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## Ladywood announces spring closure

Felician Sisters cite 60-percent drop in enrollment since 2005

**Ann Zaniewski**  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Ladywood High School, the all-girls Catholic school in Livonia, is closing at the end of this school year because of declining enrollment. The decision by the Felician Sisters

of North America was announced Monday to staff, parents and alumni. Students were notified at assemblies Tuesday.

Enrollment at the school has dropped 60 percent since 2005, according to a letter from Sister M. Alfonsa Van Overberghe, chair of the school's board of trustees. Ladywood has 169

students in grades 9-12.

"Despite optimizing expenditures and significantly reducing the subsidy provided by the Felicians to Ladywood, we could not ignore the enrollment trend," Van Overberghe wrote. "Nor did we want to raise tuition to cost prohibitive levels to maintain our quality education with significantly fewer students, which made the decision unfortunate, but clear." The school, which is known for its

rigorous academics and strong athletic programs, opened in 1950. It has more than 6,000 alumnae. Tuition and fees run about \$11,000 annually.

School spokeswoman Mary Henige said the closure was unexpected. An open house held last month for prospective students was well-attended, she said.

Henige said school leadership

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Cecilia Coffey came out to the Compassionate Friends candle lighting in memory of her son Joe, who died in July.

## Candlelight vigil honors lost loved ones



Friends and family come out to remember loved ones who died to soon at the candle lighting Sunday in Plymouth. TOM BEAUDOIN

**Brad Kadrich**  
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For 13 years, Linda Grandinscak has attended the Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil honoring children who've died too young to honor her nephew.

This year, Grandinscak, a Novi resident, had a tragic new reason to attend: Her daughter, Nichole Christensen, died last Christmas Eve after a battle against cancer.

So Grandinscak was there Sunday, lighting a candle and honoring both her nephew and, now, her daughter.

"We've been coming for years," Grandinscak said. "It's a small thing we can do for our children."

She was in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth for the annual vigil, where hundreds of people lit candles, heard several musical tributes and listened as the names of nearly 800 children were read by leaders of The Compassionate Friends Livonia Chapter.

The candlelight vigil was one of many that took place at the same time around the world, the concept being that a worldwide band of light is

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## Community groups get big checks from Blues, Brews and Barbecue

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Nine local community groups earned more than \$10,000 through their efforts volunteering at Westland's 2017 Blues, Brews and Barbecue, putting the total raised at nearly \$200,000 in the seven years of the event.

Representatives of the nonprofits received their ceremonial big checks, along with their real checks, at a council meeting earlier this month. To receive the funds, these local organizations provided the volunteer manpower to serve as greeters, grounds crew and ID checkers, among a variety of other

roles, in an effort to cost-effectively operate the annual event.

The nine community organizations receiving donations from the event include the Goodfellows, \$750; the Lions Club, \$1,000; the Westland Civitans, \$2,000; Westland Rotary, \$1,500; the Westland Community Foundation, \$500; the Westland Jaycees, \$3,000; the Grange, \$750; the Westland Historical Commission, \$500; and Warm Hearts, \$500.

"The money awarded to the Westland Area Jaycees goes directly back to making an impact within the three cities they serve — Wayne, Garden City

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Westland Mayor William Wild (center) with representatives of local nonprofit groups that earned money at Blues, Brews and Barbecue. WLND



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learned of the closure late last month, but it wasn't more broadly announced until Monday.

"I think this was definitely a surprise. ... It's always sad to close a school, especially a ministry in Catholic education," she said.

The Felicians are offering a \$500 annual scholarship to students who go on to attend other Catholic high schools in southeast Michigan. Officials are developing a transition plan for faculty and staff.

Melissa Ayoub Heinen, a pediatrician who graduated from Ladywood in 1992, was devastated to learn about the closure. Ladywood had fewer students than other all-girls schools, which contributed to a family-like feel, she said.

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**MARY HENIGE**  
 school spokeswoman

"It was small and personable. You were never a number. ... It was a true sisterhood," she said.

Van Overberghe wrote in the letter that was sent to parents and alumni that Felician leadership in November evaluated whether Ladywood could have a viable and sustainable future. She noted that the 2008 recession and changing demographics due to low birth rates have hit schools all over the country hard.

"The Felician Sisters sponsor 27 ministries, so we must be good stewards of our resources," she said. "Please know the decision-making

process was heart-wrenching for the sisters, who are saddened that the ministry's 68-year legacy is ending."

The Class of 2017 received \$6.8 million in scholarships — nearly \$100,000 per student, Van Overberghe wrote.

The Rev. Steve Pullis, director of the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit, said the decision to close a religious order-sponsored school is always difficult for everyone involved.

"The Felician Sisters have sponsored all-girls Catholic secondary education in southeast Mich-

igan since 1882," he said. "Their commitment, their presence and their graduates have contributed greatly to the Catholic fabric of the Archdiocese of Detroit."

Heinen said in the years since she graduated, a lot of positive things happened at Ladywood, including the expansion of the school and the construction of a new gym.

On the athletics side, Ladywood reached the girls basketball state finals in 1983-85, winning the Class B title in '83 and '85. The school also won the Class A volleyball state title in 1988 and 1989. In softball, the school won the Division 2 state crown in 2012.

On Ladywood's website Monday afternoon, there was still information about how prospective freshmen could apply to attend next year.

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and Westland," club President Rebecca Markonni said. "From raking leaves for seniors, to putting a Christmas gift in the hands of over 100 children that would have gone without, the Westland Area Jaycees are here to serve our community."

The Westland Lions Club has participated in Blues, Brews and Barbecue since the event began and it has become a good fundraiser for the group, member Ken Sharp said.

"We had eight people and worked both days, all day. We aren't as big a group as some of the younger ones," Sharp said. "Others had more people working. We quit our golf outing. It's so

*"I want to thank all of our volunteers, the participating restaurants, our sponsors and the performers for another remarkable event."*

**WILLIAM WILD**  
 Westland mayor

hard, with so many golf outings, so this is a good fundraiser for us. We also do White Cane and candy sales."

The Lions also sell water at the Cruisin' Hines event, but that's a long day and a lot of work, he noted. Some of the groups, which are larger, are making more money at the event, but Sharp noted Blues, Brews and Barbecue wouldn't happen without the volunteer manpower. Westland Mayor William Wild agreed.

"I want to thank all of our volunteers, the par-

ticipating restaurants, our sponsors and the performers for another remarkable event," Wild said. "This event continues to grow and, with the addition of fireworks, draws thousands of people from surrounding communities. We wouldn't be able to pull it all off without the help of our amazing civic group volunteers."

The two-day event is run in partnership with the Westland Chamber of Commerce and, for the last two years, added fireworks to the event. "Being able to hand

out the checks is my favorite part," Westland Chamber of Commerce CEO Brookellen Swope said. "I always love seeing our civic groups and being able to hand them money instead of asking them for something is a great feeling. We are blessed in our community to have so many great organizations and volunteers. This community event would not be possible without all of these wonderful people."

Attendees were treated to some of Michigan's best barbecue vendors and packed the house for blues legends, such as The Detroit Soul Review and Thornetta Davis.

Now the countdown begins for next year's event, which will take place Aug. 3-4.

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# VIGIL

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formed in tribute to the children.

The event also featured a couple of Christmas trees in the park, decorated with ornaments as a further tribute to the children lost.

Danielle Varnas lost her brother, Joel Tefft, seven years ago. Sunday, she was in Kellogg Park to honor him. But Joel wasn't the only reason she was there.

"I want to support everyone else who has lost a loved one," Varnas said. "It's important for me to come, to honor the others and to honor my brother's memory. He would like that."

Rhonda Temple of Dearborn Heights serves as treasurer of The Compassionate Friends Livonia Chapter and took the lead on organizing this year's ceremony.

Temple lost her daughter, 6-year-old Alyssa, to leukemia in July 2006. She's been coming to the vigil ever since. She said the event serves as a salve for the emotional wounds suffered by families who've lost children.

It's presence as a pre-



Hundreds of friends, family and loved ones came out for The Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil Sunday in Kellogg Park. TOM BEAUDOIN

cursor to the Christmas holidays serves as solace for those who are grieving.

"It allows the community to come out to honor our children, our grandchildren and our siblings," Temple said. "The holidays are difficult, it's Christmas-time and all that joy is out there. Sometimes, we just can't find the joy."

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Vickie Jensen of Redford looks for son Sean Denny's ornament on one of the trees that were part of The Compassionate Friends event. TOM BEAUDOIN



Danielle and Brian Varnas remember loved ones at the Compassionate Friends candle lighting held Sunday. TOM BEAUDOIN

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### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Wayne Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled to meet in regular session on the second (2nd) Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. 2018 at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184. For the calendar year of 2018, those twelve (12) meetings are as follows:

January 11	February 8	March 8	April 12
May 10	June 14	July 12	August 9
September 13	October 11	November 8	December 13

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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### ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-32 December 5, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT: Administer Oath of Office to Dep. Fire Chief Schneider; Sgt. Jason Reeves and Police Officer Jolly; Cert. to L. Powell; APPROVED: agenda; minutes of Regular City Council meeting of Nov. 21 second reading of ordinance #2017-05; #2017-06; annual resolution with Wayne County for maint., pavement restoration, special events in right-of-way; Mayor's recommendation TPOAM; calling public hearing for 12/19/17 for CDBG amendment; TCO #617; accept grant from MMRMA for PD; change 1/2/17 meeting to 1/3/17; MDOT agreement for bike racks; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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# Clarenceville middle school students top county robotics competition

Seventeen area robotics teams from nine different schools put their technical skills to the test at the sixth annual Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association championships held Dec. 2 at Clawson Middle School.

This middle school tournament pitted two-robot alliances against opponents in the game from VEX called In the Zone. Robots scored points by stacking cone-shaped game pieces onto goals and moving these goals into scoring zones in both autonomous and radio-controlled modes. The teams of middle

school students competed for more than five hours before the Clawson Beta-stangs and the Trojan Tank-bots emerged victorious. The two-robot alliance was from Clawson Middle School and Clarenceville Middle School. They had to go to the final match in the best-of-three finals to defeat the alliance of the top-seeded Clawson Alpha-stangs and the Reubots from Rochester's Reuther Middle School to take top honors.

Clarenceville Middle School also received the Judges Award for Perseverance and the Team-Engineering Award.



The team from Clarenceville Middle School was co-champion of the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association competition.

# Vigiarolo named new director of Champions of Wayne

Champions of Wayne has announced Deborah Vigiarolo as its new director of business, communication and philanthropy.

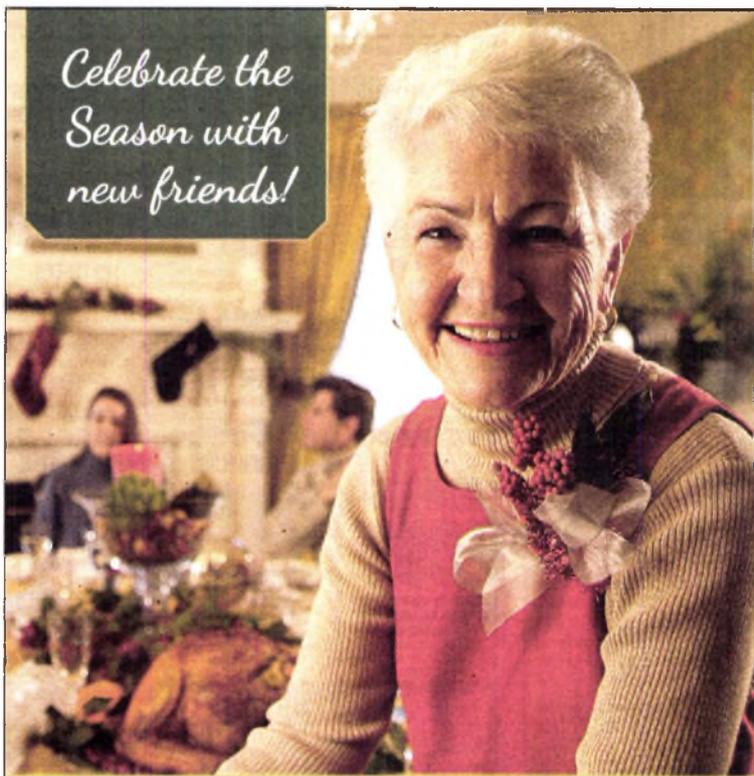
Champions of Wayne creates an opportunity for Wayne Memorial High School students to be matched with a mentor, set a goal and, if achieved, attend an awards banquet to receive their \$200 check. More than 66 percent of the students participating in the program have improved their grades.

Vigiarolo has an extensive background in community involve-

ment and school districts programs. She has experience in developing programs that support educational success for students in various school districts.

"I'm happy to be back at my alma mater and elated about the opportunity to work with such a successful program that is focused on student success," Vigiarolo said.

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**Wallet taken at store**

A shopper at Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, came into the Livonia police station Dec. 7 to report her wallet had been taken in the store. She said she was in the store's beverage aisle

when she left her purse in the cart she had and walked away from it for a moment. She finished shopping and went to the front of the store, but discovered her wallet was missing. She believed she knew who had taken it from the cart and

was advised to file a police report.

**Retail fraud suspect flees police**

Police were called Dec. 6 to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud that had taken place.

Police arrived and spoke to an employee, who said the suspect had been seen selecting several sports apparel items while riding in an in-store scooter. He placed them in a black garbage bag and rode the scooter out without paying. Police

later located the man's vehicle driving nearby and began chasing it along eastbound Plymouth Road before the pursuit was terminated. Police later saw the car had turned into a neighborhood off Plymouth Road in Redford Town-

ship and arrived, where they detained the suspect. The man complained of chest problems and was transported by Redford first responders to the hospital for treatment.

—By David Veselenak

**Check out these three events in the area this weekend**

**David Veselenak**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

School's almost out, the tree's been up for a few weeks — there's definitely a reason to go out and do something fun this weekend.

Check out these three events happening in Detroit's western suburbs this weekend leading up to the end of the year.

**Christmas concert in Livonia**

If you're in the mood to enjoy some holiday music, the Livonia Civic Chorus has just the offering this weekend.

The chorus will showcase its annual holiday concert at 3 p.m. Sunday



The Livonia Civic Chorus will feature its annual Christmas concert Sunday afternoon at Clarenceville High School in Livonia. FILE PHOTO

in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School, 20501 Middlebelt. The concert, titled "Sing We Now of Christmas," features the chorus showcasing various holiday tunes during one of its two annual concerts. The show will feature both secular and sacred music performed

by members of the chorus, which has existed for more than 50 years in Livonia.

Pre-sale tickets for the show are \$10 for children, students and seniors and \$12 for adults and can be bought at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Tickets the day of the

show at \$15 for everyone at the door.

For more information, go to livoniacivicchorus.org.

**Jurassic Quest in Novi**

If you need a break from all Christmas all the time, grab the kids and take them this weekend to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi for Jurassic Quest.

The experience, coming for the first time to the convention center at 46100 Grand River, runs Friday through Sunday and features more than 80 animatronic dinosaurs for attendees to check out. Children who attend can also dig for dinosaur bones as young paleontologists and hop into the

"Dino Bounce" to exert some of that extra energy.

The event takes place 3-8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for both children and adults, while seniors are \$18. Children under age 2 are free. VIP tickets are \$34. Additional activities have added costs and parking is \$5.

For more information, go to suburbancollectionshowplace.com.

**'A Christmas Carol: The Musical' playing in Plymouth**

If more than a Christmas concert is your liking, Plymouth has a musical of one of the season's most-cherished

tales this weekend.

Forever After Productions will perform "A Christmas Carol: The Musical" at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St. The performance tells the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge as he receives visits from three spirits Christmas Eve.

The performance will run all weekend, with shows happening at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in person, via phone at 734-547-5156 or online at iheartforeverafter.org.

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**Toys, donations came in at Livonia charity event**



Marine Cpl. Kevin Webb of Westland (from left), Samir Ali of Belleville, Kal Hakkani and son Adam Hakkani of Canton, Moe Hakkani of Van Buren Township and Marine Cpl. Hunter Johnson of Garden City. The men were all at the second Grains and Trains event last week. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

**David Veselenak**  
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It was a cornucopia of giving last week at Quality Line Services in Livonia.

That's because the business, located at 13250 Newburgh, collected more than 1,800 toys and more than \$1,700 to help feed families across metro Detroit this holi-

day season.

The second Grains and Trains event took place last Dec. 7 at the business, bringing in members from the community to donate to both Toys for Tots and Forgotten Harvest.

It went great, it went really good," said Canton resident Kal Hakkani, who helped put on the event. "We surpassed everything we anticipated. We met all of our

goals. We still have more coming in for the toys."

The event, put on by Quality Line Services and EZ Run Events, showcased a silent auction of items as well to raise money for charity. Hakkani said all the items from local businesses were won.

The event will hopefully make a third appearance next year, Hakkani said, and he and his partners hope to see even

bigger donations next year.

Anyone still looking to drop off a toy can do so at the business this week. Anyone interested in coordinating for the event in 2018 can do so by contacting Hakkani at ka@EZrunevents.com.

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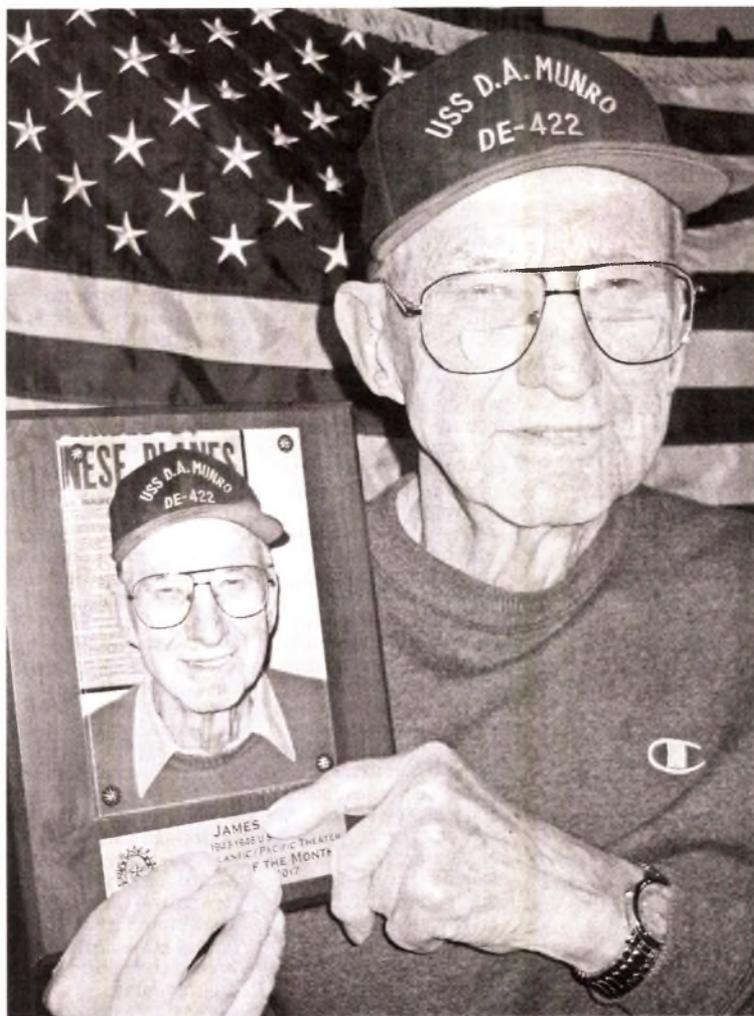
# Livonia's Ray honored as Veteran of the Month for December

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

Ray served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-46 and the U.S. Navy Reserves from 1946-50. He was born and raised in Eldorado Ill., a small town in southern Illinois with a population of 4,500. He graduated from Eldorado High School in spring 1943 and went to live with his brother on the east side of Detroit. He was working at the Bower Roller Bearing Plant when he turned 18 and received his draft notice. He went back home to Illinois to enlist and joined the navy. "I decided on the navy," Ray said, "because, I just didn't want to meet my end at the bottom of a muddy foxhole."

In November, he was put on a train and sent to Great Lakes Naval Base near Chicago for eight weeks of basic training. He was next sent to Philadelphia for two weeks training as a water tender. A water tender, or WT, is a first-class petty officer aboard a steam-powered ship in charge in a fire room. He "tends" water to the boilers, sees that fires are properly cleaned and stoked, etc. Ray was sent to Norfolk, Va., Naval Base, where he completed his training and was assigned to the newly commissioned destroyer escort ship USS Douglas Munro DE-422.

Its first assignment was to escort the USS Vixen PG-53 gunboat,



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which was carrying the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet on a tour of the Caribbean defenses and also assessing the strength of the German U-boats in the Atlantic. A month later, it was sent to Casablanca, Morocco, to escort the USS Kasaan Bay CVE-69

aircraft carrier back to the U.S. for deployment to the Pacific theater.

"It was a rough journey across the Atlantic," Ray said. "I was so sick, I couldn't leave the engine room for three days." On Dec. 7, 1944, the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the ship left

Norfolk and headed for the Pacific.

"We passed through the Panama Canal on Dec. 17," Ray said, "then passed the Galapagos Islands and Bora Bora." After exercising at Manus Island off the coast of Papua New Guinea, it sailed to Biak, Schouten

Islands, to pick up a convoy of LSTs and merchant ships bound for Lingayen Gulf, in the Philippines. It returned to San Pedro Bay, Leyte, and then, Dec. 20, sailed to escort a convoy of army tugs to Subic Bay. Upon its arrival a week later, the ship was assigned to screen a mine-sweeping unit clearing the San Bernardino Strait and the approaches to Manila Bay and also supported naval and amphibious operations on nearby shores.

The ship operated at Subic Bay, patrolling for subs and escorting ships until May 6, 1945. From May 19 to July 5, USS Douglas Munro served in the assault and occupation of Borneo. "I could hear the big guns going off from down in the engine room and knew all hell was breaking loose," Ray said. "I had to go look and went topside to see the shore being blown up. It was quite a sight. We were situated around the perimeter of the attacking force to protect them from being attacked from the sea, so we were far enough offshore that we were never fired upon."

Next it escorted supply convoys from Leyte, bombarded enemy positions and served as an antisubmarine patrol vessel. It also escorted transports from Ulithi to the Philippines from July 19-26 and then patrolled against submarines between Leyte and Okinawa until the end of the war. It left Leyte on Sept. 6 to join the South China Force, arriving in the approaches to the Yangtze River on Sept. 19. The ship served with this force until Jan. 5, 1946,

when it got underway from Hong Kong for the west coast, arriving Feb. 1 at San Francisco. Next stop was San Diego on March 30 to decommission the ship.

Ray was sent to Great Lakes and discharged May 19, 1946. He went back to Illinois to see his parents for a couple of weeks, then to his brother's home in Detroit. He met Wanda, a girl from Tennessee, at a bowling alley and, in 1948, they were married. They lived in Inkster for 30 years before moving to Livonia in 1987. Wanda died in 2011 after 63 years of marriage. They have two sons, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Ray retired in 1985 as a claims adjuster and a loss control examiner for a local insurance company. He is a longstanding member of D.E.S.A. (Destroyer Escort Sailors Association) and also a member of American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Ray attended the S.A.L. December membership meeting, where his story was read and a plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophy, with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia.

## AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENews@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

### Wolves-Hawks charity run

The Wolves-Hawks soccer club will host a 5K run to benefit Angela Hospice at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, in the athletic dome on the campus of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia.

So far, the club has raised \$8,000 toward its goal of \$10,000. Those participants running or volunteering will be entered in a raffle to win great prizes. For those wishing to donate, go to <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/85372>.

### Inspire Theatre produces 'Ultimate Christmas Program'

Inspire Theatre rings in the holidays with "The Ultimate Christmas Program." The show runs through Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Westland Center for the Arts is located at 33455 Warren Road. Tickets are \$16 for all seats and are available at <https://inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com>. More information is available at <http://inspiretheatre.com> or by calling 734-751-7057.

### Timothy Lutheran cookie walk

Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, in Livonia will host a cookie walk Saturday, Dec. 16. Pre-sale starts at 9:30 a.m. (\$2 admission) and the regular sale starts at 10 a.m. Cookies are \$7.50 per pound and other baked goods are individually priced.

### Livonia Civic Chorus concert

The Livonia Civic Chorus will sing both



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secular and sacred music of the holidays during its SING We Now of CHRISTMAS choral concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in the Clarenceville High School Schmidt Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

As the first of two concerts of their 53rd season, members will present secular music during the first half, while the second half is devoted to sacred music. Students from Emerson and Frost Middle School, under the direction of Lori Porter, will sing "The Sleigh Ride" and join the chorus several times during the program.

Tickets are available from chorus members, at the Livonia Recreation Center or at the door. The pre-sale ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. At the door ticket prices are \$15 for all. For more information, call 734-542-9071 or email [info@livoniacivicchorus.org](mailto:info@livoniacivicchorus.org). For more information on the chorus, go to <http://www.livoniacivicchorus.org>.

### Polar Express Party

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square, is inviting families to the Polar Express Party. It will be held 12:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, and will feature crafts, refreshments and the movie. Parents must stay with their children.

All ages are welcome. Suggested donation: a non-food item such as laundry soap, toilet paper, etc. to help our neighbors in need. You must reserve your family's tickets by Dec. 15. Call the church at 734-721-4801 or email the staff at [fumcwww@yahoo.com](mailto:fumcwww@yahoo.com). Provide your name, how many are attending and phone number.

### Wayne Memorial parents night

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an eighth-grade parents night at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth Street.

This evening is for current eighth-grade students and their families or families interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2018-19 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to participate in this event.

Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extracurricular activities and much more. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

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parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For questions, contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at 734-419-2215.

### Livonia's 100 Days to Health

Registration is underway for Livonia's 100 Days to Health 2018 at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The community-wide event, which benefits the entire family for the first 100 days of 2018, is presented by Mercy Elite and sponsored in part by Vibe Credit Union, Dick's Sporting Goods, Jimmy John's, Nestle Water, Sport and Spine Performance Institute, Time to Savor and Oberweis Dairy.

The program offers the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, including exercise classes for all ages, nutrition and wellness seminars, rock climbing, free Friday workouts, open swim and more. Additionally, adults can take part in the 100 Day Weight Loss Fitness Challenge. Register for the challenge and be eligible for monthly prizes.

The kickoff event will take place at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. The event will feature keynote speakers, raffle prizes, refreshments and free workout and open swim for the day. For more information, call 734-466-2912 or

go to [www.livonia-parks.org](http://www.livonia-parks.org).

### Livonia Town Hall speakers

The Livonia Town Hall announces the speakers for its 54th season:

» Jan. 17, 2018. Chuck Underwood is one of the researchers who did a comprehensive study in the field of generational dynamics and strategies. He is the creator and host of the National-television PBS series which presents life stories of the Silent Boomer, Gen X, and Millennial generations from each era and what the future holds in store for them.

» March 21, 2018. Elliot Engel, an American author, writer, scholar, lecturer and playwright will narrate the stories of Cornelius Vanderbilt family from the 18th century to Gloria Vanderbilt and her designer jeans.

Tickets are \$150 for the season which includes lunch and lecture or \$180 for priority seating. Programs are held at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Call 734-751-1898 for tickets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### AARP TaxAide looking for volunteers

Every year, AARP provides free income tax preparation services for seniors and other moderate income families from February through April. AARP is looking for new volunteers to become tax counselors. You should know how to use a computer and the internet, and be experienced with income tax preparation.

Training will be provided to learn the tax software and tax law, to prepare you for certification. Training classes in early December and in mid-January are being scheduled now. Volun-

teers are expected to be active about one day per week during the tax season.

You can apply by completing an application online at [aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) or call 888-227-7669.

### Savior Christian neighborhood program

Savior Christian Church of Redford, a mobile ministry, has started a program called "Redford Neighbors Helping Neighbors." It is offering assistance to the elderly and disabled in the community who may need help with taking out their trash and recycling bins. This will not cost any money nor will any donations be accepted.

Elderly Redford neighbors ages 65 and older who are unable to take their new bins to the road or the disabled of any age living in Redford may call 734-469-7910 and ask for Stacey, Savior Christian Church's service minister, to schedule a trash take out. It can also be reached by email at [SaviorChristianChurch@yahoo.com](mailto:SaviorChristianChurch@yahoo.com).

Savior Christian Church would love to have volunteers, as well. Residents that are willing to donate one evening a week, for an hour or so, contact Savior Christian Church to sign up.

### Livonia Neighbors and Friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups meet year-round.

For more information, go to <http://livonia-neighborshandfriends.tripod.com>.

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## Washburn signs new three-year contract with Michigan Phil

The Michigan Philharmonic has signed a three-year contract extension with music director and conductor Nan Washburn. Now in her 19th season with the Michigan Philharmonic, Washburn has led the organization's evolution into one of the most innovative and dynamic professional symphony orchestras in the region since her arrival in 1999.



Washburn

The winner of The American Prize in Orchestral Conducting, professional division, in 2013 and 18 ASCAP Awards for Adventurous Programming from the League of American Orchestras, Washburn is one of the most innovative conductors working in the U.S. today. For her engaging performances and leading-edge approach to concert programming, critics have hailed her work as having "perspicacity, verve, imagination and all-around savvy." Under her direction, the Michigan Philharmonic has garnered national awards

and recognition, winning six ASCAP awards from the League of American Orchestras, as well as first place in the prestigious American Prize for professional orchestras in 2016.

Before being recruited to Michigan from California, Washburn served as artistic director and conductor of the West Hollywood Orchestra for five years and music director of Orchestra Sonoma, the Camellia Symphony and the San Francisco State University Symphony Orchestra.

Washburn first came to national attention as a co-founder, artistic director and associate conductor of the San Francisco-based Women's Philharmonic from 1980-90, during which time she became one of the leading authorities on and advocates for orchestral works of women composers. For her pioneering work in this field, Washburn was awarded the WIA - Jeanine C. Rae Award for Advancement of Women's Culture. This award was in recognition for her advancement of women composers by programming more works by women com-

posers than any other orchestra of any size in the U.S.

Washburn has put the Michigan Philharmonic on the map by working with and performing works by many of the leading composers in the U.S. today, including Joseph Schwantner, William Bolcom, Libby Larsen, John Corigliano, Chen Yi, Lou Harrison, Tobias Picker, Michael Daugherty, Jennifer Higdon, Gabriela Lena Frank, Andre Myers and Michael Gilbertson.

As the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, which houses the administrative offices of the Michigan Phil and 36 other arts and recreational organizations, plans to renovate and expand the facility, a new performing arts center is one of the goals of the project.

"Having a performing arts center right in the heart of our hometown of Plymouth would be a dream come true for the Michigan Philharmonic," Washburn said.

For more information the Michigan Philharmonic, concert schedules and tickets, go to [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org).

### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Wayne Planning Commission is scheduled to meet in regular session on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. 2018 at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184. For the calendar year of 2018, those twelve (12) meetings are as follows:

January 9	February 13	March 13	April 10	May 8
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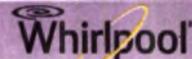
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# Understanding any investment is key to good decisions

The other day, I received a call from a friend. He told me that he just invested in some bitcoins. He wanted to know if I had invested in bitcoins and if he should buy more. I have not invested in Bitcoins and the reason is simple: I don't understand enough about them. I have always believed that you should only invest in things you understand. At that point, I asked my friend if he could help educate me on bitcoins and, as he was explaining them to me, it became quite evident that he knew less about bitcoins than I did.

After a while, it was obvious even to my friend that he did not understand bitcoins. He didn't understand what they were, how they operate or even the risks involved in owning them. I told him he did not make an investment, but that he was gambling with that money. I told him he was gambling because he knew nothing about bitcoins and was merely hoping they would continue to rise in value. It is sort of the same logic that cost investors billions when the dot-coms blew up. They didn't understand the risks involved. There's nothing wrong with gambling or even speculating on stocks, but you should only gamble or speculate with money you can afford to lose.

As I mentioned, I don't



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

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know enough about bitcoins to make an intelligent decision of whether I should invest in them or not. One of the rules that I live by is that I don't invest in anything that I don't understand. It doesn't mean I have to be an expert, but at a minimum I should understand how I can make money, how I can lose money and how I can get my money out when I choose to. If you don't understand those basic, the most prudent course of action is to walk away.

It is always mind-boggling to me when I meet investors who have invested a substantial sum of money in a product they don't understand. When someone invests in a product they don't understand, it leads to investors panicking and costing them a substantial amount of money by making the wrong

decisions. The more you understand an investment, the better an investor you will be.

As adults, we have to be able to admit to ourselves when we don't understand an investment. In fact, one of the credos that I live by is "kiss" (keep it simple, stupid). All too often, investors think that if an investment is very complex and difficult to understand that it's somehow more sophisticated and is something they should invest in. This is the same perverted logic that Barry Madoff used in enticing investors to his scam. The smart investors were the ones who walked away, because they didn't understand the investment.

If you want to be a better investor, you should make sure you only invest in investments that you understand, such as what market forces drive them and how you liquidate the investment when you desire. I think you will find if you focus on investments you understand, you'll be a better investor. The result will be more money in your pocket, exactly where it belongs.

Good luck!

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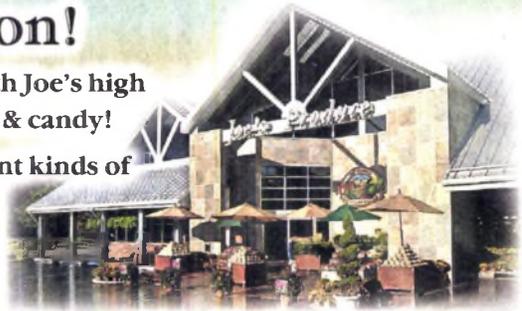
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USA HOCKEY

# Ex-NTDP coaches Cole, Luongo to return with MSU

Second major college visit to USA Hockey Arena in past couple of weeks

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Danton Cole is all about the "red, white and blue," but don't fault him too much for slipping some "green" in there, too.

The 50-year-old Cole, who coached the past seven seasons for USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, returns Saturday to the Ply-

mouth arena he left last spring when he became head coach of Michigan State University.

The puck drops at 7 p.m. at USA Hockey Arena, located on Beck Road north of M-14 (734-453-8400).

Also back to visit their old stomping grounds will be MSU assistant coach Chris Luongo (on Cole's staff in 2015-17) and Spartans goalie coach Joe Ex-

ter. On the Spartans' roster are four former NTDP players: forwards Patrick Khodorenko and Dylan Pavelek, defenseman Tommy Miller (West Bloomfield) and goaltender Ed

Minney.

"It will be a lot of fun to see the guys again," Cole wrote in an email to the Observer.

"There is a lot asked of them and we, as coaches, become very attached to young men that sacrifice a great deal to be there. I look forward to seeing the progress they have made."

Cole, a former National Hockey League player who guided the U.S. to the gold medal at the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation Under-18 World Championship in Slovakia, is looking forward to



Danton Cole, shown from this season behind the Michigan State bench, is returning to face the USA Hockey NTDP — a program he coached for several seasons. MSU ATHLETICS

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USA HOCKEY

# Kiefer's legacy honored with naming ceremony



On hand for the ceremonial puck drop for the renaming of the USA Hockey Arena rink in honor of Mitchel Kiefer were family members Paula, Julianna, Alexa and Steven, along with De La Salle's Joseph Jenkins (left) and Catholic Central's Brendan West. BRAD EMONS

## Rink named for former Catholic Central goalie killed in accident by distracted driver

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Although he was taken much too soon, Mitchel Kiefer's legacy will be remembered every time hockey players and fans now step inside Plymouth's USA Hockey Arena.

In a ceremony Dec. 6 prior to Detroit Catholic Central's home game against Warren De La Salle, the Olympic-sized ice sheet was named in honor of the former Shamrocks goalie as a part of a new partnership between USA Hockey and the

Mitchel Kiefer Foundation.

The Northville resident, a member of the Shamrocks' 2016 Division 1 state championship team, was killed in a car accident Sept. 19 that year by a distracted driver while Kiefer was on his way to Michigan State.

Police said at the time, Kiefer was driving westbound on I-96 near Williamston when his car was rear-ended by another vehicle, causing him to cross the median and collide with a truck hauling a trailer.

A 21-year-old Kalamazoo woman was sentenced to two years probation, almost \$1,900

in fines and 24 days of community service after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor count of "moving violation causing death."

Kiefer's family, including his father Steven, mother Paula and sisters Julianna and Alexa, were in attendance for the unveiling of the newly named rink in his name. (His brother Blake, a student at Grand Valley State, was unable to attend.)

The Kiefer Foundation has raised nearly \$1 million with the main message of putting distracted driving on ice.

"That's awesome and he

deserves it," said CC senior defenseman Jared Lee, a teammate of Kiefer's in 2016. "I think the message for the whole thing is a great idea. That's, obviously, a problem that needs to get addressed. His dad before the game said about him making a better place and changing the world. Even though he's gone, he's changing the world with that and his family his helping him out."

Some connected with Catholic Central had been floating around the idea build-

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BOYS HOCKEY

## Showcase to spotlight top leagues

Full slate of games Dec. 16 in Livonia features KLAA vs. MIHL match-ups

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They'll be jumping over the boards and onto the Eddie Edgar Arena ice for something like 12 hours straight.

The MIHL-KLAA High School Showcase is slated to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, when Livonia Franklin faces Grand Blanc.

Ten additional games will follow — with games hosted on both ice sheets at Eddie Edgar in Livonia — as some of Michigan's best boys high school teams square off to give fans an opportunity to get a healthy hockey fix.

"This showcase is just what high school hockey needs more of," Livonia Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said. "A number of great games all in one building, so people can see more than one game."

"The MIHL (Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League) showcase in February is our top event of the year, so it made sense to have a showcase earlier in the season."

Mitchell's Spartans will take on Orchard Lake St. Mary's at 5:30 p.m.

According to Ryan Ossenmacher, whose Salem Rocks will face Trenton at 1 p.m. in the fifth of 11 games on the schedule, it is important to note that the event is not a "public-private showcase, but rather a showcase of the two best leagues in the state. The number of players who have moved on from both of our leagues continues to grow every year."

One of Ossenmacher's former players, forward Matt Schaumburger (2017 grad) is playing for the Syracuse (N.Y.) Stars of the U.S. Premier Hockey League. As of Dec. 7, he had 11 goals and eight assists in 19 games.



Mitchell

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## KIEFER

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ing a state-of-the-art ice arena and sports complex on campus with Mitchel Kiefer's name in mind.

"We designed, scoped it, priced it," said Steven Kiefer, senior vice president of Purchasing and Supply Chain for General Motors. "We were in the process of thinking how we were going to raise the money."

But after much thought following Mitchel's death, Catholic Central and the Kiefer family went an alternate route while finding a willing partner in USA Hockey.

"At that point, you're in such a grief and a fog that I don't think you're thinking very straight," Steven Kiefer said. "And as we started looking at the cost of this complex, I realized very quickly that \$20 million could go a long way to help society. So we thought if we made a small gift to this facility, got the naming and really used our money and our ability to raise funds in our efforts to really get the message of distracted driving out, that would be so much more value than putting an effort to building a building."

John Vanbiesbrouck, vice president, Junior Council, for USA Hockey, was on hand to make the presentation to the family prior to the game.

"I introduced Steven to the USA Hockey family and just assisted with the friendship and the partnership that is now come together," said Vanbiesbrouck, the former NHL and Michigan State goalie. "It came with a vision. Steven wanted to do something special for Mitchel. The DCC team playing out of here ... they were debating on whether to build a whole fieldhouse and things like that. Why not do something special here, name the arena and have a memorial after his son? I think this just came together a long period of time of consideration and consulting."

Although Mitchel Kiefer played only one year of varsity hockey at CC, he had a positive impact on those around him.

"Mitch was 'the man' for the team," Lee said. "Everyone on the team loved that kid. He necessarily didn't play that much. That was the year we had (Alec) Calvaruso — fantastic goalie. But everyone loved Mitch on the team. I don't know if it's the right thing to say, but we loved to party with Mitchel. He was the man, always laughing, always having a good time, always picking the boys up. Never had a bad attitude. He was just an awesome kid. We all loved that kid."

Brandon Kaleniecki, in his first year as CC's coach that championship season, viewed Mitchel both as a unique person and player.

"He was a really good kid, a bright kid," Kaleniecki said. "That's what we remember most. He was hard-working, a fun kid to be around at practice and stuff like that. He was also very honest when you had conversations with him. Anytime



The late Mitchel Kiefer's number is hanging in the rafters at USA Hockey Arena. BRAD EMONS



The artist's rendering of the Kiefer Rink at USA Hockey Arena.

you did, he gave you answers that you didn't necessarily see coming. And that's a good thing, at least from the coaches' point of view."

In his short 18 years, Mitchel accomplished much. Born in Toyko, he lived half of his life in Europe.

"He played hockey in Europe and, boy, when he had the opportunity to play for Catholic Central, it was no question his dream," Steven Kiefer said. "We basically moved back from Europe so Mitchel could play hockey at Catholic Central. He's one of the few men that played on every

Catholic Central hockey team, meaning he came in as a prep player. He quickly moved up to the JV White team, then the JV Blue team and then, his senior year, year he was on varsity team and he worked so hard to make it as a goalie on the varsity team."

Following his graduation from CC, Mitchel spent the summer selling knives for Cutco.

"And if you know what that product is, it's the world's most well-known knife, but it's also about educating young people on how to sell," Steven Kiefer said. "And he quickly became the high-

est salesman in the company's history. He sold \$52,000 worth of knives in a three-week period in the summer of 2016. And he was just driven. He was just passionate about making the sale, so actually he holds the trophy and holds the award for the highest sales in the history of that company. They have a trophy and annual award named after Mitchel for top sales performer at Cutco."

Mitchel then enrolled at MSU and shifted his focus away from hockey. "He wanted to move on to becoming a neuroscientist and move the

world becoming a neuroscientist and, unfortunately, that was cut short," Steven Kiefer said. "But fortunately, we were able to get an honorary degree from Michigan State. He was awarded that at the beginning of this year. And we just continue to do some amazing things in his honor."

The Kiefer Foundation has also worked with the state of Michigan to install guard rails at the location where the crash happened on I-96, at Dietz Road in Leroy Township. It helped fund a project with the Michigan Department of Transportation for 1.7 miles of cable guard rail to stop cars from going across that median.

"And just one month ago, after the posts were put in, four posts went down," Steven Kiefer said. "Some driver was caught and stopped from going across the median due to these guard rails and since have already been fixed."

The Kiefer Foundation has also staged several fundraisers since Mitchel's death through charity hockey games, charity golf outings, along with a number of charity city and high school events.

"It's really been effective at raising funds, but also raising awareness," Steven said. "The bigger

issue now is how to get the word out and how to change behavior."

The Kiefer Foundation is partnering with P.E.E.R.S. (Professionals Encouraging Educational Reforms), a nonprofit that is focused on educating young people.

During the Dec. 6 game, a virtual reality simulator was brought into the concourse located between the two rinks to educate drivers.

"It's a meaningful way to, basically, show somebody how easily texting and driving can create a fatal accident," Steven said. "So we've been working with them to upgrade the product. The system they use is a virtual reality system, which is moving toward a new generation, which is helping them fund it. In the first quarter of next year, we'll be taking it to 50 schools in the area to, basically, spread this message."

The Kiefer Foundation's goal is also to support policies, advancement of technology and end distracted driving that is associated with traffic deaths and injuries.

"So we believe, some way, Mitchel is changing the world for the better," Steven said.

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## SHOWCASE

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"This is an excellent opportunity to get many of the top programs in the state under one roof," Ossenmacher said. "This allows scouts to make a day of it and come out to watch several games, as opposed to traveling to a rink for a single game."

Also strongly behind the effort to bring a num-

ber of quality teams to one venue is Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento. The Wildcats will face Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood at 4:30 p.m.

"Arguably, the KLAA (Kensington Lakes Activities Association) and MIHL are two of the top conferences in the state," Vento said. "So putting them all under one roof in one day is not only going to make for some great high school hockey

match-ups and games early in the season, but it always allows scouts to do some one-stop shopping, so to speak.

"If there are fans of high school hockey out there, they should make the effort to check out some great hockey on Dec. 16."

Those fans who walk into the door at Eddie Edgar Arena (Lyndon, west of Farmington Road) will hear the sounds of sticks, skates

## THE SCHEDULE

**9 a.m.** — Grand Blanc vs. Livonia Franklin  
**10 a.m.** — Canton vs. Grosse Pointe North  
**11 a.m.** — Howell vs. Port Huron Northern  
**Noon** — Novi vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit  
**1 p.m.** — Salem vs. Trenton  
**2:30 p.m.** — Northville vs. Warren De La Salle  
**3:30 p.m.** — Livonia Churchill vs. Grosse Pointe South  
**4:30 p.m.** — Plymouth vs. Cranbrook

and pucks echoing on both sides of the building. The 'A' and 'B' rinks will both be busy with

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**5:30 p.m.** — Livonia Stevenson vs. Orchard Lake St. Mary's  
**6:30 p.m.** — Hartland vs. Birmingham Brother Rice  
**7:30 p.m.** — Brighton vs. Novi Detroit Catholic Central  
Eddie Edgar Arena is located at 33841 Lyndon, just west of Farmington Road, between Five Mile and I-96. For more information, call 734-422-5172. Admission is \$5.

## BOYS HOCKEY

# Plymouth hangs on to edge Churchill, 4-3

Potential blowout turns into nail-biter, but Wildcats able to survive

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The previous time Livonia Churchill and Plymouth got together for a boys hockey game, the Chargers won the regional title.

On Friday, at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, the Wildcats apparently remembered that night well and came out with a vengeance — scoring early and often, but ultimately needing to sweat out a 4-3 victory.

“Credit to Plymouth, they have a deep team this year,” Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds said. “They’re going to be one of the top competitors in Division 2, so we knew what we were coming into.”

“And, of course, they have a bone to pick with us this year because we won that regional championship last year. So I knew this game meant a lot to them.”

Plymouth didn’t waste any time. Junior forward Jacob Back charged in on Churchill senior goalie Chris Sergison and found the back of the net at the 15-second mark.

“We stressed really hard before the game started about starting on time and not sitting back,” Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento said. “Just get into it and take it to them and see what happens.”

“Obviously, first shift, first shot, makes a big difference and gets the guys going.”

The Wildcats added another goal just two minutes later, this one courtesy of senior forward C.J. Mullenax.

It was 3-0 before the period ended as sophomore forward Kyle Ahern scored his first varsity goal.

But then Sergison (15 saves) largely held the fort, not giving up a fourth goal until senior forward Tim Baldwin one-timed a centering pass from senior forward Jack Chumley early in



Tumbling into the boards Friday night are Plymouth's Graham Sheehan (left) and Livonia Churchill's Jordan Venegoni. TOM BEAUDOIN



Plymouth's Jack Chumley (right) carries the puck, with Livonia Churchill's Carter Swider in pursuit. TOM BEAUDOIN

the third period.

Churchill seemingly woke up when staring at a 4-0 deficit. It took the Chargers 11 only seconds to answer. Junior forward Zack Vendittelli lifted a backhander under the crossbar and a comeback bid was in full swing.

Although Plymouth senior goaltender Brendan Olepa faced just 19 shots, he had to make a couple of his biggest saves while protecting a 4-3 lead.

First, he sprawled acrobatically to deny a

Churchill scoring bid just outside the crease. It helped his cause that Matt Gibbooney then blasted the rebound over an open net.

Then with about four minutes remaining, Venegoni ripped a shot that Olepa snagged.

“That kid can really shoot the puck; that was a big save,” Vento said. “It was a screen shot, too.”

Also helping Plymouth (4-1-1) close out the win was some strong work under pressure by senior defenseman Andrew Garby.

“We just had to start skating hard and get pucks out of the zone, that’s where we had trouble,” Garby said. “The pucks were getting out near the blue line and wouldn’t get out.”

“They’d keep it in. We just had to clear pucks out of the zone and get them deep, that’s how we prevented them from scoring.”

Following are other takeaways:

#### START ON TIME

One team answered the bell to open the con-

test and the other one didn’t, much to the chagrin of Reynolds.

“I think the most important thing to take away from tonight’s game is we need to start on time,” Reynolds said. “That’s something we preach to our team on a daily, weekly basis. And if you don’t start on time, especially against a team like Plymouth, it will come back to bite you.”

The Chargers (3-3) found themselves down a goal just 15 seconds into the contest and, before long, they were down 2-0.

#### PLUG IT IN

Livonia Churchill had just cut the deficit to 4-3 (on goals by Vendittelli, senior forward Josh Friend and senior forward Carter Swider) when Plymouth was called for a minor penalty with about 12 minutes remaining.

But the Wildcats were able to kill off the penalty.

“I think we need to do a better job of finding the open shooting lanes,” Reynolds said. “Move around the zone a little more, find some of the seams in the penalty kill where we can attack the

net. “That’s something that’s going to be a work in progress.”

#### THAT’S A FIRST

Ahern finally scored the first goal of his high school varsity career. He buried a high shot inside the left post with 3:35 to go in the opening period to open up a 3-0 lead.

“Kyle’s a big, strong physical kid,” Vento said. “He plays hard, works hard. He’s been having chances and you could tell by that goal he’s got a great shot.”

“He put it where that goalie didn’t have a chance. But he does so much more for us than score goals.”

#### LESSON LEARNED

The Wildcats blew a three-goal lead Dec. 5 against state powerhouse Brighton, managing a 3-3 tie. Friday was similar, letting a 4-0 lead shrink to one goal.

Vento said the team is learning that comfortable leads vanish quickly against quality opponents.

“The boys realized that if they skate and play their system, they can at least play with anyone,” Vento said. “It’s just a matter of doing it for 51 minutes.”

In the Brighton game, Plymouth got goals from Adam Rebecca, Mullenax and Baldwin.

#### SHOWCASE LOOMS

Reynolds echoed other area coaches about the potentially thrilling day of high school hockey that will take place Saturday, Dec. 16, at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

It will be the inaugural MIHL-KLAA Showcase. Churchill squares off against Grosse Pointe South at 3:30 p.m.; Plymouth takes on Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood at 4:30 p.m. There will be 11 games, beginning at 9 a.m.

“From my standpoint, it seems as though the MIHL and the KLAA are the two top (leagues) in the state,” Reynolds said. “And anytime you have a chance to match those two leagues up next to one another, I think it makes for an exciting day of hockey.”

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## COACHES

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the game.

“Mostly, just to be back and see the players, coaches and staff that were a huge part of (wife) Deb and my lives over seven great years,” Cole wrote. “We had some very special moments, but the best part of being there was the people I got to work with and know.”

But Dec. 16 also will be a special night for Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for the NTDP.

“It’s going to be emotional to see Danton and Chris over on that bench for MSU,” Monaghan said. “I remember them as players (for the Spartans) when I was a student. I was honored to give them an opportunity here with the national program. And I know coaching their alma mater was a dream for both of them.”

Because the NTDP is a pipeline of potential Division I players for colleges such as Michigan State, Monaghan also sees Cole’s return to East Lansing as a win-win situation in the development of young players.

“I always tell kids you go to a college for the



Chris Luongo surveys the action during a recent MSU men's hockey game. REY DEL RIO | MSU ATHLETICS

school,” Monaghan said. “Make sure you pick a place, not a person. But if I had a son in that position, I would always be 100-percent behind them playing for Danton Cole. “He’s a good human being and he’s about more than just the ‘hockey part.’ He cares about kids and their futures.”

In some ways, taking over the reins of a relatively inexperienced college team — which Cole has done with the Spartans — merely is an extension of what he did

with USA Hockey.

“The season has gone well and the team has made a lot of progress,” Cole added. “We are very young, 19 freshmen and sophomores, so there is a lot to learn.”

“I really have enjoyed the work ethic and commitment of the team and they represent MSU very well.”

#### U18 team edges Central Illinois

On Dec. 9 in a contest at USA Hockey Arena, the U.S. NTDP U-18 team

defeated Central Illinois, 6-2.

Leading the way with a goal and two assists was Joel Farabee, while Birmingham’s Bode Wilde, Jonathan Gruden (Rochester) and K’Andre Miller also scored.

Making 25 saves in goal for the victory was Drew DeRidder (Fenton).

#### Schoolcraft splits pair

Schoolcraft College’s men’s club hockey team played two American Collegiate Hockey As-

## SPARTANS VS. TEAM USA

**What:** Michigan State University’s men’s hockey team will face the U.S. National Team Development Program’s U-18 team. The game is part of the NTDP vs. NCAA College Series presented by Kroger.

**When/where:** Puck drop is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

**Welcome back:** Former NTDP coaches Danton Cole, Chris Luongo (an ex-Detroit Red Wings player) and Joe Exter now are with the MSU coaching staff and will be back to face their former program.

Cole was head coach the past seven seasons, while Luongo was one of his assistant coaches in 2015-17 (and previously on the same staff at Wayne State University). Exter, a goalie coach, founded and developed USA Hockey’s renowned Warren Strelow National Goaltending program while a coach with the NTDP.

Several former NTDP players also are on the Spartans, including defenseman Tommy Miller of West Bloomfield.

**Tickets:** Good seats (starting at \$10) remain available, but the crowd should be similar to the near-capacity 3,715 on hand for the Dec. 2 game against Michigan. Go to usahockeyarena.com or call 734-453-8400 for more information.

sociation games over the weekend at Redford Ice Arena and came away with a lopsided win followed by a lopsided loss against Miami (Ohio) University.

On Dec. 8, the Ocelots built an 8-2 lead after two periods and posted a 10-4 victory. Big guns in the win were Griffen Ahmet (two goals, assist), Richard Corso (two goals), Jacob St. Andre (goal, two assists) and Scott Pohl (goal, assist). Making 20 saves for Schoolcraft was goaltender Connor O’Reilly. The following after-

noon, however, Miami came out looking for revenge and got it with a decisive 9-3 win. Schoolcraft goals were scored by Ahmet, Sage Becraft and Nolan Cioch.

Next up for coach Rob Lindsay’s team is a home-and-home against Western Michigan University. The Ocelots will visit WMU for a game at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by a home game at Redford (at 6:30 p.m. Saturday).

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## PREP WRESTLING

# Rockets pin Oxford for big early win

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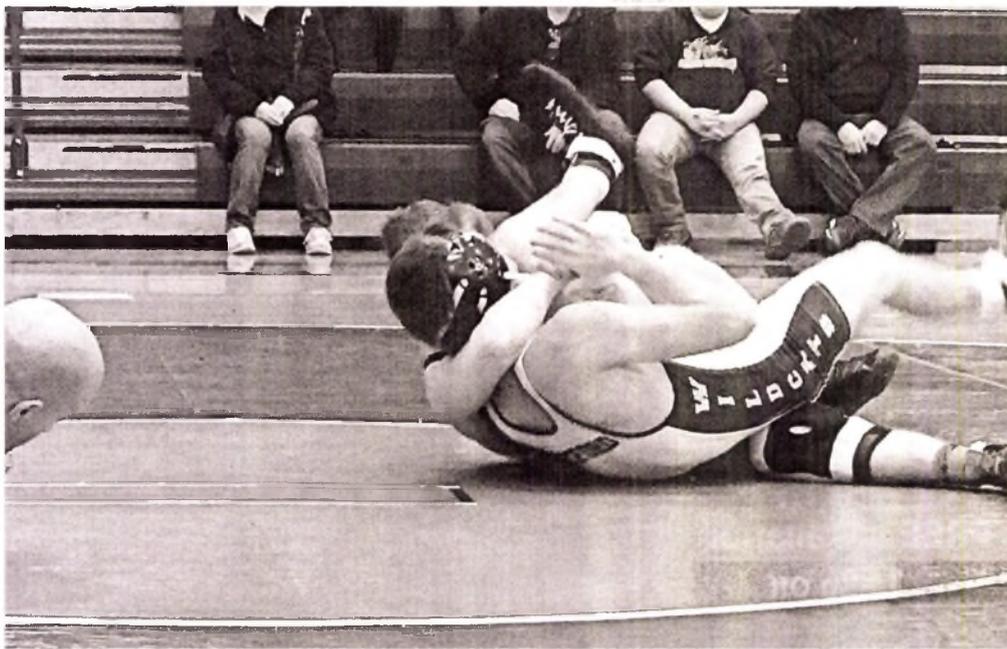
It's never too early in the season for a test and John Glenn's wrestling team took one — and passed with ease — Wednesday in its Assembly Day wrestling match-up with Oxford.

The Rockets, ranked sixth on michigangrappler.com, used six pins in their seven wins to topple the fifth-ranked Wildcats, 39-31, in a match that wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

After losing two of the first three matches, John Glenn rattled off five straight wins by pinfall to claim control of the non-league meet, which could be a precursor to a possible meeting in the state tournament.

"Our kids knew what they had to do and they did it," John Glenn coach Bill Polk said. (Oxford) is a great program. ... This was a big win for us."

With the Rockets trailing 12-6 after three matches, Caleb Meekins



John Glenn's Michael Mars pinned Oxford's Nate Call in 1:10 in their 130-pound clash. BRAD KADRICH

got his team started on the comeback trail by pinning Oxford's Dalton Myers in 2:43 at 119 pounds.

Then, in succession:

» Kyle Borthwell pinned Oxford's Liam Hillary in 1:55 at 125 pounds

» Mike Mars pinned

130 pounds

» Isaac Lefler pinned Oxford's Joe Vackaro in 5:10 at 135 pounds to stretch John Glenn's lead to 30-12

After Oxford's Sergio Borg hit John Glenn's Anthony Hudson with a 9-0 major decision at 140 pounds, the Rockets' Brenten Polk pinned

Jack Wandrie at 145 and John Glenn's Anthony Gibson beat Ryan Miller, 5-0, to provide the final margin

"There were two very good teams and we had a lot of competitive matches," Bill Polk said. "We won more of those. That's what it came down to."

Oxford coach Ross Wingert, in his first year as Wildcats head coach, said good teams can't suffer six pins and expect to win a match.

"We got pinned," Wingert said. "You can't have two quality teams and expect to win meets that way. We can't give up bonus points and we have to go and get some of those bonus points."

Oxford won the final three matches, including the 189-pound match by pinfall, to close the meet.

Polk knows how big the win is.

"They're a great program; last year they beat us," Polk said. "It was a huge win to start out the year."

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

## South Lyon defense suffocates Salem

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Jared Townsley and Noah Grimes are wasting little time in making an impact during their senior season for the South Lyon boys basketball team.

And both proved to be key figures Friday night in the host Lions' 43-35 triumph over former KLAAC Central Division foe Salem.

The 6-foot-5 Grimes, coming off a 27-point outing in a season-opening win over Temperance Bedford, led the way again with 15 points, including nine in the final quarter after Salem had taken a 31-30 lead entering the fourth.

The 6-6 Townsley, meanwhile, finished with 12 points and helped seal the victory with four straight free throws during the final 2:16.

"Noah Grimes has put in the work this off-season, as you see," said first-year South Lyon coach Troy Weidman, whose team is off to a 2-0 start. "I couldn't be happier for both those guys, especially Noah, in the sense that he struggled for the first three quarters offensively. And he knew he had to put the team on his back and he kind of did that the fourth quarter."

Townsley, literally, is just glad to be back after playing just three games a year ago due to a nagging injury.

"Right before the season, the first day of tryouts, my back started hurting really bad," said Townsley, who scored six points in the opening half as South Lyon led, 28-22. "I wasn't really able to walk at all and, after the first day, I found out my hip joint kind of came dislocated. And then week after week, I'd go to physical therapy, chiropractor, just multiple different doctors ... and then come back to playing. I'd play for a half of a practice and then be out for another three or four weeks. So the whole year was pretty tough for me."

The key to Townsley's recovery was patience, as he rested for eight months during the off-season.

"I really couldn't do anything other than coming in and watching these guys and just encourage them," he said. "The whole time, I was just hoping to get out there and play with them. I think rest was the cure and just really stretching, just really make sure I get warmed up before I play and not do anything stupid off the court or anything like that. I had to stay smart, stay composed, because I really wanted to play this season."

Just having Townsley back on the floor is a bonus, accord-

ing to Weidman.

"I'm so happy for Jared Townsley to be able to play and get some minutes," he said. "He's a great kid. He's got phenomenal upside to continue to play even after high school. And he's just starting to get healthy."



Townsley

Townsley is hoping there are even better things to come as the season unfolds going into the new Lakes Valley Conference.



Grimes

"After tonight, I feel really good," he said. "I'm happy we got the win and the whole team played really hard. We all stayed composed, stayed patient. Me, personally, I'm a little bit sore right now, but I'm sure I'll be all right within a few days."

Grimes, meanwhile, averaged seven points per game last season, but he's stepped up his scoring so far in South Lyon's two wins with a total of 42 points.

"I worked a lot on my shot and transitioning more to a point guard sort of role," Grimes said. "I just try and be strong with the ball, use my handles and find my teammates."

Although Grimes struggled at the free-throw line during the final quarter, going 4-of-8, he was a constant on the other end of the floor.

"We're built around defense, so the entire game we were just kind of rallying around our defense," he said. "And our offense was coming from our defense. It kind of pulled us through our offensive struggles. That's our big thing, we're just going to outwork the other team. That's our big thing."

Here are four other takeaways:

### FLOOR BURNS

The Lions came out flying on the defensive end, holding the Rocks to 12-of-39 shooting from the floor (30 percent).

"I was really proud of the guys," Weidman said. "Our goal is 11 points a quarter or under and they accomplished it all four quarters, so it was fun. They were fun to watch and everyone contributed."

In the season opening win Dec. 5 over Bedford, the Lions did not come up with any loose balls. Against Salem, South Lyon forced 19 turnovers.

"They took that to heart once we went through that," Weidman said. "We have a goal to what we, basically, call 'get dirty' and to get on the floor and track that. Tonight it was

fun, because they were on the floor for every loose ball."

### COLD SPELL

The Lions went 1-of-11 in the third quarter, going scoreless for the first 6:10 before, Grimes broke the ice with basket with 1:50 to go in the quarter to make it 30-30.

Weidman stayed positive on the bench during the lull and South Lyon went on to outscore Salem in the decisive fourth quarter, 13-4.

"To me it's applaud, because they were busting it on defense and doing everything possible defensively that they could do," he said. "So it was just a matter of, OK, trust it and trust what we do, continue to shoot. I don't think you ever yell at a kid and they'll shoot any better. So from a shot standpoint ... no, just play, but don't have that impact our defense."

### ROCKS ROCKY

Salem (1-1) was coming off a season-opening 67-58 overtime victory over Dearborn Divine Child, but the Rocks struggled to find any consistency against South Lyon.

"I told the guys there wasn't one aspect of the game that we're winning," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, entering his 34th varsity season. "They took us right out of our game at both ends. They took it to the hole, they took it to the rack. They didn't have any prolific offensive patterns, they took it to us. On the defensive end, they took us out of everything we were trying to do just because of their aggressiveness. Give them credit, they played tough tonight on their turf and we just folded."

### NEW FACES

Salem returns just one starter from a year ago, junior guard Jordan Ingram.

"Everybody else is a little green right now and it will take us time to figure things out here," Brodie said. "The kids are working hard here, I'm proud of the way they're working. And they don't quit, they keep playing. We got a ways to go yet."

Senior guard Shawn Srivastava, who made three 3-pointers, shared game-high scoring honors with 15 points, while fellow senior guard Thomas Noble added nine.

"We're trying to find whoever is going to step up and accept the challenge each game, each play," Brodie said. "Last game, it was different than what we started. This game, we didn't find anybody that we were happy with all the time. We're still trying to work and let the kids develop the way they can and see who steps forward."

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## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

## Longtime Churchill coach Tatro resigns

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It's been quite a run for the Livonia Churchill girls cross country program during the past 22 years and the one constant during that stretch has decided to hand off the baton.

Sue Tatro, who guided the Chargers to 14 MHSAA Division 1 state

finals and five straight top 10 finishes (2004-08), including state runner-up in 2006, submitted her letter of resignation last month.

Tatro, who ran at both Livonia Stevenson High and Michigan State, began her coaching career at Livonia Franklin, where she spent her first six seasons.

The decision proved to be bittersweet for Tatro, who will now get to devote more of her time during the fall seasons with her husband Gerald and son Reid, where they reside in Milford.

"For the last 28 seasons, my coaching experience with Livonia Public Schools couldn't have been more fulfilling," Tatro said. "I had the privilege and honor of coaching some amazing student-athletes and working under Marc Hage, who happens to be one of the best A.D.s in the state."

Tatro put together quite a resume at Churchill, guiding the Chargers to 17 division, four regional and five conference crowns (between the Western Lakes and Kensington Valley activities associations).

Churchill also captured 11 Livonia Public Schools titles.

"She did so many things well and brought so many kids into the program," Hage said. "I know it's an extreme struggle for her. She was really wrestling with it. She knew this was going to be the last year for her. She told me early on, but when it finally hits and finally sinks in, it wasn't easy for her. I'll miss her like crazy. It's certainly a void we'll miss on paper, but more missing her in spirit."

Tatro coached eight different all-stars at Churchill, including three-time honorees Sara Kroll, her current assistant coach, and Rachel McFarlane.

Both went on to have distinguished careers running for MSU.

Kroll, who qualified for

Foot Locker Nationals as a senior at Churchill, was the 2012 Big Ten champion and a member of MSU's 2014 NCAA championship team. She currently teaches at Franklin and is a part-time cross country and track TV analyst for the Big Ten Network.

McFarlane was an all-Big Ten second team selection and is currently coaching at the University of North Florida.

"She has just been an athlete's coach," Hage said of Tatro. "She relates so well to the kids. Of any coach, she gets the most out of kids. She would just develop talent, cultivate it and then push those kids to do almost beyond their best. She really would, as evidenced by how many kids she had running at the collegiate level. It's just not a testament to her ability to develop skill, but a testament to her ability to get kids to genuinely love running — and that's not easy to do. That maybe speaks more to her abilities than the skill level portion."

Tatro, an accomplished runner herself who was once a top three finisher at the Detroit Free Press Marathon, said she had a strong support system while coaching at Churchill.

"I also had a terrific counterpart in my dear friend John McGreevy, in addition to working with some phenomenal volunteer coaches like Michelle Phillips, Becki Barnes, Angela Schulteis and Sara Kroll throughout the years," Tatro said. "All of the people I met along the way will always hold a special place in my heart and I will continue to savor the great memories."

McGreevy, the Churchill boys coach since 1995, said Tatro's absence at cross country meets next fall will not go unnoticed.

"It is going to be very different next year coaching cross country without Sue Tatro leading the Churchill girls," he said. "She is an awesome coach who is admired and respected throughout our league. Sue has built and led one of the finest programs in the state for over 20 years. Even though Sue always seems to exude cheerfulness, she is a fierce competitor. Her runners were always well-prepared and most had the same intense desire to excel. I think I am going to miss the laughs the most. We laughed a lot."

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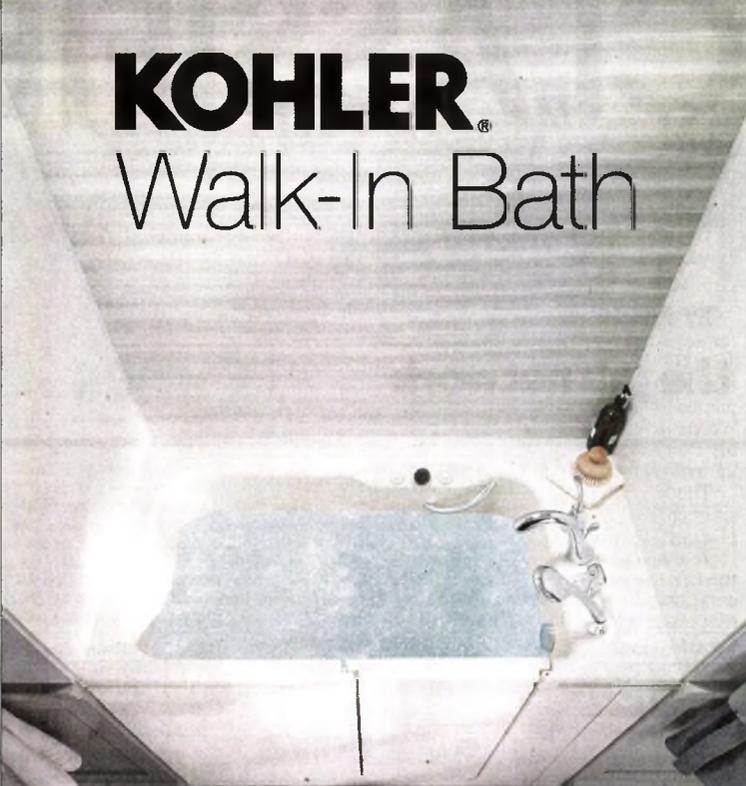



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### 12-17-0337

Motion by Miller, seconded by Gabriel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2017-05 amendments to Chapter 210 Uniform Fee Schedule

#### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ORDINANCE NO. #2017-05

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 210 TO THE WAYNE CITY CODE CONCERNING UNIFORM FEE SCHEDULE

**Section 1.** That Chapter 210, Section 210.06(a) of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows:

(a)	Residential Dwelling Certification	Current	New Fee
	Single family	250.00	300.00
	Duplex	300.00	350.00
	Apartments/motels (first two units)	300.00	350.00
	Each additional unit	65.00	70.00
	Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, or		
	Temporary Certificate of Compliance	60.00	70.00

**Section 2. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**Section 3. Repeal.** All other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistencies, hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Publication.** The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Adopted: December 5, 2017  
 Published: December 14, 2017  
 Effective: December 15, 2017

Matthew Miller  
City Clerk

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### 12-17-0338

Motion by Sanders, seconded by Gabriel and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the second reading of Ordinance #2017-06 amendments to Chapter 1486 Registration and Inspection of Rental Dwellings and Rental Units

#### CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1486 TO THE WAYNE CITY CODE CONCERNING REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF RENTAL DWELLINGS AND RENTAL UNITS

**Section 1.** That Chapter 1486, of the Wayne City Code is hereby amended to provide as follows to make amendments to further define the rental registration and inspection of rental units in the City.  
 The full document is available at the City Clerk's Office

**Section 2. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Matthew Miller  
City Clerk

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of Wayne, Michigan will hold its regular meetings which are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month on the following dates during the calendar year of 2018 at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted:

January 3 (moved due to holiday) & 16, February 6 & 20, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15, June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17, August 7\* & 21, September 4 & 18, October 2 & 16, November 6\* & 20 and December 4 & 18

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\* These meeting dates fall on a scheduled election day and may be changed to the day before the election of August 7, 2018 and November 6, 2018 upon approval of the City Council

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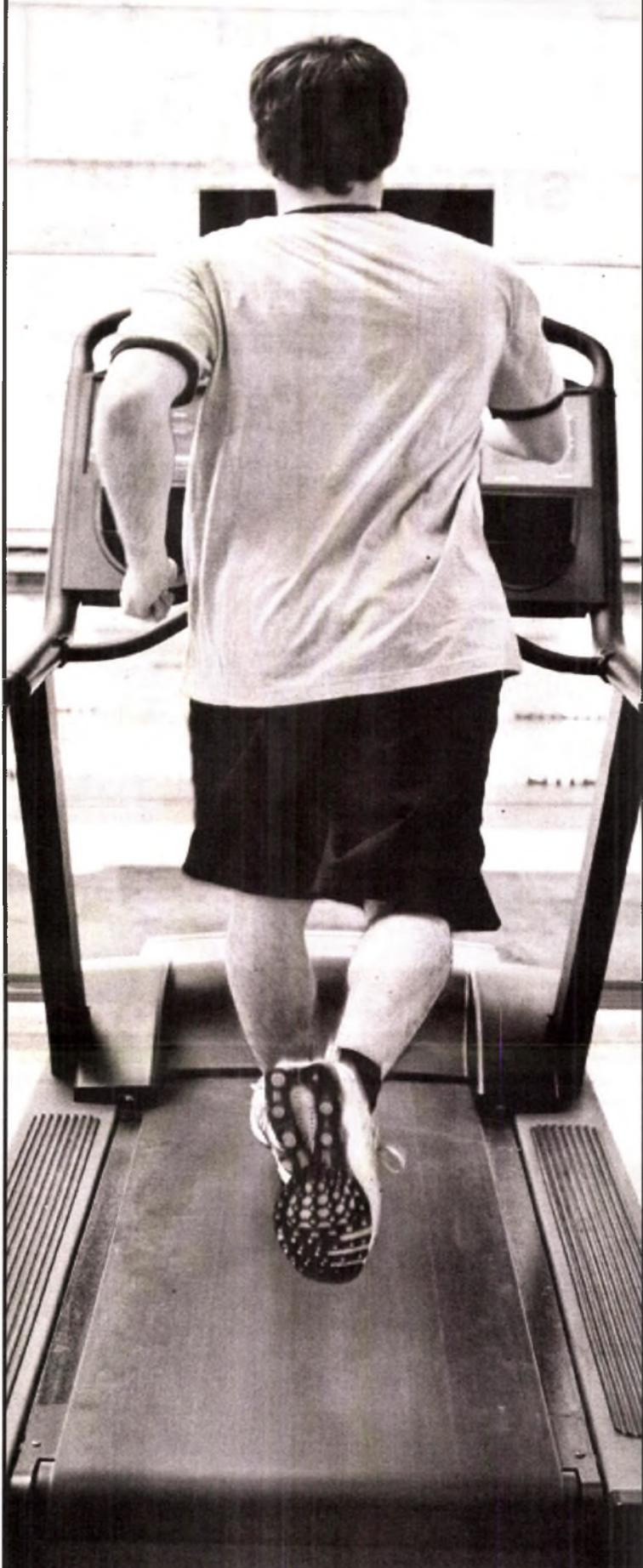


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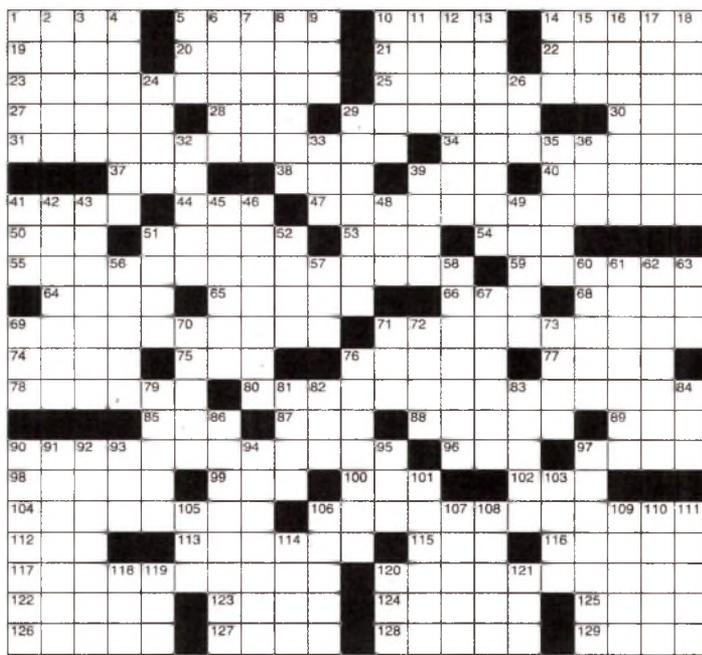
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Creole cooking pod
  - 5 Early Andean stage items
  - 14 Disgrace
  - 19 Cover thickly
  - 20 Declines
  - 21 Wrongful act, legally
  - 22 Of the ear
  - 23 Grabs hold of a fish?
  - 25 Give a fish medication?
  - 27 Choose (to)
  - 28 Baseball stat
  - 29 Like spoiled cooking oil
  - 30 Clamor
  - 31 Fish smeared with black gunk?
  - 34 Cheeky
  - 37 Have bills
  - 38 Mince of "Giant"
  - 39 Suffix for an enzyme
  - 40 Not as cruel
  - 41 Turn liquid
  - 44 Old horse
  - 47 Fish drifting about aimlessly?
  - 50 Actor stiller
  - 51 Baseball stat
  - 53 Hopy quaff
  - 54 Wash, bigwig
  - 55 Fish covered with more grit?
  - 59 Modifies
  - 64 Conceal
  - 65 Fake ID
  - 66 1,051, in old Rome
  - 68 Larch, e.g.
  - 69 Makes a fish more softhearted?
  - 71 Honey-colored fish?
  - 74 Score — with (impress)
  - 75 It's south of Can.
  - 76 Eye parts with irises
  - 77 Splits
  - 78 Triplets of adjacent nucleotides
  - 80 Cures a fish by salting
  - 85 Western treaty inits.
  - 87 Hide — hair
  - 88 Actress Davis of "The Matrix Reloaded"
  - 89 Ending for Bronx
  - 90 Fish that's a sainted guardian?
  - 96 O'er there
  - 97 For fear that
  - 98 Runner Bolt
  - 99 "Boich-—" (Rosemary Clooney hit)
  - 100 It precedes Sept.
  - 102 Barely obtain with "out"
  - 104 Gratify, as a base instinct
  - 106 Accept a Facebook request from a fish?
  - 112 Boat in Genesis
  - 113 Twilled fabrics
  - 115 Old's opposite, in German
  - 116 Yellow tropical fruit
  - 117 Teach a fish privately?
  - 120 Catches a fish in a net?
  - 122 Flea to get hitched
  - 123 Lance cpl.'s org.
  - 124 Free-for-all
  - 125 Fair shelter
  - 126 Philly's train system
  - 127 Light meal
  - 128 French river to the Rhone
  - 129 Singer Anita or Aubrey
- DOWN**
- 1 Eightsome
  - 2 Aussie critter
  - 3 Leaf-gathering tool user
  - 4 Had to admit an error
  - 5 Theoretical things
  - 6 Unclothed
  - 7 Bow of "It"
  - 8 Holy tables
  - 9 Atlanta-to-Miami dir.
  - 10 Perfumery oil
  - 11 Bards' A.M.
  - 12 On-the-nose
  - 13 Furniture finishers
  - 14 Went unused
  - 15 Palette part
  - 16 Erté's style
  - 17 Seafarer
  - 18 Hyundai compact
  - 24 Crock-Pot meal
  - 26 Grid stats
  - 29 Puts more ammo in
  - 32 AI — (pasta preference)
  - 33 Seafarer
  - 35 Long side up
  - 36 Max. or min.
  - 39 "I'll second that"
  - 41 Samantha Bee's station
  - 42 Expulsion
  - 43 Earthworm, e.g.
  - 45 2009 "Star Trek" director
  - 46 Seepage of methane, e.g.
  - 48 Heavyweight great
  - 49 Put on TV again
  - 51 Suffers
  - 52 Dog part
  - 56 "I'll second that"
  - 57 Informer
  - 58 Envoy's building
  - 60 Just clear of the bottom, as an anchor
  - 61 Boarding school
  - 62 Super-informally
  - 63 Some china ensembles
  - 64 Divinity sch.
  - 67 Not as much
  - 69 Bud Sarandon
  - 70 Actress Sarandon
  - 71 Rd.'s cousin
  - 72 No more than
  - 73 Cheese type
  - 76 Hubbubs
  - 79 Not a soul
  - 81 As to
  - 82 Old man
  - 83 Baseball Hall of Famer
  - 84 On Soc. Sec., often
  - 86 Operated on smaller than a national level
  - 90 Transforms, as larvae
  - 91 In general
  - 92 Sleeveless casual shirt
  - 93 Free (of)
  - 94 Lovingly, in music
  - 95 Rapa —
  - 97 Ushered in
  - 101 Music styles
  - 103 53-Across containers
  - 105 Q-U queue
  - 106 Sell for
  - 107 Writer Zora — Hurston
  - 108 Super- —
  - 109 Got along
  - 110 A Trump ex
  - 111 Spruced up
  - 114 They support teeth roots
  - 118 Choose (to)
  - 119 Stephen of "Utopia"
  - 120 Texter's "Didn't need to hear that!"
  - 121 Notice



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2	5	7	4	8	1	3	9	6
1	8	9	5	2	3	6	4	7
6	7	3	1	5	4	8	9	2
8	4	3	6	2	7	5	1	9
5	2	1	8	7	9	6	4	3
9	1	8	4	3	5	2	7	6
7	5	2	9	1	6	3	8	4
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- CELEBRATION
- CORN
- DREIDEL
- EIGHT
- EVE
- FAITHFUL
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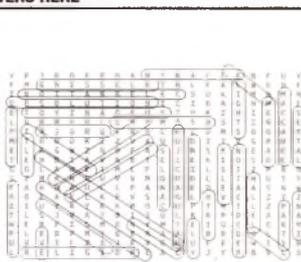
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FAIR	EDDART	ER	INSOLENT
OWB	SAL	ASE	NICER
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SANDIERS	ARDINE	ADAPTS	
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MELT	SMELT	AMBER	BREAM
AHIT	USA	UVEAS	RIPS
CODONS	KIPPER	ESSKIPPER	
OAS	NOR	ESSTE	ITE
PATRON	TARPON	VON	NEST
USKIN	AMERUG	ENIG	
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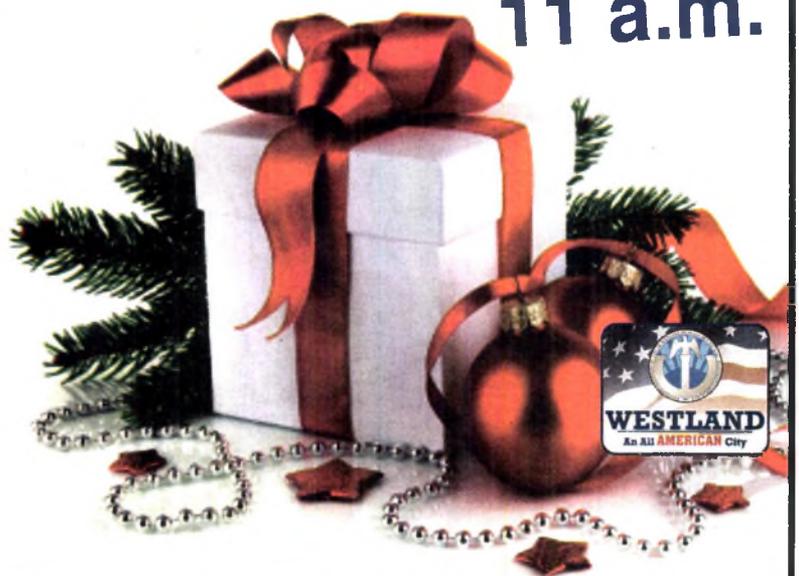
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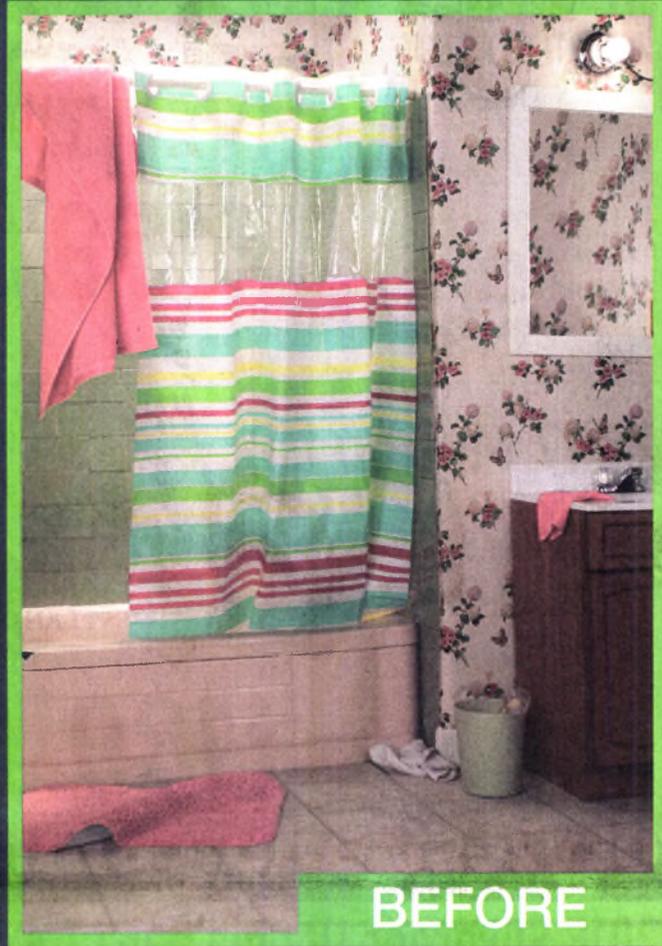
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