Dreamzzz and Reverie will serve approximately 1,000 K-5 students with the R.E.M. (Rest. Educate. Motivate.) Sleep Program. Together, they will put on two different programs, the first Tuesday, March 7, at Detroit Premier Academy and the second Thursday, March 9, at Vandenberg World Cultures Academy in



Sweet Dreamzzz Executive Director Nancy Maxwell with Farmington Schools Superintendent George Heitsch.

Southfield. "These two schools have been on the wait list for Sweet Dreamzzz programming for five years and we are thrilled to enable their programming," said Lisa Tan, chief marketing officer at Reverie. "This is the perfect time to highlight that when we can introduce sleep education and impact sleep habits early, we can help children focus on studying and grow-

ing and being healthier for the rest of their lives." According to Tan, after these two programs, Reverie will have helped to support approximately 1,500 students. As a Sweet Dreamzzz partner, Tan emphasizes the importance of letting the community know there are still eight schools left on the wait list totaling 3,076 students.

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Meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Day	Appointment Time	Petition
March 16, 2017	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
March 20, 2017	Monday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Commercial/Industrial Residential
March 21, 2017	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Poverty/Residential Residential
March 23, 2017	Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Wrap Up NO NEW APPTS

Your 2017 Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation and Property Classification will be mailed to you the first week of March 2017. The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2017 Capped Value Formula is .9. The Inflation Rate Multiplier Calculation is outlined in Bulletin No. 11 of 2016 by the State Tax Commission on the State of Michigan website.

Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Form 618 Petition to Board of Review L-4035. The Petition is available at www.michigan.gov/treasury - select Search Treasury - Forms [618]. Petitioner agents must submit, for each parcel individually, current letters with original signatures from your client properly authorizing you to appear for the property owner.

If you desire an appointment, please call the Assessment Department at 734-722-2000 Ext. 1014 Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Jazz great Roger Ingram shares notes at Stevenson

Sarah Martin
Correspondent

The Stevenson Jazz Band had the rare opportunity to perform Feb. 14 with jazz trumpeter Roger Ingram, well-known for performing with Maynard Ferguson and Woody Herman, as well as providing clinics for students across the United States.

"He was great with the kids and very generous with his time," Stevenson music director Heather Wickman said.

Ingram posed for photos with students and helped students one-on-one with music. "He showed the kids that professional musicians aren't 'untouchable,'" Wickman said. "They're regular people, too, and I think him coming in helped the students realize that."

The day before the concert, the jazz band participated in a clinic held by Ingram that was open to the public. They worked together on music from "Beauty and The Beast" and "Enchanté" in preparation for the concert held the next day.

The day of the concert, Ingram held a talk for all of the music students regarding the importance of core education in



Jazz great Roger Ingram works with students during a clinic.

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tandem with music. Students from the Holmes Middle School jazz band also performed on the concert alongside The Rerunz, a group of parent and alumni musicians.

The concert marks one of the last performances in the current Stevenson auditorium. The new auditorium is under construction and was put into motion by the 2013 bond issue that

called for district-wide improvements for schools. The Stevenson musicians are already

enjoying their newly renovated classroom and look forward to the completion of the auditorium.



FILE PHOTO

Author Karen Dybis will speak March 14 at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia.

Author speaking at Livonia library March 14

Karen Dybis will return to the Livonia Civic Center Library to discuss her book on the iconic Ford-Wyoming Drive-In.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. March 14 in the auditorium of the Robert and Janet Bennett Library on Five Mile in Livonia. Admission is free and registration is not required.

Learn about the history of this Dearborn landmark where generations of metro Detroiters have enjoyed buttered popcorn, movies under the stars, and yes, canoodling. Dybis previously spoke at the Livonia library last spring about her book, "Better Made in Michigan," a book about Better Made potato chips.

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Crescent Academy, a Tuition-Free Public School Academy, located at 17570 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan 48076, (248) 423-4581, announces its Open Enrollment period for the 2017-2018 school years for grades K-8. Applications may be picked up at the Academy.

Open Enrollment: March 1, 2017-March 31, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Weekend Date: May 6, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Renata Soto's initiative collects hearts, reminds that everyone can belong

DAVID PLAZAS
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit one-nation.usatoday.com.

Casa Azafran, adorned with a multi-colored mural atop five arabesque porticos, shines as a beacon on Nolensville Pike, the gateway to the international district in Nashville, Tennessee.

The building houses several nonprofits, which mainly focus on integrating immigrants into American society. Signs are in English, Spanish and Arabic.

Nashville's foreign-born population is about 12 percent, and the Southern city has developed a reputation as a welcoming community.

The rhetoric of the recent election, however, created fear among immigrant families that think that they might be targeted for deportation or discrimination.

Renata Soto — the co-founder and executive director of Conexion Americas, one of Casa Azafran's nonprofits — called on Nashville to respond through love and civic participation.

"We at Conexion Americas have launched a campaign called #Indivisible, which ... tries to remind everyone of all the dreams and aspirations that we share as a people and the inspiration that we draw either as a fifth-generation American or as an immigrant that came yesterday," said Soto, 44, a Costa Rican native who came to the United States to finish college and met her future husband.

"We all are inspired by the ... notion of an indivisible nation where everyone can belong and where everyone's roots and possibilities are celebrated," she added.

People, have been flowing into Casa Azafran to make the symbol of a heart with their hands and appear in photos that are being shared on social media and added to a growing wall mural.

They are also being encouraged to write post cards to members of Congress, advocating for policies that value



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Americans of all backgrounds. Recently, U.S. Rep. Congressman Jim Cooper of Nashville came to Casa Azafran to receive 300 post cards and hear students' stories.

"So we hope that through the #Indivisible campaign that people raise their hearts but also raise their voices," Soto said. "I am hopeful that a lot of people will find their voice — will raise their voice — that have not before."

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Q&A WITH RENATA SOTO

What does it mean to be an American?

I am an American who is trying to build bridges so that we find the humanity in each other when we look into each other's eyes. We see the same fears, the same dreams, the same humanity. I am an American trying to build bridges and making sure that we uphold the values that have created this indivisible nation where we celebrate the roots and possibilities of all its people.

What moment motivated you to become part of this effort?

So, for now 15 years since we founded Conexion Americas, we have been dedicated to making sure that Latino families have the supports that they need to achieve the dreams that they brought with them, whether becoming a homeowner, starting a business and becoming an entrepreneur, and most importantly seeing that dream of children graduating from high school and being the first in their families to go to college.

What gives you hope?

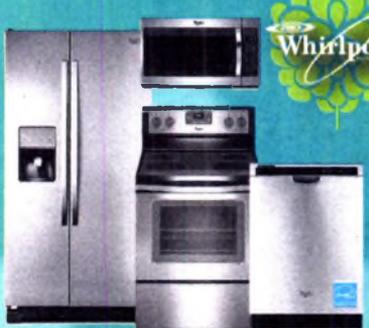
I think that out of difficult times, trying times, testing times, beautiful things can come from that, and I do hope that as vulnerable as we feel right now, as fearful as we feel right now, as uncertain as we feel, I do feel a sense of energy from people who have not been engaged in the community.

What concerns you?

What we're trying to do through #Indivisible is to make sure that people have a way to connect to that sense of urgency to do something because we are concerned about the tone of the conversation in the country. We are concerned about the policies that might take us back 50 years.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

Through that campaign, we really hope that it is a way for people to show to each other in very visible ways, through making your sign of a heart in your hands, and showing it to each other, and showing the love to the Muslim Nashvillian, the Latino, the LGBT neighbor. It is also about remembering that if we don't use our voice every day ... we are also accountable and we are also responsible for what happens.



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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Attempted theft of catalytic converter

Livonia police were called Thursday morning to a residence in the 34500 block of Grandon on the report of a larceny from auto taking place.

Police arrived and spoke to a witness, who said they saw two suspects remove a jacket from underneath a parked vehicle. They then were seen entering a vehicle that drove away. Police looked at the parked vehicle and saw the start of a cut on the catalytic converter. Police later saw a vehicle that matched the description of the suspect's vehicle, which then quickly drove away at a high rate of speed down the street and then headed south toward Westland.

Police searching for retail fraud suspect

Police were dispatched the evening of Feb. 23 to Target, 29451 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect that had fled the store. Police were told the suspect had left the store through a fire door with some merchandise he had not paid for. Lat-

er, a witness in the parking lot said he was seen getting into an older model green Ford Explorer with a snow plow on the front. The car was seen driving southbound on Middlebelt and continued onto Orangelawn. Items taken included a security camera and two security systems.

Shoplifting suspect pulled over

Police were called Tuesday afternoon to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud. Officers were informed that the suspect had fled the store in a vehicle driving on Middlebelt. Police located the suspect's vehicle and pulled it over. Police waited for a store employee to come and verify the merchandise had been taken, which they did. She was arrested and taken to the police station for processing. Store employees told police the suspect was seen not scanning several items at the checkout, and also had switched bar codes on some of the items.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

Livonia Boy Scout troop marks 65 years

St. Michael Boy Scout Troop 271 celebrated the 65th anniversary of its founding last month. The Troop was founded in 1952. Troop 271 has more than 70 Scouts ages 11-17 actively enrolled in the program. Troop 271 has consistently been recognized as a "Unit of Excellence."

The mission of the Troop is to develop well-rounded young men. Boy Scout Merit Badges offer Scouts the opportunity to explore and develop lifelong recreational and career interests. The Troop actively supports Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) education through the Boy Scout NOVA program. The Troop also has an active religious medals program.

Scouting is a hands-on adventure for the boys. Besides the regular monthly camping trips and summer camp, Troop 271 has sponsored trips to Florida Seabase, New Mexico's Philmont Scout Ranch, Kentucky's Mammoth Cave, a five-day Au Sable Canoe Trip, and a week-long hike at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

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becoming a members of the Boy Scouts or Troop 271, contact Scoutmaster Blake Jarvis at 248-207-

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Brice at brandon.brice@scouting.org. Cub Scouts or Webelos is a not a prerequisite.

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Credit card info stolen

A Wayne resident in the 33500 block of Gertrude filed a police report Feb. 26 to report her debit card information had been stolen.

Someone used their debit card information to make a purchase at the Meijer in Southfield; about \$217 was charged to their account. The suspect attempted to charge another purchase of several hundred dollars, but the credit union denied that charge.

She said her card was in her possession the entire time, meaning the suspect must have used a fake card to make the purchase.

Identity stolen

A resident in the 33100 block of Forest Street filed a police report Feb. 24, saying their identity had been stolen.

They said they received a call from Delta County Credit Union in Escanaba, saying someone had used their information at the credit union. Information included the victim's full name and social security number.

Credit card taken from wallet

A Dearborn Heights resident filed a police report Monday, saying their credit card was used at several Wayne businesses after it had been taken.

The victim said someone used his card at Joulis Coney Island, 7 Star Liquor and JR3's Party Store. The victim said his card was taken from his wallet at his workplace in Romulus. He said he would also file a report with Romulus police over the theft of the card.

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Garden City club draws skating competitors

The Garden City Figure Skating Club will host its 38th annual Figure Skating Competition on March 10-11 at Garden City's Civic Arena. More than 200 skaters representing 35 figure skating clubs will convene to compete for the gold.

The civic arena will welcome skaters and visitors from Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania. "We are so excited to see so many skaters competing this year," said Monica Fulton, president of

GCFSC. "Our annual competition is a great opportunity for skaters. They all work so hard and strive for excellence every day. It really shows!"

Skaters from GCFSC competing in this year's competition include Brooklyn Amburgey, Shelby Baker, Kelsey Baker, Emma Carlton, Carlee Carter, Hannah Carter, Sarah Cross, Emily deHaan, Alessandra Donakowski, Cassidy Fulton, Alexis

Johnson, Abigail Kilbury, Kaelyn Meyers, Alisha Saile, Jennifer Sherer and Kayla Waller.

Other nearby clubs whose members will participate include Birmingham Figure Skating Club, Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club, Livonia, New Edge Figure Skating Club (Royal Oak), Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy (Rochester), Westland Skating Club and Novi Skating Club.

The competition be-

gins at 4:45 p.m., Friday, March 10, and will have 16 events that evening, ending at 9:15 p.m. The competition resumes at 7:45 a.m. Saturday, March 11, and will have 61 events that day, ending at 9:45 p.m.

"Anyone interested in watching some great skating is encouraged to stop in. Especially if you have a young skater who is just learning to skate; the competitors will inspire them," Fulton said. "And admission for spec-

tators is free."

Events include freestyle, ice dancing and Learn to Skate programs and include skaters ages 6 to adult.

The GCFSC provides the Learn to Skate program, including the annual ice show being held May 12-13 at Garden City Civic Arena. More than 60 skaters are involved in the Learn to Skate program, ages 3-18. GCFSC aims to teach skaters to become champions on the ice and in life.

Lifespan hosts annual baby shower

Right to Life - LIFE SPAN Educational Fund will host its 28th annual Baby Shower on Sunday, March 12, at churches in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Participating churches include: St. Fabian Catholic Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills; throughout the Lenten Season; St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth; weekends of March 18 to April 2; Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church, 17116 Olympia, Redford; weekends March 4-12; St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City; St. Valentine Catholic Church, 25881 Dow, Redford; St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills; weekend of March 18-19; Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Resurrection Parish, 48755 Warren Road, Canton; St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton; every weekend in April; St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, Livonia; weekend of March 11-12; St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia; St. Genevieve - St. Maurice Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia; weekend of March 11-12; St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church, 32765 Lyndon St., Livonia; St. Mary, Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Road, Milford; Our Lady of Victory Church, 770 Thayer, Northville; throughout the Lenten season.

Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church, 3750 Commerce Road; Orchard Lake Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth; Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington; Ss. Simon and June Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland; March 12, 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call 734-524-0162.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Officer and author

Madonna Public Safety Officer Gary J. Dettore was one of seven authors scheduled to participate in the Local Author Fair set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 4, at Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville.

Dettore, a retired Detroit police officer, has a combined 31-plus years of service in Detroit and L.A.P.D. He has been working as a Madonna Public Safety Officer for four years.

Dettore's book, "Screaming Eagle Gliders: The 321st Glider Field Artillery Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division in World War II," is the result of 15 years of research and writing about a group of men who were in the 321st Glider Field Artillery Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division during World War II. Dettore's interest in the 321st started as a curiosity and turned into a passion.

He attempted to locate every member of the battalion numbering more than 600 glider riders during his research. During extended off-duty days he spent his time traveling around the country interviewing 321st troopers and has visited their European battlegrounds several times using wartime map coordinates to further his research.

The book covers the 321st's actions on D-Day, in Normandy, in Operation Market Garden, at the Bulge, and during the capture of Hitler's Eagle's Nest headquarters, and includes firsthand accounts drawn from interviews with almost all of the unit's

veterans. It describes operations in which the 321st fought with the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment (of "Band of Brothers" fame). There are hundreds of photos, most of them snapshots from veterans Dettore met in his travels.

Farmington building sold

Friedman Integrated Real Estate Solutions, one of the nation's leading providers of commercial real estate services, recently sold a 9,950-square-foot industrial building located at 20750 Chesley Drive in Farmington. The seller, MP Company LLC, sold the building to Norton Industries LLC.

Paul Feldman, vice president, Brokerage Services at Friedman, represented the purchaser in this transaction.

New hire

The Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (The Center) has announced the addition of Gregg Peterson to its Accelerating Technology team. Peterson was named Principle Materials engineer and will work on-site at the Detroit headquarters of Lightweight Innovations for Tomorrow (LIFT) as part of a pilot program to propel the use of lightweight materials in manufacturing. The announcement was made by Michael Coast, president of The Center.

In partnership with LIFT, Peterson will advise manufacturers about the advantages lightweight materials have within the industry, assist during the manufacturing transition and implementation and will

help develop innovative approaches for transferring technology to small US manufacturers. This collaboration stems from a \$1.2 million grant The Center received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership program to drive lightweight innovation.

"Lightweight materials are rapidly transforming the manufacturing landscape — particularly in the automotive arena. Gregg will play a pivotal role advancing the development and adoption of cutting-edge lightweight manufacturing technologies," Coast said. "His extensive knowledge of vehicle and product lightweighting, with a focus on multi-material optimization, will benefit our clients across the State of Michigan and will positively impact manufacturing processes globally."

Peterson has led multiple design and manufacturing projects for OEMs, including those for specialty racing, passenger and military vehicles. His depth of knowledge includes ferrous and non-ferrous body structure design and originality, aerodynamics, software controls and manufacturing. Currently, he holds twelve patents in multi-disciplinary fields with more in process. Peterson holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from the General Motors Institute.

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center is an organization dedicated to supporting Michigan manufacturers to work

smarter, to compete and to prosper. The Center offers personalized consulting services to meet the needs of clients in virtually every aspect of their businesses. The Center is affiliated with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and is part of the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP Program). The Center also is closely affiliated with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) with the shared goal of making Michigan businesses vibrant, driving GDP growth and creating new and lasting jobs. For more information, go to www.the-center.org.

Anytime Fitness and Relay for Life

Anytime Fitness of Cherry Hill in Canton and Ypsilanti, the 24-hour co-ed fitness club, is organizing a unique membership sale to benefit the American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay for Life. Interested members can join for \$1 plus the plans first month and in turn the clubs will donate each \$1 joined toward the Relay. The sale runs until March 17. The two clubs have also created a Relay for Life team which members can also join for the event on April 21.

"The goal of this event is to help fund donations to the American Cancer Society, introduce the community to our facilities while showing we're more than just a place to get a workout", said Dave Carter of Anytime Fitness and organizer of the event. "By participating and donating our down payments, we

show our united concern for the community that supports us. The importance of giving back is vital, and it is rewarding to make a difference for those faced with Cancer."

To join and get more information on the teams, visit either location: 1900 Whittaker Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197; or 45211 Cherry Hill Rd. Canton, MI 48188. As an added incentive, each club will give a free Anytime Fitness seven-day pass to each member who signs up so that they could share the gift of our gym with their loved ones. The sale/donation drive will run from March 1-17.

Recognizing merit

Rehmann recently recognized the commitment and merit of key associates with promotions throughout each region. In the firm's southeast region, the following associates have been promoted:

- » Eve Berton of Troy — RCIS Proposals and Business Development manager
- » Christine Hoke of Farmington Hills — accounting, consulting and tax manager
- » Sejla Kulagic of Farmington Hills — tax manager
- » Andrea Voth of Troy — software systems administration manager

"Our associates are the reason for Rehmann's continued growth and success," said Ryan Krause, managing principal for the firm's southeast region. "We are pleased to recognize all of their hard work and commitment to excellence through these well-deserved promotions."

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TECHNICAL LEADER Opening for degreed & exp'd applicants for Design/Manufacturing (DFM) Technical Leader (Job Code: 1002) in Plymouth, MI; must reference job code and send resume by mail & include salary req's to: Kathleen O'Callaghan, Human Resources, Hella Electronics Corporation, 43811 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth, MI 48170

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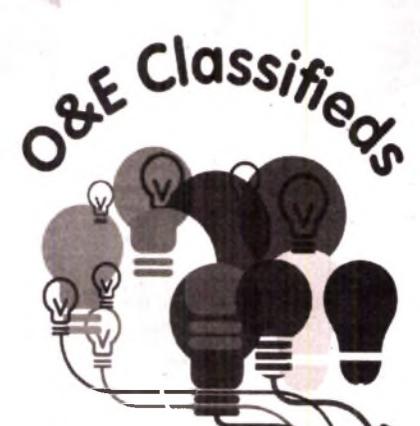
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Metro Detroit Ostomy

The Ostomy support group meets at 1:30 p.m. March 12 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. For more information, call 866-678-6698.

A touch of the Irish

The Michigan Philharmonic will present "A Touch of the Irish," at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the First United Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth.

The concert will feature the toe-tapping music from "Lord of the Dance" as well as Concertmaster Joseph Deller on Daniel Kingman's "The Fiddler in all of Us." Deller, Concertmaster of the Michigan Philharmonic, also performs with the Flint and Dearborn Symphonies as well as Michigan Opera Theater. He is the conductor of the Dearborn Youth Symphony and is active with educational outreach programs of the Flint Institute of Music. As a passionate soloist and chamber music performer, Deller plays with the New Verse Chamber Ensemble and the True North String Quartet.

Another highlight of this concert celebrates the 150th anniversary of composer Amy Beach with a performance of her monumental "Gaelic" Symphony in E-Minor—the first symphony composed and published by a female American composer. The Gaelic Symphony debuted to great enthusiasm in Boston in 1896 and features simple old English, Irish, and Scottish melodies throughout the piece.

Noble coffee hour

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth will host a coffee hour 5-6 p.m. Monday, March 6, at Biggy Coffee, 400 Ann Arbor Road W., in Plymouth.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at 517-373-3816 or JeffNoble@house.mi.gov

Hearing Loss

The local Hearing Loss Association of America offers a rap session from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Westland Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. This event will allow guests to share questions, concerns, successes and disappointments in an open session that focuses on individual needs. There is no cost and is open to all. Contact Tony 734-664-3297, aferack@comcast.net

Corned beef and cabbage

The Garden City Women of the Moose are holding a corned beef and cabbage dinner 5-7 p.m. March 7-8, or until they run out.

Dinners are \$6 and include corned beef, cabbage, mashed potatoes, bread and dessert. Early bird dinner special runs 4:30-5 p.m. sharp for \$5/dinner. Pre-orders and takeout dinners available. Contact Donna at 734-545-7777. The Garden City Moose Lodge No. 538 is at 29137 Ford Road, Garden City. Call 734-422-1750.

Meet with the supervisor

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will hold his monthly "Coffee with Kurt" 9-10 a.m. Monday, March 6, at the Grand Traverse Pie Co., 41640 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth Township. Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided.

Mystery Purse Auction

Faith Community's Women of Faith will host the auction at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the church, 14560 Merriam Road. Men and women can bid on purses or bags or totes that are filled with mystery items. Light refresh-



Michigan Philharmonic Concertmaster Joseph Deller will perform "The Fiddler in all of Us."

ments will be provided. Contact Melissa at 734-765-1827.

Freedom House Detroit presentation

Deborah Drennan, executive director of Freedom House Detroit, will be the speaker at 7 p.m. March 14, Citizens for Peace meeting at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. She will share her experiences and insights on the residents of Freedom House Detroit, people who are survivors of persecution from around the world who are seeking asylum in the United States and Canada. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com

Livonia Towne Club

The Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December when it's held the second Thursday).

The group meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. Program could include an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music, entertainment and more.

The next luncheon is March 23. The program will be the third annual fashion show. For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

Eat better

Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist Church will host Dr. Arthur Weaver to speak on diet and cancer prevention. Attendees will complete a meal, watch a demonstration and provide recipes. The event is at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the church fellowship hall, 4295 Napier Road, Plymouth. Call 989-965-4861 to register by March 16. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

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.

3D Photography Club meeting

The club meets from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road. The meeting will feature a presentation of the annual Stereo Sequence Competition entries. These are short programs using up to 20 stereo images by 3D photographers from

around the world. After a refreshment break, there will be the final "Freebie" drawing of the season for free 3D items, and conclude with our monthly club 3D image competition. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

Be a Miracle League volunteer

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

Caregiver support

The Dorothy & Peter Brown Adult Day Program holds free monthly family caregiver support group meetings at two locations. Respite care may be available during the day meetings; if interested, inquire when you RSVP.

» JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, Southfield: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, Alzheimer's Association meeting for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

5:30-7 p.m. Monday, March 20, for family caregivers of all older adults

For information or to RSVP for either meeting, contact Dorothy Moon at 248-233-4392 or dmoon@jvsdet.org. » Jewish Senior Life, Brown Center, 6720 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield: 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Alzheimer's Association meeting for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

Call for information about the evening support group meeting for family caregivers of all older adults

For more information or to RSVP for meeting, contact Joely Lyons at 248-592-5032 or jlyons@jslmi.org.

Garden City Lions breakfast

For the 26th consecutive year, the Garden City Lions will host its annual pancake breakfast. This year's event is set for 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, call Bob at 734-612-1775 or Vicki at 734-524-1330.

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 because several steps must be completed prior to 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 at 888-983-9050 with questions or to apply for a brief interview.

Red Wings suite raffle

The Livonia Jaycees 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 improve the community.

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

'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. All area Catholics who are interested in this subject are welcome. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, call the parish at 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Weight management program

On March 14, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Registered dieters 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 from 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 stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

Slice for Life

Buddy's Pizza will team up with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to host the 41st annual Slice for Life fundraiser. From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 24, patrons who purchase a ticket can visit any Buddy's Pizza full-service location to enjoy an all-you-can-eat two-topping pizza and salad meal. A carry-out option is also available for purchase at all 11 Buddy's Pizza locations and includes either a four-square two-topping pizza or a medium-sized antipasto, Greek or house salad.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.cskdetroit.org or by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 170. Tickets will also be available at the door. All ticket holders may also register to win one 8-square Buddy's Pizza every month for one year. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's community outreach services.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

ITC has new VP

Novi-based ITC Holdings Corp., the country's largest electric transmission company, has promoted Amy M. Perlman to vice president and controller.



Perlman will be responsible for the company's accounting, financial reporting and tax functions. She previously served as director and assistant controller.

Perlman has worked at Ally Financial (formerly GMAC) and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

ITC owns and operates high-voltage transmission facilities in Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma and has about 15,700 circuit miles of transmission line, 660 employees and nearly 1,000 contractors.

AFS honored

Ann Arbor-based Applied Fitness Solutions, which has satellite fitness centers in Plymouth Township and Rochester Hills, was named by the online business resource Entrepreneur.com as having one of the best company cultures among the nation's small businesses.

To come up with the list, Entrepreneur.com, working with Culture IQ, a management software provider, scored companies in 10 different categories: collaboration, innovation, agility, communication, support, wellness, mission and value alignment, work environment and responsibility and performance focus.

Healthy rating

The DaVita Kidney Care center in Novi, a dialysis provider, has been given the top rating, five stars, by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Dialysis clinics around the country are rated after CMMS analysis of data around seven measures of quality.

DaVita Kidney Care has about 2,300 dialysis clinics around the country that serve about 186,000 patients.

Jobs in Novi

Increased production at the U-Haul's Novi manufacturing plant has created 60 new jobs there for truck assembly.

While assembly experience is valued, it is not required: U-Haul will train new employees. Hourly pay ranges from \$13.07 to \$20.24 based on experience. Job hours will be flexible.

Interested candidates should apply at www.u-hauljobs.com and may contact recruiter Shawn McConnell at 602-263-6627.

Job fairs

Weingartz, a family owned chain of outdoor power equipment stores, is hosting job fairs as it tries to fill more than 40 positions available in Farmington Hills, Clarkston, Utica and Ann Arbor. Positions available include customer service representatives, salespeople, service technicians, and shipping and receiving workers. Applicants should bring a resume.

Upcoming fairs are: » 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Utica store, 46061 Van Dyke. » 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Clarkston store, 6585 Dixie Highway.

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BRADY



TIMOTHY L. passed away suddenly in Chicago, Illinois. He was 37 years old. Tim was born on July 8, 1979, in Plymouth, MI, to Frank J. and Pamela Brady. He attended Plymouth Salem High School and the University of Michigan. He graduated with a degree in bio-psychology. Tim worked for York Insurance in Chicago, Illinois. He lived in Chicago for 14 years, and loved the city. During this time, he developed a network of friends and associates. He was an enthusiastic Cubs fan. He was a proud University of Michigan alumnus and valued his friendships from U of M. He leaves his parents Pam and Frank; brother Patrick (Amelia) Brady, niece Audrey, and nephew James, uncle Michael Brady, Colorado; aunt Kathy (Marcus) Oswald, Ohio; and uncle Lee Simkins, Maryland; cousins Christy, Kate, Michael, Christina, Monica, and Scott. Tim was an excellent pianist and enjoyed music from the age of three. He liked swimming, traveling, and always the arts. He enjoyed boating with friends on Lake Michigan. He loved to laugh. He was a caring, kind, wonderful young man who will be dearly loved forever. The service is private and interment is at Mt. Elliott Cemetery. Contributions can be made to the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, MI, 48244-0444. Tim enjoyed marching in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade with his family and The Old Newsboys Goodfellows. Our family is blessed and grateful for the love, prayers, and support from friends. Arrangements are handled by Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. Condolences may be made at www.schrader-howell.com

MOORE



HARRIET JANE (ROBBE) age 91, of Beverly Hills, MI, passed away Friday, February 24, 2017 at Nannies Inn, West Bloomfield, MI. She was born November 29, 1925 in Wayne County, MI, daughter of Samuel Henry and Eleanor Harriet (Rose) Robbe. Harriet was a 1943 graduate of Belleville High School and was class Valedictorian. She still loved her class motto into her 90s "If we rest, we rust." Harriet was a member of the Thomas Wolfe Society in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and D.A.R. Daughter's of the American Revolution. She attended the University of Michigan and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She was honored to receive the Hopwood award for poetry her freshman year. Harriet received her undergraduate degree in English, and completed her Master's in English Literature at the U of M as well. She was a member of the English Speaking Union and was a tutor for English as a second language. She even translated a book from French to English. Harriet loved to read and enjoyed baking. She made the best pies ever. She also enjoyed collecting antique glass and was a member of the Glass Club. Mrs. Moore is survived by two daughters Catherine (William) Wegert of Beverly Hills, MI, and Emily (Jeffrey Lapides) Moore of Naperville, Illinois, three grandsons Alexander & Benjamin Lapides, and Andrew Wegert. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Jasper Lewis Moore on April 27, 2012, also son Robbe Jasper Moore May 26, 2008. Visitation will be Sunday 2-7 PM and Monday 10-11 AM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services will be Monday, February 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Suzanne Walls officiating. Interment will be in Tyler Street Cemetery, Van Buren Township, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Belleville Historical Society or Thomas Wolfe Society-Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

May you find comfort in family and friends

LENTEN CALENDAR

'Turn to Jesus'

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, will have special midweek Lenten worship services on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. through April 5. This year's theme is "Turn to Jesus!" There will be free treats after the services. For more information, call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

Holy Week services

Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford, announces its schedule for Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service is at 7 p.m. April 13. Good Friday services will be held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 14. Easter Sunday service will be held at 9:30 a.m. April 16. A free Easter breakfast will be held from 8-9:15 a.m. All visitors will receive a free DVD "My Son, My Savior." For more information, call 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523.

Fish Fry

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is hosting its Lenten Fish Frys. The weekly Fish Frys are 4-7 p.m. and run for seven weeks through Good Friday, April 14. Dinners are \$7 or \$10. Choose from fried or baked fish, shrimp dinner or mac and cheese. Each meal comes with french fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll and lemonade, water

or coffee. For an additional small charge, desserts and pop are available.

Resurrection Parish

If you knew you were going to die today, what would you do? How would that reality change you? Would you be more forgiving? More merciful? Attend a Lenten presentation at 7:30 p.m. March 16 by author Chris Stepien as he shares the inspiration for his latest book, "Dying to Be Happy Discovering the Truth About Life."

Orthodox Christian services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) will hold the first in its annual series of Vespers services on the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent on March 5, Sunday of Orthodoxy, at 6 p.m. at St. Clement Ohridski Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn..

Members of the St. John Chrysostom Clergy Brotherhood and clergy from the host parish will conduct the service. The homilist will be the Rev. Gabriel Bilas of St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, Fenton. The Orthodox Lenten Vespers Chorus, directed by Victoria Kopistiansky, will sing the responses.

Youngsters age 7 through high school from parish church schools are encouraged to bring an

icon of their choice and participate in the Procession of Icons.

The remaining four services in the series will be held on:

» March 12, Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores;

» March 19, Sunday of the Holy Cross, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield;

» March 26, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 20500 Anglin St., Detroit.

» April 2, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Members of the public are invited to attend the services.

Praise and worship

St. Edith Church will have a Praise and Worship Concert from 4-5 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Come and sing to your favorite Christian rock hits. The music will be provided by In Praise and a small fellowship will follow in the Gathering Area. For more information, visit www.stedith.org

Lenten Fish Fry

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host its annual Lenten fish fry from

5-8 p.m. every Friday through April 29. Cod dinners are \$10 and perch will return. Baked items will be sold for \$1 each. The meals are open to the public.

Prince of Peace Lutheran

Midweek Lenten services with a soup supper will be offered at Prince of Peace Lutheran on Wednesdays with supper at 6 p.m. followed by service at 7:30 p.m. Join on Wednesdays through April 5. Contact the church at 248-553-3380.

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terested in this subject are welcome. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

St. Bellarmine Fish Fry

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will host fish frys every Friday during Lent with drive-thru service available. The dinners are available from 4-7 p.m. every Friday. St. Robert's is at the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads in Redford.

**CITY OF LIVONIA
2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
FOR THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Livonia is entitled to receive \$316,093 of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2017 program year (July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018). The City has prepared a "2017 Annual Action Plan" covering the program period for citizen comment. The Annual Action Plan details how the City proposes to utilize its 2017 CDBG estimated entitlement grant of \$316,093 in addition to \$269,000 in potential un-programmed funds from prior years and program income. The Action Plan is required by federal regulations in order for the City to continue to participate in the CDBG program.

The 2017-18 Annual Action Plan proposes the following activities to address those priority housing needs with 2017-18 CDBG estimated grant funds of \$316,093 in addition to \$269,000 in potential un-programmed funds from prior years and program income received:

- Rehabilitation Projects - \$132,500
- Property Acquisition/Rehabilitation - \$30,000
- Public Service activities:
 - Senior Transportation Program - \$46,000
 - Mental Health Counseling Program - \$4,000
 - First Step - Domestic Violence Program - \$15,000
 - Emergency Utility Assistance Program - \$5,000
- Maintain/Manage City-Owned Rental Homes - \$133,593
- Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative - \$64,000
- Economic Development - -
- Public Facilities Improvement/Maintenance - \$100,000
- Fair Housing Initiative - -
- Overall Grant Administration - \$55,000
- Other Programs:
 - Ongoing administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
 - Public Housing modernization through the Capital Fund Grant program
 - Provide referrals to the homeless and persons with special needs for shelter and other available services.
 - Provide referrals to Counseling Agencies for persons seeking assistance with foreclosure and purchase of affordable housing

Copies of the Consolidated Plan and 2017-18 Annual Action Plan are available for review by interested citizens between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Housing Commission's Community Development Office located at 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia MI 48150. Written comments regarding the Consolidated Plan and 2017-18 CDBG program may be directed to Tracey Emmanuel, Community Development Supervisor, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150. Comments will be received for a period of not less than 30 days, but not after 4:30 p.m. April 4, 2017. The Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or about May 15, 2017.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director
Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

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Program on 'kit houses' coming to Livonia

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library will present Andrew and Wendy Mutch who will speak about "Kit Houses" at 2 p.m. March 12 at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library, located on Five Mile in Livonia.

These houses were unusual because they were sold by catalog with all materials shipped by rail: lumber, nails,

screws, paint, pre-building plans, specifications and a manual. They were introduced in the first decade of the 20th century. How did the Mutchs become interested in "Kit Houses?"

When they began researching their historic bungalow in Novi they realized they were living in a Sears Roebuck Hamilton "Kit House."

Attendees will also

learn the "Kit House" had its beginning in Michigan. Wendy is head of Adult Services at Northville District Library and Andrew is a librarian systems technician for Waterford Town Public Library and a member of the Novi City Council. This is a free program and additional information can be received by calling 734-466-2495.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Chargers outlast Rockets in district final, 27-20

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Neither Livonia Churchill nor Westland John Glenn could find the "basketball store" to buy any shots Friday.

But the Chargers found enough loose change to grind out a hard-fought 27-20 victory over the host Rockets, in a Class A girls basketball district final.

Churchill (8-14) played with energy

— as did John Glenn — and made just a few more field goals and free throws than the Rockets. It was enough for coach K'Len Morris and his team to win the district trophy for the second year in a row.

"You know what, you got to give credit to Glenn," Morris said. "They came out, they weren't afraid. They got after our guards, they got physical with our post players.

"They came out and played a really tough game. They made it difficult for us all the way around."

Lamenting the fact the ball just would not fall through the cylinder was John Glenn head coach Derrick Jordan, whose team missed 7-of-11 free throws in the first half (which ended with Churchill up, 15-11). The Rockets ended



TOM BEAUDOIN

Livonia Churchill's Colleen McGowan (right) battles for room to maneuver against Westland John Glenn's Sharon Woodard.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Zebras claim first KLAA title

Big game by Rashad Williams keys Wayne Memorial comeback

Terry Jacoby
Correspondent

Wayne Memorial's Rashad Williams has both the talent and confidence to take over a basketball game and turn around not only the scoreboard, but the momentum as well.

The junior guard did just that Thursday as Wayne Memorial, winner of the Kensington Conference boys basketball tournament, faced off with Lakes Conference champion Walled Lake Central for the KLAA championship in Walled Lake.

Williams, who sat out the second quarter because of foul trouble, scored 23 points to lead Wayne Memorial to a comeback 47-44 win over the host Vikings and lead the Zebras to the school's first KLAA tournament title.

"The rest of the guys were off tonight, so we wanted the ball in Rashad's hands and told him to make a play," Wayne Memorial coach Nkwane Young said. "I'm very proud of my guys. To come back like we did against a good team like Walled Lake Central was great to see."

While Williams provided the offense, the game came down to a defensive stop for the Zebras. Leading by two points with less than 10 seconds to play, Walled Lake Central's Chuck Burns found an opening down the middle and headed for the basket. But Wayne's Keion Epps stepped over and blocked the shot well before it got close to the rim to secure the victory and earn praise from his coach.

"He's been excellent for us all year on defense and that was a big block," Young said. "He's averaging five blocks a game

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TERRY JACOBY

Putting up a shot Thursday is Wayne Memorial's Napier Bryant (right).

BOYS HOCKEY REGIONALS



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Stevenson goalie Will Tragge (right) makes the save against Novi's David DeNova.

SPARTANS HANG ON

Livonia Stevenson survives scare from Novi to post 3-2 win in D2 regional semifinal

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With a loaded field of teams, the road to an MHSAA Division 2 boys hockey state championship is going to be a gauntlet.

Livonia Stevenson, which has been to three of the last four state finals, found that out Thursday and survived a stiff challenge from upset-minded Novi to earn a 3-2 regional semifinal win at Novi Ice Arena.

"I just don't want my last game to be this one," said Stevenson senior Alex Walkuski, who scored the game-winning goal on a power play late in the second period. "I want to win the last game of the season, the state championship."

Stevenson (16-10-1), D2 state runner-up the last two years, spotted the Wildcats (10-14-2) a two-goal lead in the opening period, only to respond with three unanswered goals and advance to regional final against White Lake Lakeland (14-12).

Walkuski's game-winner came with only 6.5 seconds left in the second period to break a 2-2 deadlock after the Wildcats' David DeNova was sent off for a roughing penalty just 24 seconds earlier.



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Stevenson defenseman Jake Beaune (left) tries to move the puck past Novi's Ryan Fonda.

"Julian Decina came around the net and I figured I should probably go in front," Walkuski said. "He tossed it in front and I just happened to whack it in the right place and it just went in."

Walkuski, who has 21 points on the year with five goals and 15 assists, also had a game-winning goal just eight days earlier in a 4-2 win over Warren De La Salle.

"Alex Walkuski has been through a

"I just don't want my last game to be this one. I want to win the last game of the season, the state championship."

ALEX WALKUSKI
Stevenson senior

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LIKE HE NEVER LEFT

NHL goalie Wedgewood's at home in Plymouth

Local family welcomes former Whalers goaltender into their home while he works his way back from surgery

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When Scott Wedgewood found out he'd need shoulder surgery in order to have a chance to resume his hockey career, he blinked hard and agreed it was the best course of action.

Much easier for the goalie was knowing where he'd go for rehab, physical therapy and moral support throughout an arduous process — Plymouth, Mich.

"People are like, 'Why aren't you in Toronto, why aren't you back home?'" said the 24-year-old Wedgewood, who played junior hockey for the Plymouth Whalers. "I fell in love with this town and the way people treated me.

"The area, the gyms ... everybody I've met has been perfect for me."

Wedgewood, who played four games during the 2015-16 season with the New Jersey Devils of the National Hockey League, rested at home with his parents in Ontario in the weeks following surgery.

But since the end of December, he's been back in Plymouth, living with billets Kelly and Mike Collins and their son Mikey (who attends Novi Detroit Catholic Central).

He stayed with the Collinses during his fourth and final season with the Whalers (2011-12), after equally rewarding stints with other billets such as Katie and Dave Tear.

"With the rehab, I called them (the Collinses) and told them what was going on," Wedgewood said. "Moved right in; they're pretty much like my second parents. They've been everything and beyond what I could ask. Just being able to help me out.

"My parents are very comfortable with them; they're close to my family. It's super nice, people opening up their house and it's something you think about, not everybody can do it. Or have the mindset or the love to do it."

Wedgewood added that it doesn't hurt



Former Plymouth Whalers goalie Scott Wedgewood (second from left) enjoys time with his billet family (from left) Mikey Collins, Kelly Collins and Mike Collins of Plymouth.

that he sits around and talks hockey or other sports with the family.

"They're big hockey fans, they're big sports fans," Wedgewood said. "They're very wholesome people. They care."

Comfort zone

Mike Collins said hosting players such as Wedgewood has been an "amazing experience" for his family.

"There is an adjustment period that both the family and the player go through," Collins said. "We let them know what is expected ... and, in turn, they let us know their likes and dislikes.

"After a time, they become like family. My son plays hockey and he enjoyed going to the Whalers games and watch his 'brother' play. ... They have become like sons to us — especially Scott."

Collins added that players such as Wedgewood deserve credit for fitting in seamlessly.

"Because most have been billeted before and know what is expected of them in a new home, they tend to fit in quickly," Collins said. "They don't sit up in their room waiting for the next practice ... they are part of the family.

"We also welcome their friends and I think that makes them feel even more at home."

Familiarity

In addition to being warmly welcomed back by the Collins family, Wedgewood pushes the pace during rehab sessions at Barwis Methods Training Center (located just east of Sheldon Road in Plymouth).

Meanwhile, don't forget his physical therapy with ATI, located a few steps from the free weights and exercise equipment at Barwis.

According to Wedgewood, knowing he had a welcoming committee waiting for him in Plymouth made his decision to come back a slam-dunk.

"I knew the gym, I knew the area and I kind of grew up here in a sense, from (ages) 15-20," Wedgewood said. "It just kind of worked out. I talked to the Collinses and they were more than happy to have me come down. It just worked out and I've stuck here.

"I got an apartment last year with Alec Nedeljkovic, who was a goalie for Plymouth after I left. We had one in Farmington Hills. It was a lot of fun."

Wedgewood also has had the chance to re-connect with former teammates and coaches with the Whalers, including goalie instructor Stan Matwijiw (now with the OHL Flint Firebirds, whose



RENA LAVERTY

Scott Wedgewood competes for the Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League in this undated file photo.

owners bought the Plymouth franchise in 2015).

"That's one guy that really helped my career and still is," Wedgewood said about Matwijiw, who also runs the renowned Bandits Goalie School during the summer. "It's exciting. You don't want to change your ways too much. He's the guy that taught me my ground work."

Place to learn

And no matter what happens to Wedgewood in his pro career, he'll always look back fondly on his time with the Whalers.

"I wasn't the fittest kid, I wasn't a pro when I came to the OHL," he said. "I didn't know what it meant. That organization, (GM/head coach) Mike Vellucci and our training staff, my goalie coach Stan Matwijiw ... I had the character and I had the mindset to want to get there.

"It was just fine-tuning all the details and the things you have to do on a daily basis. Plymouth taught me that and the friendships I got from there are going to be lifelong."

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D2 BOYS HOCKEY REGIONALS

Churchill, Plymouth on collision course for regional title

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Arctic Edge Arena in Canton will be buzzing at 7 p.m. Saturday when two familiar rivals from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association South Division will face off for the Division 2 boys hockey regional championship.

Thanks to each posting two victories over the past four days, Livonia Churchill and Plymouth will vie for a spot in the D2 quarterfinals. It figures to be a tussle to the finish line.

Heading into the postseason, both the Chargers and Wildcats were ranked among the top teams by Sean Baligan of "State Champs." Churchill was listed at No. 11 in the rankings (which includes all divisions), while Plymouth was at No. 21.

Plymouth (16-10-1) then defeated No. 18 Salem 5-3 in the Feb. 27 pre-regional and bounced Canton 6-1 two nights later to earn a spot in the regional final.

The Wildcats were sparked by Jack



Livonia Churchill and Plymouth will renew acquaintances in Saturday's Division 2 regional final.

Chumley and Colton Borke, who both scored two goals.

"We got off to a bit of a slow start," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said. "Part of that may have been because we were coming off the emotions of our win Monday (against Salem), but it was all because Canton had us on our heels to start the game.

"That first goal was big for us, because we weren't playing our best hockey and it allowed us to exhale."

Scoring the important goal for the Wildcats was Nick Yankee.

"After that, I thought we slowly started to take over the game and managed things well from that point," Vento said. "It wasn't our best game of the year, but at this point in the season, it is all about winning this game so you have an opportunity to play the next game.

"We know we have to be better when we face Churchill on Saturday and I am confident the boys will be better."

Close call

As for the Chargers (19-8-0), the going was a little more precarious.

After Tuesday's 7-3 rout of Woodhaven in a pre-regional match-up at Kennedy Ice Center in Trenton, it took overtime Thursday for Churchill to prevail in the regional semifinal against the host Trojans, 4-3.

Trenton scored twice in the final 6:11 of the third period to tie the game at 3-3 and send it into overtime.

That's when John Doyle scored an unassisted goal for the winner. It was Doyle's second goal of the night to go along with two assists.

Venegoni (one goal, one assist), Tyler Haydu (two assists), Danny Carey (one goal), Joe Wozniak (one assist) and goalie Drew Broyles (28 saves) also were key contributors.

Churchill and Plymouth met only once this season, Jan. 11 at Eddie Edgar Arena. That night, the Chargers rolled to a 4-1 victory.

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lot for us and been in these moments and we're just very happy for him to get a goal like that," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said.

Meanwhile, the game-tying goal by senior Ryan McCamant came just 50 seconds into the second period on a shot from the right point that Novi goaltender Manny Legace Jr. (29 saves) got screened on. Sam Judd and Justin Alton drew the assists.

What a first

It was McCamant's first career goal as a Spartan and he couldn't have timed it any better.

"To have a goal and a moment like that ... it's nice to see them rewarded and have moments like this," Mitchell said.

Novi senior Zach Perpich scored the game's first two goals, with the first at the 58-second mark of the first after he pounced on a Stevenson turnover and went top shelf to beat Stevenson goalie Will Tragee (21 saves).

Perpich followed up his unassisted goal with a perfectly timed tip-in on a power play at 4:41 of the same period, with Derek DuBois and Cam Czapski drawing the assists.

"They came out with a really good game plan, changed up some things in their defensive zone and started sending pucks and flying their wingers a bit and we didn't adjust and it put us in our heels a little bit," Mitchell said. "They scored a really nice goal and Perpich is a really good player. They got a bounce on another one and, low and behold, we're down 2-0. I thought we came out a bit nervous and on our heels a little bit, but then again Novi put us there, so give them all the credit in the world."



Stevenson's Ryan McCamant (left) and Novi's Zach Perpich battle in the neutral zone.

The Spartans, however, did get on the board at the 11:17 mark of the first on Vincent Decina's goal from brother Julian and Kevin Stefanick to trim the deficit to 2-1.

Momentum switch

But after Novi outshot Stevenson 11-7 in the first period, the tables turned for the Spartans during the second.

"I think we made some adjustments between the first and second period, but a coach's adjustments are only as good if their players actually go out and execute and our players executed our adjustments," Mitchell said. "We just talked about calming down and doing things to combat what they were doing. It was nice to get the period done and have a break and have a talk and reset. We use the word reset quite often in our vocabulary. We reset and went back after it and flipped the ice a little bit."

Stevenson outshot Novi 16-3 in the

second period and put plenty of pucks in the Wildcats' defensive end.

"We knew they were going to come back in the second and they took it to us," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "I thought that penalty (on DeNova) was a questionable call, but that's the way the game goes sometimes and you got overcome it. Yeah, it was a tough goal to give up late in the period. But we pushed back in the third and it was one-goal game that could have gone either way."

Novi couldn't convert on a pair of third-period power-play chances and then took a costly penalty with only 2:42 left, which prevented the Wildcats from pulling Legace for the extra attacker until only 20 seconds remained.

Novi's Ryan Fonda, however, got off a decent shot from the blue line that deflected over the top of the goal with three seconds remaining in one last-ditch attempt after Vellucci had called a timeout.

"We had two breakaways and didn't

get a shot off, hit a post on a blocked shot there," Vellucci said. "Any of those things that happen different for us, it's anybody's ball game."

In the first meeting between the two teams Dec. 9, host Novi came away with a 4-2 win. The Wildcats started the season 8-1-2, but injuries turned their season upside-down.

Game of inches

Alec Giragosian, who had been out for two months, and Alex Scarozza, who had missed three weeks with a concussion, both returned to the lineup.

"It was the first game back with a full team since, really, Jan. 7 in the Houghton game," Vellucci said. "We had a bye, we were well-rested and we came out flying in the first (period). We just took it to them and could have gotten three or four goals there. Another inch to the left and it goes in."

With nine seniors playing their final game, the mood in the Novi locker room afterward was somber, to say the least.

"I thought Manny (Legace), compared to where he is now and when he was a sophomore ... night and day," Vellucci said. "It's sad for the seniors. We had good senior leadership this year ... Cam Czapski, Brandon Kour, Anthony Luongo. To go out like this is a heartbreak and I'm sure I'm going to go in there now and see some crying tears. But it's the way it goes. Everybody got their money's worth tonight. Saw a good high school game between two good programs."

For Walkuski, who scored the game-winner, it's all part of surviving the D2 tournament gauntlet.

"(Novi) battled their butts off," he said. "They did the right things, they never stop coming, they finished every hit, worked hard."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Panthers go OT to take district crown

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When things aren't going your way, one must make difficult choice — either pack it all up or keep forging ahead. Luckily for the Redford Union girls basketball team, they chose the latter in Friday's Class B district final, where they nabbed a 49-46 victory in overtime against Detroit Henry Ford.

The victory puts the Panthers (14-6) in 6:30 p.m. regional semifinal match-up Tuesday, March 7, at Detroit Mumford against Center Line (16-7).

It was a crowning achievement for the host Panthers, who were down by as many as 15 points in their valiant effort to break through the Trojans' full-court press.

"They've been tough all season and putting in the work, crashing the boards and rebounding," RU coach Scott Purdy said. "Defensively, we were a little sloppy with a lot of turnovers. Henry Ford has a lot of speed and they beat us two years ago in districts. We gave up 21 turnovers in the first half and seven in the second half. That was the turnaround and it was huge."

RU caught fire toward the end of the first half, with junior forward Haley Hebner sinking a layup with 3:10 remaining to spur a 7-2 run.

Sophomore Johnnae Steele (23 points,



The Redford Union girls basketball team is all smiles after winning a Class B district title in OT against Detroit Henry Ford.

8-of-10 free throws) added a 3-pointer off the glass to pull within single digits before Henry Ford's Bianca Campbell connected on a pair of free throws.

In the final 25 seconds, Steele assisted on jumpers by Hebner and junior guard Cassidy Sandelin, helping shrink the Trojans' lead to 27-20 at intermission.

After grabbing a 1-0 lead to begin the contest, it wasn't until the fourth quarter that the Panthers took back control of the scoreboard.

Steele's twin sister Johnnae knocked down two shots at the charity stripe with 1:14 left in regulation to make it a 39-38 game.

Although Campbell put the Trojans (8-9) back on top shortly thereafter, Johnnae Steele split her trip at the line to knot it up at 40-40 to send the game into overtime.

Johnnae Steele hit a turn 'n' gun shot in the opening minute of the extra period to give the Panthers the lead for keeps, as two of the Trojans starters fouled out down the stretch.

Campbell's double-shot with 32 seconds left pulled Henry Ford within two points, 48-46, but Johnnae Steele split her one of her attempts at the line in the final seconds to seal the deal.

The Panthers connected on 15-of-29 free-throw attempts, while the Trojans made 10-of-23.

Campbell had a team-high 19 points, followed by 13 from junior guard Klarissa Matthews.

Meanwhile, it was the first district championship for RU in recent memory.

"This is a big win for Redford Union," Purdy said. "We needed this and the girls have been practicing six days a week and working hard."

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with a 9-14 record.

"I'm totally satisfied with holding Churchill to 27 points," Jordan said. "What I'm not satisfied about, we could not hit a shot."

"We got open looks. I don't know how many free throws we missed."

Churchill didn't enjoy a much better night shooting the basketball, making 7-of-28 from the floor. But Churchill hit seven more free throws (13-of-26) than Glenn managed.

Sweet encore

The Chargers — who advance to the regional at Dearborn Fordson — were led by senior point guard Shae Smith and senior forward Annie Yost, who scored 11 and seven points, respectively.

Smith managed to play a full game just two days after taking a nasty fall that injured her ankle in the district semifinal against Livonia Stevenson.

"In the beginning, I started off a little hesitant, because I didn't know if it was going to hurt again or not," Smith said. "It was pretty tough out there. In districts, anyone can win and anyone can lose, so we really had to step our game up."

Yost and Smith are now part of the first two district champions in Churchill history.

"This one is better, because last year Stevenson got knocked out by Crestwood and we were planning on playing them the whole time," said Yost, who was guarded so tightly by the Rockets that she managed just one field goal in the paint. "This year, beating them (Spartans) in districts is awesome, because they're crosstown rivals. That was a lot more sweet. And the games were closer."

Points were at a premium from the opening tip, although John Glenn's Sharon Woodard buried a trey from the left wing about one minute into the contest to quickly put the home team on top.

Yost hit a jumper from the corner to put the Chargers in front 4-3 and the quarter ended with Churchill leading, 7-4.

John Glenn briefly knotted things up 7-7 when freshman Jasmine Edwards (nine points to lead her team) hit a layup with 6:19 left in the half.

After the Rockets missed a subsequent chance to take the lead, Smith muscled in from the left side of the key for a baseline bank shot. A steal and bucket by Edwards again evened things up, this time at 11-11, with 4:30



Livonia Churchill's Shae Smith (left) dribbles down the sideline past Westland John Glenn defenders (from left) Jasmine Edwards and Dominique Stribling during Friday's district final.

to go.

Two foul shots by Smith then put Churchill back in front and the Chargers did not relinquish the lead the rest of the night.

Early in the second half, Ronnie Severin provided a spark for the Chargers, getting a steal and then scoring on a put-back.

Lid on hoop

Midway through the third quarter, Carley Loving hit a triple from the left wing to make it a 18-16 Churchill lead and get the home crowd fired up.

The contest was 20-18 after three quarters and Churchill added a key field goal when Maria Targosz hit a jumper from the right corner, giving the Chargers a 22-18 lead with 7:30 remaining.

Down the stretch, both teams battled hammer and tong after every loose ball, but whenever the Rockets had scoring chances, they missed the mark — scoring only two points in the

quarter.

"We put people in position to score and they shot the ball," Jordan said. "But it just didn't go in tonight."

"I'm proud of those girls. Seven girls carried this team all the way up to districts and then I brought a bunch of sophomores in from the JV team that infused a ton of energy into the team. And I'm excited about what we got going on next year."

Morris, meanwhile, said a couple of unsung heroes in the win were Colleen McGowan and Mary-Claire Yost.

"Colleen McGowan came off the bench for us and she's kind of our Energizer bunny," Morris said. "I could start her, but I love the energy she brings off the bench. I feel like she's a game-changer."

"And Mary-Claire Yost, the same thing."

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for us, but that was a pretty big one."

Even keel

The Zebras didn't get rattled, even when they fell behind 36-25 late in the third quarter.

"Walled Lake Central has an excellent basketball team and we didn't have a good first half and Rashad got into foul trouble," Young said. "But we played together and we played composed. That's what we kept telling them all game: 'Don't lose your composure because we aren't out of this game.'"

Trailing 38-32 after three quarters, Williams took over. A great move to the basket and layup cut the deficit to 38-37 early in the fourth quarter.

Then, with six minutes left in the game, Williams launched a long triple in front of his team's bench that found nothing but net and sent the large Wayne student section into a frenzy. It also sent the Zebras into a 40-38 lead.

Travez Nyx went coast to coast to give Wayne a 42-40 lead, but the Vikings answered at the other end on a basket by top scorer Runako Ziegler (24 points).

Epps (10 points) answered for the Zebras with a basket inside to push Wayne to a 44-42 lead with 3:15 left on the clock.

Williams then went one-on-one and drove to the hoop, laying it in for a 46-42 lead. The Zebras did a great job of playing keep-away and running time off the clock, making excellent decisions with the basketball. Eventually, the Vikings had to foul, but the Zebras missed the free throw.

With 26.9 seconds left to play, Ziegler knocked down two free throws to cut the deficit to 46-44. He was fouled by Williams for his fifth foul of the game.

With 10 seconds left, Epps missed the front end of a one-and-one. But the senior made up for it at the other end with his huge block to lock up the victory.

Williams came out firing in the first quarter. The junior's second triple of the quarter gave the visitors a 16-11 lead after a back-and-forth start to the ballgame. The Zebras took that 16-11 lead into the second quarter.

After a sluggish offensive start by both teams to start the second, a triple by Isaiah Lewis gave the Zebras what appeared to be a comfortable 21-15 lead with 4:10 left until halftime.

But the Vikings battled back. A triple just before the buzzer by Houston Tucker (11 points) sent the teams into intermission tied at 21-21.

Walled Lake Central took control of the game in the third quarter, thanks to some hustle and quality long-range shooting. A great individual effort by Tucker gave the hosts a 28-23 lead with 5:34 left in the quarter.

A triple by Tucker and another triple by Dylan Hudspeth gave the Vikings their biggest lead at 36-25 with 3:27 to play in the third, but the Zebras kept battling and a tip-in by Epps cut the deficit to 36-29.

Walled Lake Central took a 38-32 lead into the final quarter.

Wayne Memorial (17-3) is heading to the Allen Park district with a field featuring Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Romulus, Taylor Kennedy, Taylor Truman and the Zebras. Wayne drew a bye in the first round and will face the winner of Monday's Lincoln Park-Allen Park game Wednesday, March 8. The finals are Friday, March 10.



TERRY JACOBY

Wayne Memorial's Rashad Williams (right) waits for the right moment to dribble.



Livonia Churchill celebrates after winning the Class A girls basketball district title at Westland John Glenn.

TOM BEAUDOIN

BOYS BASKETBALL

Teams play final tuneups for districts

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Four players reached double figures Thursday as Lutheran Westland's varsity boys basketball team defeated Livingston Christian, 72-39, in the Warriors' final game before beginning the postseason.

Leading the Warriors, who finished 15-5, were Zack Burk (16 points, six rebounds), Luke Smith (14 points, 11 rebounds, six assists), Ben Brown (12 points, 10 rebounds) and Kyle Farley (10 points).

Others helping the cause were Kory Barikmo (five points, six rebounds, six assists) and Kobe Holmes (five points, four steals).

"We never were able to get into a flow in the first half," Lutheran Westland interim coach Kevin Wade said. "Play was choppy and we struggled with it."

Even so, the Warriors still enjoyed leads of 17-10 after one quarter and 29-21 at halftime.

Wade's team stepped on the gas after intermission, however.

"The second half was much different and it was the reason we were able to pull away," Wade said. "We finish a very tumultuous regular season (the head coach at the start of the season, Jim Hoelt, stepped down for personal reasons) at 15-5 and we have a few days to prepare for districts."

The Warriors' win total was the third highest in school history.

Lutheran Westland will face Detroit Westside Christian at 6 p.m. Wednesday in a Class D district semifinal at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

In other Class D districts, Plymouth Christian hosts one of the brackets, with the Eagles facing Huron Valley Lutheran at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Both the Inter-City Baptist and PCA districts will be decided at 7 p.m. Friday, March 10.

HOWELL 68, STEVENSON 67: After leading through three quarters Thursday, Livonia Stevenson gave up 19 points in the final quarter and lost in the regular season finale.

The Spartans (14-6) were up 18-14 after one quarter, but fell behind 34-30 at the break. In the third, a 27-point surge lifted Stevenson into a 57-49 advantage going into the fourth, but the lead did not hold up.

Ian Knoph and Nader Kandalaf scored 17 and 10 points, respectively, for Stevenson.

Leading the Highlanders (14-6) was Daniel Zolinski, who had 18 points.

Stevenson now moves into the Livonia Franklin-hosted Class A district, facing Westland John Glenn (17-3) at 5:30 p.m. Monday. The winner of that game goes up against Garden City at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

At 7 p.m. Monday, the host Patriots and Redford Thurston meet, with the winner facing Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

CHURCHILL 68, LAKELAND 63: Genesis Barnes scored a game-high 21 points to propel Livonia Churchill (6-14) to a KLA A consolation round victory Thursday at White Lake Lakeland (7-13).

Three other Chargers scored in double figures: Alan Hammett (11), Evan Cummins (10) and Trajan Stinson (10). Churchill made a total of seven 3-pointers and went 11-of-16 from the foul line (68.7 percent).

Thirteen players scored on senior night for the Eagles, who got a team-best 15 points and 11 rebounds from 6-foot-8 junior center Cass Phillips.

Juniors Patrick McDonald and Sean Cullen chipped in eight points apiece for Lakeland, which trailed 35-26 at halftime and 53-46 after three quarters. The Eagles made 14-of-18 free throws (77.7 percent).

"We were aggressive offensively and

did a lot of good things," Lakeland coach Bob Brugger said. "But we couldn't get enough stops. You can tell Churchill plays in a tough division (KLA A South). Their point guard (Barnes) played great and Cummins can really get off the floor and had a couple of tremendous dunks. I thought Cass Phillips also did a great job."

SALEM 66, MOTT 58: In Thursday's regular season finale, Salem (9-11) outscored Waterford Mott 22-14 in the fourth quarter to earn the victory.

Scoring 20 points and adding five assists for the Rocks was Camren Barden. Other top contributors for Salem included Kyle Winfrey (13 points), Jeff Whalen (12 points) and Cameron Grace (11 points).

FRANKLIN 48, KETTERING 42: Scoring 19 points Thursday for Livonia Franklin was Mark Mettie, while Keyon Brown scored 13. Adding six points was Ryan Hoyer.

Mettie and Brown both pulled down eight rebounds for the Patriots, who finished with a 9-11 record.

MOTT 72, REDFORD UNION 71: Junior forward Christian Montgomery scored a season-high 34 points, but it wasn't enough as Redford Union (10-10) fell in a non-conference match-up Thursday at Warren Mott (12-8).

Montgomery connected on five triples and made 8-of-10 free throws as RU rallied from 50-42 third-quarter deficit thanks to a full-court press before coming up short.

Eric McCarter chipped in 14 points and Jacob Gagnon added eight for the Panthers, who made 13-of-21 free throws (61.9 percent).

Javon Brown led the Marauders with 30 points, while Troy Gillory added 11. Mott went 17-of-23 from the foul line (73.9 percent).

Staff writer Brad Emons contributed to this report.

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Tom Beaudoin
Dribbling up the court Wednesday is Westland John Glenn's Sharon Woodard, being pressured by Garden City's Brittany Radtke.

Rockets' defense stymies Garden City

Tim Smith
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Westland John Glenn's offense wasn't running as smoothly as it can Wednesday against Garden City, but Rockets head coach Derrick Jordan was just fine with that.

Jordan likes his team to employ a "defense first" mindset anyway and that's what lifted the Rockets to a 39-27 win over the Cougars in a Class A girls basketball district semifinal at John Glenn.

Garden City trailed 10-4 after one quarter and didn't reach double digits until senior guard Brittany Radtke hit a free throw with about 2:30 left in the first half. The Rockets enjoyed a 28-10 edge at the intermission and were never really threatened, although a brief spurt early in the third by the Cougars — featuring a trey by senior Alicia Ascencio — cut the deficit to 28-17.

"I like to start with defense. I think defense wins championships," said Jordan, whose team improved to 9-13 entering Friday's district final against Livonia Churchill. "Defensively, Jasmine (Edwards) stood out, Dominique Stribling stood out, Justice Bryant stood out. Sharon (Woodard) played a good game overall, offensively and defensively."

"As a team, we really focus on trying to be better defensively and tonight it let us prevail to the next game."

Cougars head coach Michelle Tyree didn't fault her team's effort, but lamented too many missed layups that prevented any kind of a run.

"At least double digits, too many," Tyree said about the number of misses at the rim. "We only gave up 39 points in a varsity-level game. But the problem was we only scored 10 in the first half."

"If you only give up 39 points, you should be coming out on top. But you got to score as well. We had our opportunities and missed."

John Glenn's defense had plenty to do with Garden City's scoring woes, Jordan said.

"Anytime you play basketball and you have somebody and they're contesting your shot," he said, "if they block it two or three times like we were able to, they think about that."

One of the thorns in the Cougars' side was freshman guard Edwards, who led all scorers with 10 points.

"Jasmine is a freshman, she's a strong player and she's very talented," Jordan said. "But the team around her, they're doing her job, which is allowing her to get opportunities to score."

Chipping in nine points for the Rockets was Woodard, with Stribling and Carley Loving both scoring six.

Radtke and Ascencio shared Garden City scoring honors with seven points each.

Scoring four points a piece were seniors Tatum Spears and Alexandria Leleniewski.

Meanwhile, Tyree praised her team for battling all game and all season. The Cougars (10-11) finished second in their WWAC division.

"I'm not ashamed at all of the effort," Tyree said. "But you got to be able to put the ball in the hole."

With the loss, Garden City goes into a transitional year with six players due to graduate (Radtke, Ascencio, Spears, Leleniewski, Alecia Montgomery and Kayley-Ann Hower).

But Tyree is optimistic about the future, largely because of a middle school feeder program that returned over the past year.

"We've been without a middle school team for more years than I can remember," Tyree said.

"We only had 10 on varsity and 10 on JV when all was said and done. But there's a lot of spots to fill, graduating six seniors."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Double-OT thriller goes Churchill's direction

Chargers' Yost, Smith come up huge in clutch in district win over Livonia Stevenson

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It remains to be seen what kind of basketball will be played later this month when the final teams square off at the Breslin Center.

But those fans who attended Wednesday's Class A girls basketball district semifinal at Westland John Glenn between Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson might have witnessed one of the most thrilling and suspenseful contests to be played throughout the 2017 state tournament.

Led by senior forward Annie Yost's 20 points and 21 rebounds — and a 24-point night by guard Shae Smith, who came back for OT after injuring an ankle late in the fourth quarter — the Chargers won 63-61 in double overtime to advance to face Westland John Glenn in the district final.

The Rockets defeated Garden City 39-27 in Wednesday's second game.

"If you're looking for a good game, it doesn't get much better than that," said Churchill head coach K'Len Morris, whose team improved to 8-14. "Cross-town rivals, semis in districts and double overtime. I feel bad for Stevenson, because they played their butts off, especially Grace (Lamerson). She played a hell of a game."

"Our girls, it was a back and forth, back and forth and they just toughed it out. It was good to see."

A strong force in the paint for the Chargers was Yost.

"Our strong play is getting it into the post, no matter whether I'm shooting or I'm getting it and kicking it back out," Yost said. "When we get the ball in the post, good things happen and we did a good job of that."

Rivalry game

Lamerson, Stevenson's senior forward, was everywhere it seemed, coming up with big plays when they were most needed by her team. She wound up with 21 points, six steals, five blocks and five rebounds.

"That's what you want, the rival game, that's what everyone comes out to watch," Lamerson said, choking back emotions knowing her Stevenson career ended with the final buzzer. "I like giving the crowd a good game, too, and for our team. I just wish we came out on top."

It was close all night long, but the fourth quarter was a real heart-stopper for fans of either team.

Lamerson muscled in for a layup to put the Spartans up 48-47 midway through the quarter and Kimmy Freed knocked down a jumper from the corner to make it 50-47.

But Smith answered with a trey from



Tom Beaudoin
Going in for a layup Wednesday is Stevenson's Grace Lamerson. Defending for Churchill is Annie Yost (right).

beyond the top of the arc, off an inside-out dish by Yost, to tie things up at 50-50.

Stevenson junior guard Sarah Tanderlys (13 points) then confidently bounced the ball once before launching a deep triple to again put the Spartans in front by three.

Both teams missed chances over the next 90 seconds and then it was Ronnie Severin's turn to do long-gun damage. Her 3-pointer evened the see-saw affair at 53-53 with 1:04 to play.

Untimely miscue

Trading layups were Lamerson and Smith, then the Spartans had the ball and a chance to get a winning shot or be sent to the foul line in the closing seconds.

The Spartans, who finished 10-11, never got the chance because they could not inbound the ball from the sidelines following a timeout.

"I just think the girls panicked a little bit, they didn't run what they were supposed to," first-year Stevenson coach Karen Anger said. "They were supposed to set some screens and everybody just kind of went their own way and that hurt us right there, because we would have had some time to work with to get our last shot off."

"Our plan was to milk the clock down to about 10 or eight seconds and then do the play we had drawn. But we couldn't get it in."

Churchill then had to worry about losing Smith for overtime; she fell and injured an ankle with 2.1 seconds left and had to be helped off the floor.

Wouldn't be denied

But Smith was out there again when the overtime began.

"She came back in and you could tell it was still bothering her a little bit," Morris said. "But she was not going to let our team lose tonight and that's what you want out of your point guard."

"You want somebody who's going to lead. And she led our team to the win tonight. Very, very proud of Shae."

Stevenson only managed to lead once during extra time, going up 57-55 thanks to a layup by Tanderlys.

Churchill responded on a bucket by Yost to extend the game yet again. In the second extra session, Yost's put-back put the Chargers in front 61-59 and the lead was four with 22 seconds left after Smith hit a pair of foul shots.

Stevenson subsequently ran out of chances and the presence of Yost had much to do with that.

"Annie can be the most dominant player on the floor in any game," Morris said. "She just has the physical tools to be dominant. She had 21 rebounds tonight. It's amazing."

"She's been our leader through her actions. Between her and Shae tonight, they both led our team to that victory."

Lamerson wasn't the only senior who Anger said "gave it everything they had there at the end."

Collecting nine points and six rebounds was Diane Senkowski.

Lamerson said the sting from the loss will take a while to go away, but she won't forget her high school career.

"I think all the coaches and all my (teammates) really pushed me to do my best," said Lamerson, who will attend Michigan State University, but not play basketball there. "I wouldn't change it for the world."

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5 job search hacks to help break into a new role

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Job hunting is a pain. Filling out countless applications, writing cover letters and revising résumés only to wait weeks for a response is laborious and stressful. And it's not always effective.

Try these five hacks – or shortcuts – to break out of the job seeker rut and into a great new job.



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1. Schedule mock interviews.

It may sound counterintuitive, but when looking for a new job it helps to seek out managers who don't currently have a position available, says Ted Hessing, owner of Six Sigma Study Guide, a framework to make organizations more competitive.

"When targeting a position, seek out three to five managers who typically hire the position you aspire to," Hessing says. "Express that you'd like help base-lining your résumé and competencies to ensure you are a good fit for the position. Ask if it would be possible to do a mock interview where they ask the same questions they would of a 'real' candidate. Afterward, review your performance and ask for one to three things that you could work on over the next few months."

This approach achieves three goals, says Hessing. First, it develops industry contacts who are aware of your aspirations. Next, it allows you to practice interviewing, and finally, it provides insight about other top candidates who previously interviewed for the position.

2. Build a relationship with select recruitment companies.

Recruiters are the gate-

keepers to many jobs. Karla Jobling, director at London-based recruiting firm Beecher-Madden, recommends reaching out and making a personal connection.

"Build relationships with one or two select recruitment companies that specialize in the area you work in," Jobling says. "Take the time to meet with them. They will approach you with suitable roles when they come up. Many of these aren't even advertised, and

you don't have to do anything – just wait for the calls to come in."

3. Use alternate keywords.

Many job seekers are thwarted from the start by searching for the wrong titles. "How you think a job might be described may vary company by company," says Alissa Carpenter, a career discovery and personal development coach. "Check out LinkedIn profiles for how people describe their position and then use their language."

Keywords are also important on a candidate's résumé, says Linda Kurloff, a career specialist at East Village Access, a recovery program for adults with mental health challenges. She suggests adding a mission statement to your résumé to show how your values align with a specific company's.

4. Rethink networking.

Networking is important, but some approaches are more effective than others. In today's competitive market, it helps to get creative, says John Paul Engel, lecturer of entrepreneurship at the University of Iowa.

"My best hack is to find the former chair of the association in your industry," Engel says. "They are known and liked

by everyone... They are great door openers."

Tiffani Murray, HR expert and career consultant at PersonalityOnaPage.com, suggests joining Twitter chats that are relevant to job seekers, including #CareerChat, #JobHuntChat and #HFChat.

5. Market yourself.

"Winners don't 'apply' for jobs, they market themselves as the next Mark Zuckerberg," says Mark Stevens, CEO of marketing and management firm MSCO. Stevens encourages job seekers to market themselves with creativity and break the rules.

"Instead of placing a résumé on the interviewer's desk, present her with an idea for winning at your job," Stevens suggests. "Silence wins etiquette awards but always loses jobs. No one gets upset if you call... if you have something powerful to say. [For example,] 'I spent the weekend researching your company and your competition, and I have a plan for how you can gain market share. Where can I send it?'"

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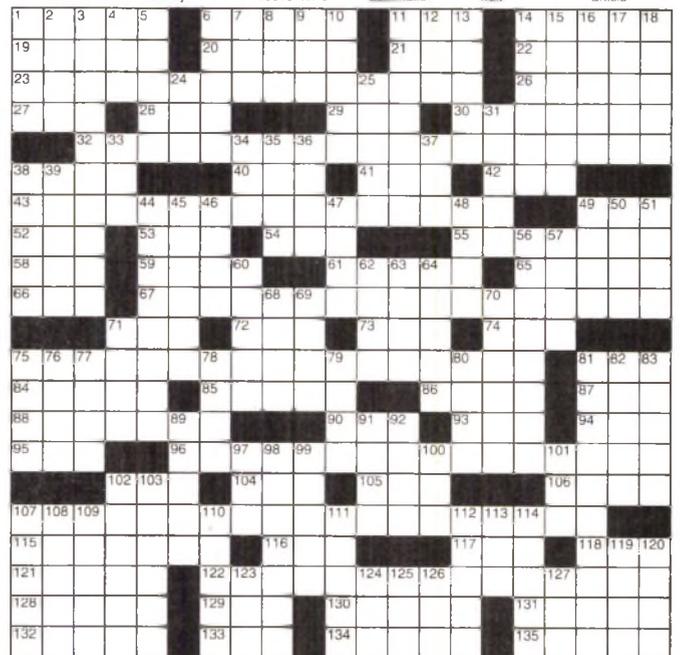
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 - 22 Storybook elephant
 - 23 Cheer up the singer of "Galveston"?
 - 26 Cowboy rope
 - 27 "Aw, quit — bellyachin'!"
 - 28 Frozen cubes
 - 29 Fuck, for one
 - 30 Lack of law
 - 32 Rice fields
 - 38 With a very sharp image, for short
 - 40 (panema site, briefly) Drink in many a 58-Across
 - 42 Corp. VIP
 - 43 Scottish boys testifying in court?
 - 49 Fr. woman with a halo
 - 52 "As I see it," to a letter
 - 53 "Science Guy" Bill
 - 54 Turkey Day tuber
 - 55 Artistic users of acid
 - 58 Pub barrel
 - 59 Farm tows
 - 61 Food grinder
 - 65 "Zapped" actor Willie
 - 66 GO staffers
 - 67 Threw one's ordinary existence into confusion?
 - 71 Sky's color, in Salerno
 - 72 Luau guitar, for short
 - 73 Ocean filler
 - 74 Driver's 180
 - 75 Horse riders' activity in an Asian island country?
 - 81 Insult, hip-hop-style
 - 84 — a Grecian Urn
 - 85 Actor Davis
 - 86 Rebuke to Brutus
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 - 88 Bill or Hillary
 - 90 Suffix with joy or humor
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 - 94 Big primate
 - 95 Sluggish
 - Griffey
 - 96 Officer in charge of soft packing material?
 - 102 Tycoon
 - Onassis
 - 104 Two, to Jose
 - 105 Take it on the — (escape)
 - 106 Woes
 - 107 NFL announcer John acting up?
 - 115 Typical
 - 116 Crude stuff
 - 117 Stud's place
 - 118 Pay a visit to
 - 121 Municipal
 - 122 Deliver a craze follower into custody?
 - 128 Up in the air
 - 129 Nero's "I love"
 - 130 Spirits in bottles
 - 131 — car (Avis service)
 - 132 Hopes to get
 - 133 "Fresh Air" ailer
 - 134 Artery-opening tube
 - 135 Letters of plurals
 - DOWN**
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 - 2 Brazilian soccer hero
 - 3 Sniffers in rescue operations
 - 4 O'Hare airport code
 - 5 Army doc
 - 6 Tabicloths, e.g.
 - 7 Ad — committee
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 - 13 Like — in the face
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 - 25 Make dim, as by tears
 - 31 Opposite of day, in Bonn
 - 33 Kooky
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 - 36 Opus finale
 - 37 Drop-line link
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 - 39 Called
 - 44 Aid for an asthmatic
 - 45 Looked at amorously
 - 46 Wire, e.g.
 - 47 Stone of film
 - 48 Word
 - 49 Interstate rig
 - 50 Not kosher
 - 51 Nero's "to be"
 - 56 Cruel Roman emperor
 - 57 Physically fit
 - 60 Asperations
 - 62 Linear, for short
 - 63 Weigh down
 - 64 As — (usually)
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 - 69 Arnaz of TV
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 - 76 Be inactive
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 - 78 Charlie Chaplin's last
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 - 80 Agenda
 - 81 Envy and lust
 - 82 Urge to act to me!
 - 83 Plaintiffs
 - 89 "In arrears"
 - 91 Wrinkly citrus fruit
 - 92 Flip through
 - 97 34th prez
 - 98 Show respect (to)
 - 99 "Because — so!"
 - 100 "Wow!, in an IM
 - 101 Not a one
 - 102 Going with the flow
 - 103 Strikes back, say
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LUXURY EXPERIENCE FOR A NON-PREMIUM PRICE: KIA CADENZA PROVIDES A LOT TO LIKE



By Dale Buss

The only thing worse than the result of my major Michigan pothole incident of 2017 was that I was driving a car that didn't deserve I was happily piloting

the new, 2017 Kia Cadenza when — not a quarter-mile from my front door — I caught a deep seasonal pothole on the edge of the road. Quickly, the huge and elegant, 19-inch alloy wheel on the right front of the car, with the gorgeous low-profile tire, was swallowed up and spit out by the merciless and indiscriminate feature of the state's winter roadways.

A flat tire quickly ensued, partly because thin tires don't have as much give as traditional ones. In fact, the unfortunate intersection with a pothole also broke the rim and screwed up the car's suspension.



Alas, this tire couldn't handle a big Michigan pothole.



Cadenza's spacious interior provides a luxury feel.



The 2017 Kia Cadenza has been impressively restyled.

And so began my short(ened) stint with a vehicle that quickly I had grown to love, during a test period cut short but not forgotten.

Cadenza hasn't been a huge volume seller for Kia, sandwiched as it is between the flagship K900, an important vehicle as the Korean brand moves upscale, and the mid-sized Optima, a staple of Kia's recent rise in the U.S. market. In fact, on average, Kia has sold only about 7,500 Cadenzas on average since its introduction four years ago.

But actually, extending into early this year, Kia has had trouble overall in the U.S., with sales sliding from a year earlier and not even its SUV lineup outselling 2016 figures, an unusual occurrence at a time when American buyers are swinging heavily into utility vehicles and away

from sedans. Nevertheless, Cadenza deserves serious considerations by consumers who want a good-sized, sumptuous, highly capable sedan without having to pay Lexus or Mercedes-Benz prices.

Or, as U.S. News & World Report evaluators put it, "Cadenza holds its own in a competitive class. With an upscale, spacious interior, a long list of ... features, and the latest technology, the Cadenza has plenty to like."

Start with the sculpted design of the second-generation Kia as expressed in the 2017 version. It looks more luxurious than the previous model, starting the a new "tigher nose" grille, featuring either vertical bars or a mesh insert depending on trim level.

And it's a joy to drive — assuming

you can avoid potholes. Kia's 3.3-liter, naturally aspirated V6 engine feeds the front wheels only. And with its new, eight-speed automatic transmission — with two extra gears compared with the first generation — Cadenza accelerates more quickly than the old version even with 3 fewer horsepower.

Its handling is mid-range, about what you'd want and expect from a luxury sedan even though its pricing — beginning at just \$31,990 — is anything but premium.

Inside Cadenza is where Kia's efforts to move upscale really pay off. The cabin is very quiet. Soft-touch materials on the door panels, arm rests, seat and dash are well complemented by stylish faux wood and chrome, presenting a front that's comparable to many true luxury

brands.

Cadenza's list of available safety and automated-driving features is impressive for a large car that can be had for under \$40,000. It includes a standard rear-vision camera and extends to available smart blind-spot detection, rear-park assists, rear cross-traffic alert, autonomous emergency braking, adaptive cruise control, a forward-collision warning system, lane-change assist, lane-departure warning, and a 360-degree camera system.

I could only ask for one more feature: a pothole detector that would smoothly and automatically veer away from these monstrosities. Cadenza was taken away from me way too soon!

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