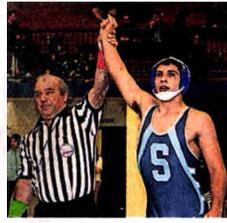


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Program gives teens facts of life

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Knowing the facts — the real facts — of life may be all that stands between many teenagers and a life-changing experience like an unintended pregnancy or a sexually transmitted disease.

While the consequences of those facts are a reality for some local teenagers, the city of Westland is hoping to reduce

these risks through a program aimed at educating teenagers about making responsible choices about sex and relationships.

The Be Proud, Be Responsible program, is a six-hour day-long program for ages 12-19 designed to provide the knowledge, motivation and skills necessary to change their behaviors in ways that will reduce their risk of pregnancy or contracting HIV and

other sexually transmitted diseases.

Now in its fourth year, the free program is offered through the Westland Youth Assistance program in conjunction with the Beaumont Hospital Taylor Teen Center, and is open to youth in the city of Westland and neighboring communities.

"This program is all about

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CRAIG HEBERT
Paul Motz, director of the Westland Youth Assistance Program, and Thana Ali, deputy director.



And they're off to the races at the Rosedale Red, White and Blue 5K and 1 Mile.

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ROSEDALE VETERANS RUN/WALK SPOTLIGHTS ROSIE THE RIVETERS

M.B. Dillon
Correspondent

More than 100 athletes participated in Livonia's Rosedale Red, White & Blue Veterans 5K Fun Run and 1-Mile Walk on Nov. 5, testing their fitness and honoring local men and women who served their country during World War II. All proceeds benefited the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and the local VFW.

The race was run through the streets of Rosedale Gardens, Livonia's oldest neighborhood.

First to cross the finish line in 17:31 was Wixom's Ryan Kachnowski, 14, a varsity cross country runner at Walled Lake Western High School. Northville's Clancy Horgan, 31, an aerobics instructor at the Livonia Rec Center, won the women's race with a personal best of 22:47.

Special guests included World War II veterans and Livonia residents Robert Rooke, U.S. Navy; Donald "Pinky" Folsom, U.S. Marine Corps; and Irene Turner, U.S. Army Air Corps.

A highlight was the appearance of nine area "Rosie the Riveters," women who during World War II worked in the munitions industry when male enlistment left gaping holes in the labor force. All are in their 90s. Nancy Zajac,



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"Rosie the Riveter" Jane Biestek was among the Rosies honored for her service at the Rosedale Red, White and Blue run. Jane, who worked on the cockpit of the B-24 bomber, lost her brother in World War II.

president of the Willow Run chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, introduced "Rosies" Phyllis Lenhard, Helen Jedele, Lorraine Osborne, Helen Kushnir, Jane Biestek, Beth Fordyce, Marge Walters, Mary Jezowski-Serge and Madge Cowles.

The Boy Scouts Troop 271 Color Guard presided at the pre-race Veterans Day ceremony, and the national anthem was sung by professional vocalist and music teacher Tracy Conrad, a resident of Rosedale. Runners and walkers contributed to the Boy

Scouts' annual Can-Do Drive, and refreshments and a hot lunch were served at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church.

"The weather was spectacular and a perfect reflection of a spectacular event. Talking with the veterans and Rosies, and realizing what they had done, captured my heart and made me once again proud of the huge and absolutely essential contribution the Detroit area made to winning World War II," said Chris Johnson, race director.

Event raises \$2,000

The event raised more than \$2,000, to be divided equally between the LSO and VFW Livonia Post #3941, said Johnson.

"I like this race because it is run through a beautiful neighborhood and it supports veterans and the Livonia Symphony," Kachnowski said.

Horgan, who knocked a minute off her previous best, said, "It was so great; it was amazing. I was pretty shocked when I hit the finish line in 22:47. I wondered, 'Is that clock right?' I love that run; I grew up in the neighborhood, so running through it and seeing all the fall colors is very entertaining."

Helen Kushnir, a Rosie from Dearborn who still vol-

unteers at the VFW Auxiliary, worked as a riveter on the wing of the B-24 during the war. "They had me on the wing, not because I wasn't important, but because I was little and light," Kushnir said. "I tell my great-grandkids and the children I speak to in schools: You can do important things, even if you are little."

Kushnir and the Rosies enjoyed the day. "It was our honor to be among people who care about what has gone on in our world, and what will go on," she said.

Livonia's Karen Werden, 52, gave participants a firsthand view of how the Rosies dressed while producing B-24 bombers at Willow Run and elsewhere.

"I am a 'Tribute Rosie the Riveter,'" said Werden, wearing the iconic navy blue work uniform and red-and-white polka-dot bandana. "We are an association attached to the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run. Our purpose is to help raise awareness about the Rosies and preserve history."

"People need to know that their grandparents and great-grandparents did something incredible. Detroit truly was the arsenal of democracy," Zajac said. "The Rosies who came to the Red, White and Blue Run said it was an amazing day."

Local clerks wade into recount battle

Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

After winning a contentious election to replace the popular Terry Bennett as Canton Township Clerk, Michael Siegrist figured he'd have time to take a breath, settle into his new surroundings and begin the learning process of a new job.

Jill Stein and the Green Party doused any hopes of an easy transition.

Instead, Siegrist spent Monday meeting Canton's obligations for the recall, wrangling more than 46,000 ballots to be taken to the Wayne County

clerk's office, where the recount — given the green light by U.S. District Judge Mark Goldsmith over the weekend — was set to start Tuesday.

"I had anticipated some time to learn, but it didn't happen that way," said Siegrist, who just took office Nov. 22.

Susan Nash, the city clerk in Livonia, said she was preparing to take all of the city's 55,747 ballots cast in November's election to Cobo Center, the location where the recount is set to take place.

She said she and Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc were going to go in and split a transport van to take the two city's ballots to downtown Detroit, a measure being done to try to cut the minimal costs for transporting them. Overall, if the transport van is split between Westland and Livonia, the cost would be most likely under \$100 for the local municipality.

The ballots, she said, would remain locked up downtown until the recount began Tuesday morning.

Nash said no city staff members are expected to go downtown and participate in the recount, but said she may go to watch the process take place.

"I will probably go down there just to see what's going on with our ballots," she said. "This is, in my opinion, some uncharted water here."

State Sen. Pat Colbeck, R-

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helping kids and having them learn facts that will serve them throughout their lives. We don't just want them to be OK today, we want them to be OK down the road. We don't want them contracting something or getting into a situation that will stick with them and affect them for a lifetime," said Paul Motz, Westland Youth Assistance Program director.

Part of a federally funded "Taking Pride in Prevention" grant through the Michigan Department of Health

and Human Services, the Be Proud, Be Responsible program focuses on addressing the high rates of pregnancy and STD's among ages 12-19, according to Jeff Cook, director of Child & Adolescent Health at Beaumont Health.

The program began in 2012, when statistics released by the state health department showed Westland teens at particularly high risk for both teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

"Wayne-Westland was in the top 10 — I believe it was number 10 — in the state in both of those areas," Cook said.

Westland wasn't alone. According to 2014 data

from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Wayne County has the highest rate in the state of pregnancy among females ages 15-19, as well as reported cases of HIV and other STDs.

"Our goal with the program was to increase knowledge and increase protective factors with our youth," Cook said, "We want to give the tools they need to reduce the dangers of high risk behavior."

The program is held monthly. The next one is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey, Westland. There are times when the program is offered more frequently, said Thana Ali, deputy director of the Westland Youth Assistance Program.

The Be Proud, Be Responsible program curriculum spans topics ranging from the facts and misconceptions surrounding HIV/AIDS; attitudes and beliefs about safe sex, building negotiation and refusal skills and more.

Other topics included

in the program are decision-making skills, topics surrounding substance abuse and sex as well as information on where and how to get tested for an STD.

Both Ali and Motz said that while there is a lot of information to cover, it is very interactive and the kids are very responsive. Breakfast snacks, a lunch and prizes are also offered to attendees as an extra incentive.

Birth control or condoms are not provided in the program, but knowledge is shared to help teens make educated decisions," Ali said.

Ali said that although the sessions may begin on a quiet, tentative note, it doesn't take long for the kids to begin to open up.

Creating a safe space for them to share their questions and concerns freely is key, she said, and it is important that parents need are aware that their teens know more about sex than they may realize.

"It really is pretty amazing: if you create as comfortable, safe place for even the quietest kid, they will open up to you

and they can express themselves effectively. Once they feel comfortable and start to talk, they have a lot of questions. They are naturally curious," Ali said.

Ali said that it is very important to have open dialogue with teens in order that ensure that the information they have regarding pregnancy and STDs is factually correct.

"The influence of the media is strong. Kids get messages that have no basis in fact," Ali said, adding "kids know a lot — not all of it is accurate. It is so important that they learn what the reality is instead of something they may have heard in a song or seen in a video."

Some of their mistaken beliefs can be quite astounding — indicating a strong need for increased education on the topic, Motz said.

"There are so many misconceptions — ranging from 'you can't get pregnant the first time you do it' and beyond," said Motz, "that you are doing your child huge favors by having them attend this program and learn the real facts."

Since its inception, the program has reached between 150-175 teens annually, he estimated. While some are referred to the program, others may attend on their own.

"Sometimes, it is as simple as a parent calling us and saying, 'my child is sexually active and I am concerned,'" Motz said. However, he noted, the program is valuable to all teens.

"Enrolling your kids is one of the biggest favors a parent can do for their child — whether your child is a 4.0 student or a star athlete — this is important information that they have a right to know, he said, adding, "This is the information parents need to give their kids. These kids go off to college — they need to know this. They really do need to be educated about safe and responsible sex."

The community has been very supportive of the program and praises the Wayne-Westland School District in "allowing us to promote this program; they recognize the importance of it and have been very helpful," he said.

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Canton, said the recount was an attempt by the Democratic party, in cooperation with Stein, to "disenfranchise 4.8 million voters in Michigan."

"These unprecedented legal actions also attempt to rewrite the U.S. Constitution and in the process show disrespect for an additional 125 million Americans," Colbeck said in a statement. "It is

clearly the responsibility of the states, not the federal government, to determine the manner by which electoral votes are cast."

In a rare Sunday hearing, Goldsmith granted Green Party candidate Jill Stein's request for the hand recounting of about 4.8 million ballots starting Monday. The Michigan Republican Party, through its attorney Gary Gordon of Lansing, filed notice Monday it plans to file an appeal of Goldsmith's ruling with the

U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

Despite the appeal notice, the recount continues unless Goldsmith's order is stayed or overturned.

Gordon had argued Stein had no chance of overturning the election results — Stein finished a distant fourth in Michigan to Republican president-elect Donald Trump — her concerns about votes not being counted properly were merely speculative, and the recount would result in

excessive costs for Michigan taxpayers. Also, the state has a valid interest in a two-business-day pause after ruling on an objection to a recount petition, because it allows for court review of that recount decision, Gordon argued before Goldsmith.

Goldsmith ruled that Stein demonstrated "a credible threat that the recount, if delayed, would not be completed" by Dec. 13, a federal deadline for guaranteeing that the electors Michigan certifies for casting its presidential votes are accepted by Congress.

That's a threat to constitutional rights, Goldsmith said.

Attorneys for the Board of State Canvassers and Trump argued Stein waited too long to request the recount, which would cost taxpayers too much money — possibly more than \$4 million above the \$973,250 filing fee Stein was required to pay.

But Goldsmith said "concerns with cost pale in comparison" to the integrity of an election.

"It is clear they have no respect for 'We the People,' especially since their frivolous recount petition could cost Michigan taxpayers and county governments an additional \$12 million dollars, a mere fraction of what they will compensate taxpayers for," Colbeck said. "Wayne County in particular does not need another expense that draws funds away from important services such as road maintenance."

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Both Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette and Trump have sued in state court to stop the recount, and a hearing on their suits was scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Michigan Court of Appeals in Lansing.

But election law experts told the Free Press that Goldsmith's ruling, which says the recount "shall commence and must continue until further order of this court," has the effect of preventing state courts from stopping the recount without further judicial review by the 6th Circuit.

For his part Siegrist, a Canton Democrat, said he doesn't expect the recount to yield much information.

"I'm not entirely certain the recount will yield much new information, and no new result," Siegrist said. "I'm anxious about the information it will produce, but it's definitely an interesting intellectual exercise."

Staff writer David Veselenak and Detroit Free Press reporter Paul Egan contributed to this report.

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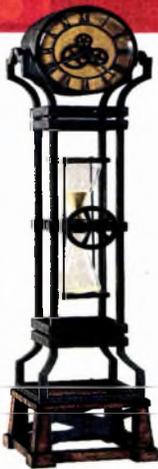
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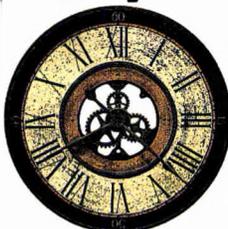
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Get your holiday list ready for Westland's Indoor Winter Market

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Shoppers can round out their holiday shopping list and gather farmer's market favorites for winter at Westland's All American Indoor Winter Market, which is set for 2-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Pavilion, 1901 N. Carlson.

A cozy fire will provide warmth and set the mood for shoppers exploring a wide variety of local goods, including jams, honeys, candles and much more — all from Wayne County-based vendors.

Saturday's Winter Market will be the last farmer's market of the season and is "a great opportunity for shoppers to stock up on their favorite farmers market items," said Brookellen Swope, president of the Westland Chamber of Commerce.



FILE PHOTO
Last year, Patricia and Dennis Ducher of Westland sold seasonal craft items at the Winter Market.

Swope said she expects close to 80 people at the event, which will feature stocking stuffers and

other gift items from local merchants.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce has hosted two Winter Markets for the past three years.

"We have a beautiful Pavilion that the city built, and it really is the perfect location for the winter markets," she said, adding that vendors are carefully selected to provide shoppers with merchandise suitable for the season.

Vendors at the upcoming market include Donna Beckerleg's American Doll Clothes and kids crafts; GoAnna Paper, featuring greeting cards, wallets, mouse pads and small accessories; Day Dream Soaps' soaps and lotions; Precious Pammies' jewelry; jams and jellies from Lula Bre; candles from Walker's Hollow; scrubbies, crochet items, towels and more from Krafts by Kathy; Scott-Tish honey Vic the Breadman.

Coffee hours happening in Westland, Garden City

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will continue hosting Coffee Hour events in Garden City and Westland with elected officials from the State of Michigan on Jan. 9, 2017.

Coffee Hour in Westland will be co-hosted with State Representatives Robert Kosowski and Jewell Jones from 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, located at 6047 North Wayne Road. Coffee Hour in Garden City will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Michigan room at the Maplewood Community Center, located at 31735 Maplewood St. Garden City Coffee Hour will be co-hosted with State Senator David Knezek and State Representative Jewell Jones.

Coffee hours will not be held in December.

Citizens who have questions or concerns in the meantime are encouraged to contact any of the elected officials by mail, telephone or email:

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Redford Township man now Rhodes scholar

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Detroit Free Press

A Princeton University senior from Redford Township has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship for graduate study at the University of Oxford in England, the Rhodes Trust announced.



Robertson

Aaron Robertson, 21, is among the 32 American recipients of the prestigious fellowships, which fund 2-3 years of study at Oxford. Robertson was born in Detroit and lives with his mother Cindy Staples. He attended University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I went back to my hotel room after receiving the announcement and sat in silence for

some time," Robertson said. "I'm humbled and feel a great sense of responsibility to my family, my friends, my school and myself. This award is invigorating."

According to a news release from the trust, Robertson is concentrating in Italian and pursuing a certificate in African-American studies. He has received two departmental prizes at Princeton, the Greater New York Chamber of Commerce Prize and Dorothea van Dyke McLane Prize for his work in Italian.

At Oxford, he plans to pursue a master of philosophy degree in modern languages.

For Staples, finding out her son was awarded such a prestigious honor is something that still hasn't settled in yet.

Staples said she drove to Chicago this past weekend to be with Rob-

ertson as he participated in the final round of interviews for the scholarship.

"It was just an emotional roller coaster," Staples said.

While he was interviewed, Staples tried to ease her nerves and went shopping. He called her an hour later, telling her to come back to their hotel. Staples said the 10-minute walk to the hotel felt like an hour-long trek because she was so nervous.

"When I got to the hotel, he was on his phone and I took my coat off and put my bags down," she said. "He kind of led up to it and mentioned how they had all the students in the room. He said, 'Oh, they awarded the first scholarship to a guy from Minnesota' and then he said, 'The second guy was me' and he came over and gave me a hug."

"I just cried out of mere excitement. I was just so proud of him, knowing how hard he worked and how much he deserved to receive this award. I'm just totally humbled by the whole experience. I'm still on an emotional high and I just keep having these moments where I get teary-eyed."

Robertson graduated from University Liggett in 2013. He began there as a ninth-grader, having come from a charter school in Southfield, said Michelle Martin, director of marketing and communications at Liggett. He'd earned the Liggett Merit Scholarship, which Martin described as a "very selective, very prestigious" scholarship that draws students from across the region to the school.

Robertson played lacrosse at Liggett and participated in the

school's theater group.

"Aaron is well-respected by the faculty, by the staff, by alumni, by students ... He's just an exceptional student. And he's a great guy. We're very proud of him for being selected as a Rhodes scholar," Martin said.

Robertson, who previously interned at the Detroit Metro Times, serves as co-editor-in-chief of the Nassau Literary Review, the oldest undergraduate publication at Princeton and the second-oldest undergraduate literary magazine in the country. His work has also been featured in the Daily Princetonian, and he'll have published work soon in the Los Angeles Review of Books. Robertson was previously awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship and is also a QuestBridge scholar.

He has participated in creative-writing programs at Bard College at Simon's Rock and Cambridge University.

Robertson said he is considering careers in journalism, publishing or arts advocacy.

Staples said her son has always been a go-getter and takes advantage of opportunities that are seemingly unreachable. She said since he was a child and all through high school, he's been remarkably focused on his goals.

"He's very ambitious, very determined," she said. "Everything he has accomplished to this day is because he put forth the effort. He got straight As through high school and sometimes just getting through high school wasn't even enough. But he still has a very humble spirit."

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Westland councilman Coleman reaches out to Taiwan leaders

Westland City Councilman Kevin Coleman was recently selected to become a member of the U.S. Young Leaders Delegation to the Republic of China (Taiwan). In his first international trip as a city official,

Coleman described this experience as "very rewarding and educational. It has been an invaluable opportunity to strengthen relations between the city of Westland and Taiwan."

The delegation, which included "rising stars" in politics from around the United States, included a member of the New York City Council and a counterpart from Chicago. The group included 10 council members and mayors ages 25-40 from all across the country.

Coleman described it as an great opportunity to not only meet with high-level government and business officials from Taiwan, but bright and successful young leaders from around the United States. The trip took place in early November and lasted for one week and was funded entirely by the Taipei Economic and Cultural



Westland City Councilman Kevin Coleman and the delegation to Taiwan.

Office and Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Visits to government offices, cultural institutions and Sun Moon Lake National Scenic Area were part of the itinerary.

"It was an honor to represent the city of Westland in roundtable discussions about government policy, manufacturing and international trade. Many people aren't aware that Taiwan is a democracy with elected mayors and city councils, just like the U.S. They're our ninth largest trading partner, despite being a country smaller in size

than the lower peninsula of the state of Michigan. There is much more in common between the U.S. and Taiwan than I knew before participating in this delegation," Coleman said.

The delegation met with government officials from both central and local-levels including members of the Taipei City Council, which represents 2.7 million citizens, and Mayor Chia-Lung Lin of Taichung, which is a major manufacturing center in Taiwan. Giant bicycles is based there and the country manufactures 70 percent of the world's

bikes. Visits to the Central Taiwan Science Park and the headquarters of computer manufacturer ASUS Corporation were also part of the schedule.

"The itinerary was very fast-paced yet the representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were extremely accommodating and gracious hosts. I learned a lot and have gained some valuable insight that may be able to be applied to Westland as well," Coleman said.

No US tax dollars were used to fund the trip, and Coleman said the itinerary fell on a week when there were no scheduled Westland City Council meetings. He also mentioned that Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc has a professional relationship with the Taiwanese community, participated in a previous delegation, and that the TECRO Office in Chicago had extended to him an invitation to select a Westland office holder fitting the required demographic, so he wanted to thank LeBlanc for including his name in the list of those who were considered.

Westland Foundation throwing Christmas party

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Ensuring that families facing difficult times have an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season has been the focus of the Westland Community Foundation's Christmas Reception for more than 15 years — and this year is no different.

Scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the John Glenn High School Media Center, the 2016 Christmas Reception will benefit the Salvation Army and offer an excellent opportunity to share the holiday spirit with friends and neighbors.

"It is such a fun event. Everyone comes out for it — we like to call it the 'City of Westland' Christmas party," said Community Foundation founder Glenn Shaw, noting the tremendous community support for the event.

With an admission price of just \$5 and a donation of two unwrapped toys, merry-makers can mingle with friends and neighbors while enjoying the sounds of John Glenn High School's Glenn Singers and the Salvation Army Band. A variety of hors d'oeuvres provided

by Chef Tony and students from the Culinary Arts Department of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center are also on the menu.

Decking the halls and spreading cheer isn't the only purpose of the event — collecting unwrapped toys and raising funds to support the local Salvation Army is the real point of the gala.

In addition to the toys collected at the party, many other local businesses and community groups collect toys and donate money and gifts throughout the year for the event, which has become a longstanding Westland tradition, said Shaw, a Canton Township resident and owner of WCA Assessing in Westland.

"Westland is a great community when it comes to helping out those in need. Everyone is always so giving and it is always evident at the Christmas party," Shaw said, estimating that more than 250 residents and community supporters are expected to attend.

To RSVP of for more information, call 734-595-7727. Dress for the event is business or nice casual attire.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE

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 2017 at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted:

January 3 & 17, February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, June 6 & 20, July 4 & 18, August 1 & 15, September 5 & 19, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 21 and December 5 & 19

Proposed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan 48184, not more than eight business days after the date of said meeting and approved minutes will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved. This notice is in compliance with Act 267 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE 2016 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Review for the City of Wayne will meet in the Council Chambers at City of Wayne, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll:

Meeting date is as follows:

December 14, 2016 Wednesday 2:00 p.m.

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open meetings Act."

If you have any questions please call the Finance Department at 734-722-2000 Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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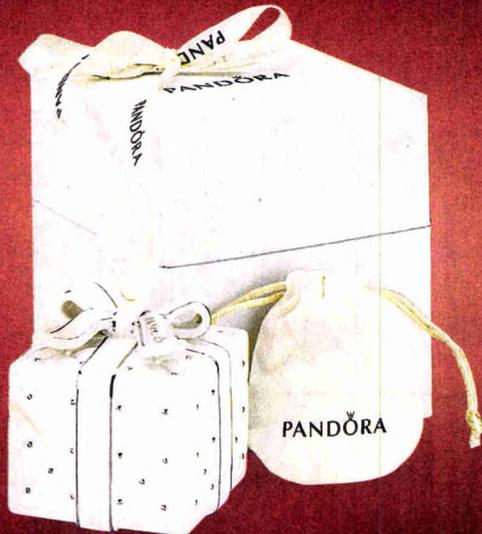
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The president-elect won't change her beliefs

Two. My daughter is just 2 years old. In light of recent events, I have watched my Facebook feed fill with horrible things; people so full of hatred and anger. People who say, "How will I explain to my children that this is the person we have decided to be our president?" So many people are questioning how one could vote for Trump when there are minorities, women and gay people in the world.

This is what I will tell my daughter:
We live in a free country. We live in a place where we have rights to have opinions. We can choose to love whomever we want, regardless of their sex. We can have friends of all kinds, all colors and all types. Some of our friends will accept us for who we are and for the opinions we



Sarah Davies
GUEST COLUMNIST

hold. Others will dislike us because of those very same things. But we live in a free country, where all opinions are OK to have. When we vote for a president, we are not voting for the opinions of that person. The president is not going to go into office and then suddenly every opinion they have will become a law. Having Trump become our president does not mean that the gays have no rights and that all illegal immigrants will be sent to their home countries or that abortion will immediately become illegal. That is not how our country works. We have laws and

rules that we require the American people to abide by. Our rules are not as strict as many other countries and the majority of Americans follow them. Our laws are not decided by one person solely. This is part of what makes our country great.

Our country is amazing because even when we may disagree on a topic or issue, we can still find ourselves holding hands or holding each other up in times of despair. When we have had major issues of violence or hatred, we have stood together as a nation. When we have found doubt in our neighbor's opinions or felt uneasy about their political sign in their front yard, we would still find ourselves running into their burning home to get them out if the place was on fire.

We are Americans. We can stand together, as a nation, even when we disagree about an issue.

My president does not dictate how I am as a person. I can be caring, giving and kind, even if the president is not. I love people of all sexes, all races and all religions. I love many gay people and believe that they should have equal rights as straight people. I believe that all colors should hold the same rights. I believe that people who rape people should go to jail and that bullies should be stopped. I do not like Donald Trump. I do not want to be his friend or sit beside him at the dinner table. But I did vote for him and I am not ashamed of that. It was a very difficult decision to make.

I hope that my daughter

grows up knowing that she has the same rights as everyone else; that at age 35 if she wants to run for president, she can. The world is full of bickering, hatred and anger and when some people find the country is supporting something other than their own beliefs, the hatred can be worse. There are adults bullying other adults because of an opinion and that is what makes this election sad.

My daughter will grow up to know that the president of the United States is not the person who makes decisions for her. Sometimes you have to stand up for your opinions while also voting against them. It's a crazy world we live in, but it can also be crazy amazing and full of love, if only that is what we cre-

ate.
We can live the next four years full of hatred, spreading cuss words and anger all over social media, telling the world how we disagree with the polls. Or we can stand up and love each other and still be good people. We can stop bullying each other and start loving each other and remember that, whichever human might be living in a big white house in another town than the one I live in, is not changing me as a person. I can still be kind. I can still hold the door open for a stranger. I am not the president and am very glad about that. Raising a 2-year-old is a tough enough job for me.

Sarah Davies of Livonia writes occasionally about the ups and downs of single motherhood.

Life Choices can be a life saver for seniors

I always remind people that age is a privilege, but I do realize that age also brings certain challenges. One of those challenges many people face is how to maintain their independence and deal with the day-to-day challenges we all face.

Obviously, from a financial standpoint, if you have the resources, there is no problem. For the majority of people, though, finances remain a problem. One alterna-



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

tive that many people have chosen is to purchase a long-term care policy. Unfortunately, many people find it is difficult to actually collect benefits under a long-term care policy and that there has been a disturbing trend over the

last few years where many companies have substantially increased their premiums to a point that it became unaffordable. The long-term care issue is one of the more difficult issues I have to contend with. Because there are no easy solutions, it requires people to explore a variety of options. One option I recently became aware of that I believe many people should explore is the relatively new Life

Choices Plan, through the Evangelical Homes of Michigan.

The Life Choices Plan is geared for seniors who want to stay at home and remain independent. Through this program, Life Choices provides clients with services and support to help the senior maintain independence and remain at home. Under this program, clients have a team of experts to assist them in their individual needs.

Not only do they act as a lifestyle coach, but in addition, they also serve as a personal advocate, something that I can attest is much needed. One of the other benefits of this program is the fact that since seniors would have their own team, it dramatically reduces the chance they will be subject to senior abuse.

Seniors who want to stay in their house and maintain their independence face many challenges, including such things as ensuring they are eating and exercising

properly, have reliable transportation to the doctor and are taking their medications as prescribed. The Life Choices Plan addresses these needs and also makes provisions for those who eventually may require assisted living.

I believe the Life Choices Plan is something people should consider. Like everything else, it comes at a cost.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is bloomassetmanagement.com.

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. 2017 at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184. For the calendar year of 2017, those twelve (12) meetings are as follows:

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

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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. 2017 at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184. For the calendar year of 2017, those twelve (12) meetings are as follows:

January 10	February 14	March 14	April 11	May 9
June 13	July 11	August 8	September 12	October 10
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When she goes Christmas shopping, Katelyn Suchoval prefers to spend her money at the small, independent shops like those that line the cozy downtown streets of her hometown, Plymouth.

There, she can find gifts that are more personal.

"They might be a little more pricey," Suchoval said, "but it's worth it in the long run."

Dwayne Johnson, a Detroit resident who works in Plymouth, said he prefers the big department store chains like Kohl's, JCPenney and others that can be found in places such as the Ford Road shopping corridor in Canton.

"I like the big stores, where you have more of a variety — and I like the malls," Johnson said.

With the holiday season revving up, the Observer caught up with shoppers in downtown Plymouth and along the bustling Ford Road shopping district, which has large chain stores that stand out among some of the smaller shops.

Suchoval and her friend Alex McFee, visiting from Chicago, paused to talk in downtown Plymouth. Though McFee lives in a city that has the Magnificent Mile shopping scene, she is drawn to smaller shops.

"You can find more unique, personal items there," she said.

Outside the Ford Road Kohl's store, Canton resident Elaine Schoening said she shops wherever she can find the best deals, which she said tends to be the bigger stores.

"I go wherever the coupons are," she said.

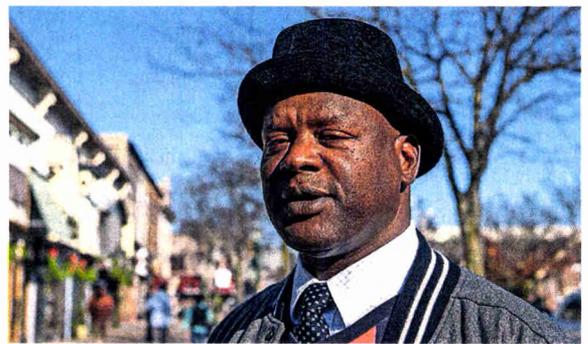
On Wednesday, Schoening had a 20-percent off coupon and a \$10 off coupon ready for her shopping trip.

Heading into the same store, friends Amanda Kouchoukos of Canton and Rebecca Guenther of Saline said they tend to shop at retail chains because they can find better deals. Guenther buys Christmas gifts for 42 people, Kouchoukos for 20.

"I go for the deals," Kouchoukos said. "I tend to find better deals at the bigger



Delynne McFarland of Brighton, shopping in Plymouth.



Dwayne Johnson, who works in Plymouth, prefers bigger stores.



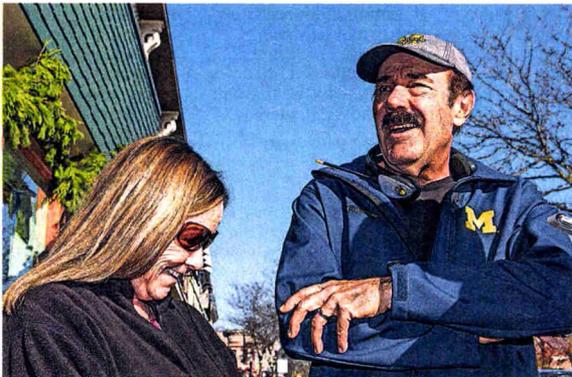
Rebecca Guenther of Saline likes shopping the big chain stores along Ford Road in Canton.



Katelyn Suchoval likes small shops.



Julie Poskie, leaving the Kohl's store in Canton.



Kathy Rambo and Mike Dalessandro in Plymouth.



Longtime Canton resident Elaine Schoening remembers when she had to travel to Plymouth to shop. Not anymore.

stores." Most shoppers said they had finished much of their holiday shopping. Julie Poskie of Canton said she shops both big and small shops, but added, "I do a lot of my shopping online." Back in Plymouth, Delynne

MacFarland of Brighton said she visits small shops to buy items like home decorations, but not so much for Christmas gifts.

"I do most of my shopping at the malls or online," she said, singling out Twelve Oaks mall as a favorite place.

Kathy Rambo and husband Mike Dalessandro of Plymouth said they support small and big stores.

"I have to say I like the big stores like Kohl's," Rambo said, "but I do live in Plymouth, so I want to support Plymouth."

That includes buying candy at Kemnitz, a candy store in business since 1951.

"I buy the chunk chocolate," she said, adding that it makes a good gift.

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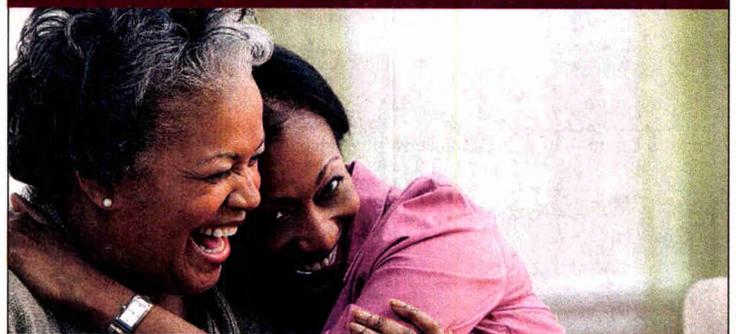
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Wayne police briefs: Man throws rocks at Beaumont hospital

David Veselenak
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Wayne police were called the evening of Nov. 27 on the report of a man throwing rocks in the parking lot at Beaumont Hospital - Wayne, 33155 Annapolis.

When police arrived, they spoke to a security guard, who told them he was patrolling the area near the emergency room entrance when he saw the suspect yelling and throwing rocks in the parking lot.

As the guard approached the man while driving a security vehicle, the man began throwing rocks toward the guard's car, striking it. The guard exited the vehicle and the suspect began throwing rocks directly at him. He stopped once the guard took out his stun gun and ordered him to the ground, where he was detained. Police arrived and arrested him, taking him to the police station for processing.

Damaged fence

An employee at a business in the 3700 block of

Venoy filed a police report the afternoon of Nov. 23 regarding damage to a fence.

A hole was discovered by an employee in the fence near the shipping department.

The employee first noticed two semi-trailer doors were missing and then discovered the hole in the fence. Nothing else appeared taken.

Ammunition taken from vehicle

A resident who lives in the 4900 block of Harding filed a report with police Nov. 22 saying some items had been taken from his vehicle.

He said someone had rummaged through the car while it was parked on the street.

He said someone took a "magazine clip" and a box of empty shell casings from the vehicle. Nothing else appeared missing.

Money taken from account

A Texas resident filed a report with Wayne police Nov. 21, saying someone took money out of their account while at

the Chase Bank at 35011 W. Michigan Ave.

The individual said it appeared someone made a withdrawal from their account for several thousands of dollars. They said money was also taken out from a bank in Romulus as well. They filed a report with their local police department, but were recommended to file one with Wayne police as well.

Car damaged while driving

A motorist who was driving near Venoy and Van Born filed a police report Nov. 21 to report her vehicle had been damaged.

She said she was turning onto Venoy when someone threw an item at her vehicle. She said it came from a dark-colored truck and appeared to be a bottle with something in it. She said the item struck her side mirror and caused some damage to the vehicle.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department.

Westland police seek armed robbery suspect

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Suspect

Westland police are asking the public for help in identifying a man they say robbed a store while implying he had a weapon.

Police say the suspect entered the Family Dollar, located at 1963 S. Wayne, Nov. 27 and gave a cashier a note demanding money. The man implied he had a weapon

during the confrontation, police said. The cashier gave the suspect some money

and the man then left. No one was injured, police said.

The suspect is described as a male in his 40s, standing between

5-foot-8 and 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds and had a mustache. He was wearing a black coat, some tan pants and a white hat at the time of the robbery.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Westland police at 734-722-9600 and reference case No. 16-32367.

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Westland police briefs: Mirrors damaged on vehicle

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A patron at the Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne, reported to Westland police Nov. 30 that their vehicle had been damaged at the restaurant.

The victim told police the car was parked in the south side of the restaurant parking lot. Police observed both side mirrors had been shattered and busted. Police determined that the way the mirrors were damaged, the incident was done in a malicious manner.

Coins taken from vehicle

A resident who lives in the 31000 block of Barrington came into the police station Nov. 30 to report the theft of coins and damage to his vehicle.

He said he parked his vehicle in the driveway of his home several days earlier. When he came out to the car that day, he found the passenger-side door handle damaged and the ignition punched. Several items were missing from the vehicle, including a roll of quarters and a roll of dollar

coins.

Window shot out

Police were called Nov. 29 to Dave's Hobby, 29026 Warren, on the report of a window that had been shot out.

A store employee said someone shot out the window of the business with a pellet gun sometime overnight. When police arrived, they saw four holes in the south window, consistent with what a pellet gun would do.

Car radio stolen

Police were dispatched Dec. 1 to the 2000 block of South Meriman about damage to a vehicle and its radio stolen.

When police arrived, they spoke to the motorist who said she arrived at work that morning and locked her doors. The vehicle was not damaged at the time. Later that day, she came out to her vehicle and found the right middle sliding door window busted and the radio missing from inside the vehicle. She said she did not know who would have done this to her vehicle.

Larceny from auto reported

A resident who lives in the 34100 block of Caspian Court reported to police Nov. 29 that his wallet had been taken from his vehicle.

He told police the wallet was taken from the car earlier that evening. It was in the center console when it was taken. The wallet contained credit cards and a work permit. Police advised the resident to cancel all his credit cards.

Package taken

A resident who lives in the 36900 block of McKinney came into the police station Dec. 1 to report the theft of a package that had been left on her front porch.

She said tracking on the package showed it had been dropped off the evening of Nov. 28 on her front porch. She said she came home later that night and found the package was not on the porch. No suspect information was available.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

Livonia police briefs: Speakers reportedly stolen from Costco

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

An employee at Costco, 13700 Middlebelt, came into the Livonia police station Saturday evening to report a retail fraud of speakers.

The employee said a shopper came in earlier that day and went to a back shelf where he picked up a set of mini-speakers and placed them in a cart. He was then seen leaving the store through a rear door and then got into a vehicle and drove away, eventually getting onto eastbound Interstate 96. The items taken included 10 mini-speakers.

Wheels taken from vehicle

Police were called Saturday morning to a home in the 18900 block of Flamingo on the report

some wheels that had been taken off of a vehicle.

A resident said the vehicle was in the driveway overnight and found it that morning resting on landscaping bricks. Police arrived and tried to examine the vehicle for evidence. Police were attempting to speak to the neighbor, who has cameras on the outside of their home that may have captured something on tape.

Musical instruments missing

A resident who lives in the 19900 block of Sunbury came into the police station Saturday morning to report items had been taken from his vehicle.

The resident said the vehicle was unlocked and parked in the driveway overnight. He came out that day and found sever-

al items, including a flute and an alto saxophone, missing. No damage was done to the vehicle.

Items stolen from store

Police were dispatched Friday afternoon to Target, 29451 Plymouth, on the report of an individual being detained under suspicion of shoplifting.

An employee at the store told police they saw the suspect pushing a cart of merchandise in the store. They then saw her try to leave without paying for it, and stopped her. She told the employees she planned on selling the items to other mothers on Facebook. Police arrived and arrested her, taking her to the police station for processing.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

Center hosts final 'Holocaust by Bullets' Sunday tour

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus will host its final Sunday tour of "Holocaust by Bullets, Yahad-In Unum - 10 Years of Investigations" at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The exhibit runs through Friday, Dec. 30. The special docent-led tour will be followed by a presentation from a Holocaust survivor.

Based on 10 years of research and investigation by the French or-

ganization Yahad-In Unum and its founder, the Rev. Patrick Desbois, the exhibit chronicles the lesser-known side of the Holocaust through eyewitness testimonies, photographs and maps.

Known as "Holocaust by Bullets," the systematic killing of all Jews and Roma started before the creation of concentration camps and took place throughout the former Soviet Union from 1942-44, continuing until the

end of World War II. The form of genocide detailed by the exhibit is unlike any other study of genocidal activity ever conducted and presented.

In "Holocaust by Bullets," which is available in both English and Spanish, visitors follow YIU's identification of the dehumanizing steps that took place almost systematically for every mass killing throughout Eastern Europe. Along with the installation, extended video of eyewitness testimonies is available.

Space for the tour is limited. RSVP to Gail Cohen at 248-553-2400, ext. 110.

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CITY OF WESTLAND 2016 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2016 December Board of Review and will convene in the Westland City Hall at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:
December 13, 2016 @ 9:00 AM

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

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Westland's unsung heroes

Fifty years ago, Rotary International granted Westland a charter and the local service organization, the Rotary Club of Westland, was born. A few weeks ago, they completed another service project with 14 other Rotary Clubs to provide over 60,000 meals for starving people both at home and abroad.

These people are a group of business owners and professionals in Westland that year after year provide scholarships, grants, clothing and food for our area's needy. They bell ring for the Salvation Army and they collaborate with other groups to increase the synergy in our community and raise funds for charity.

Internationally, they have worked with coalitions such as Kids Against Hunger and Shelter Box (set up shelters for disaster relief all over world). Westland Rotary has also helped in the worldwide eradication of polio. This group of do-gooders quietly go about their business without a lot of fanfare. So before this year is over, I wanted to congratulate my fellow Westland Rotarians for 50 years of outstanding service that has helped so many in our community and abroad.

Antoinette Martin
Westland Rotarian

Plymouth Dems Club issues statement

In response to the results of the recent election, the membership

of the Plymouth Democratic Club wants to make known our strong support for the essential American values of "liberty and justice for all." We believe that all individuals in our community have the right to live daily lives that are free from bullying or any other type of intimidation. Therefore, we seek to ensure that our community becomes one that is known for its acceptance, respect, and tolerance. To this end, we want to join hands with other individuals and groups who share our goal of knowing and respecting our neighbors - those who live next door, those who live across town, and those who may just be passing through.

The Plymouth Democratic Club holds meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Plymouth District Library at 223 S. Main Street. The meetings are open to the public.

Plymouth Democratic Club members
Plymouth

Thanks for nothing, Jill Stein

The vote recount in Michigan could cost taxpayers \$5 million and Jill Stein will only have to pay for \$8,000 to \$9,000. She should have her buddy Hillary pay for the balance with all her ill-gotten gain and billionaire funded monies. Some may view Jill as a political Don Quixote fighting for the "Little Guy," but she's no hero in my book for this frivolous side-show.

Liberals are such cry-baby sore losers.

Republicans had to put up with a similar situation in 2000, when Gore had Florida re-examined. Back then, we had protesters at George W's inauguration. This time, we had punks in the streets for several days.

The liberal media is now constantly criticizing Trump. The liberals won't spoil the sweet taste of victory though that Trumpsters feel.

I'd like to end my comments with a view to this most holy time of year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas — yes, even the infernal liberals!

Leo Weber
Livonia

Recount a waste

As a Wayne County commissioner representing Livonia and Northville, I am outraged about the upcoming recount and its cost of this to the taxpayer.

The Secretary of State has predicted that this recount will cost taxpayers more than \$5 million, statewide. There is absolutely no indication there has been voter fraud of any kind. As the former city clerk in Livonia, I can attest to the high integrity of the Michigan voting system. In my opinion, this recount is a political stunt, meant to cause chaos and discord as a newly elected president makes plans to take office in January.

That being said, Wayne County has just been released from a consent agreement with the state of Michigan because of severe financial difficulties and there finally is a budget surplus for the first time in many years.

It has come to my attention that the state of Michigan will only reimburse Wayne County \$125 per precinct to hold this time-consuming recall. The total cost of this will be much more than that for the county. The Wayne County Election Division is not able to report the price of this process at this time, but with over 1,600 precincts, the cost will be significant. This process has been forced upon the state so quickly, there has not been time to even calculate the cost.

The money used for this political stunt could be used for roads, bridges, seniors/veterans services, etc. The Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court need to stop this madness and save our tax money! Where is the outrage from the Democratic Party?

Terry Marecki
Wayne County commissioner
District 9, Livonia

Loepp not a good fellow

As I watched the praise being showered on Daniel J. Loepp, president and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, during the Thanksgiving Day Parade, I couldn't help but wonder if the host and hostess, along with the president of The Parade Co., were aware that Dan Loepp and his paid board of directors have elected to eliminate the defined group health care coverage for the approximate 6,000 BCBSM/BCN retirees. He placed them, at great additional expense to the retirees, in

the individual market, resulting in outrageous premiums.

These retirees, who have given up to 50 years of dedicated and loyal service to the company and who should be spending their Golden Years traveling and spending time with their grandchildren, now have to decide whether to put a roof over their head, food on their table and clothes on their back or pay for their health care and prescriptions.

Some retirees will now have to retain employment in order to pay for their health care and prescriptions. Retirees are asked to bear this burden at a time when Dan Loepp received \$9 million in total compensation, including a \$6 million bonus in 2015.

Health insurance is the product of BCBSM/BCN. The auto companies provide discounts to their retirees on their health care and on their vehicles. The elimination, or reduction, of health care is not a solution, it is merely an excuse. Dan Loepp and his wife, Amy Tattrie, were recently awarded Goodfellows of the Year by the Goodfellows organization. Dan Loepp is no good fellow to the BCBSM/BCN retirees.

Susan Baringer
Canton

Privatizing Medicare bad choice

U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, Rep. Kevin Brady, chairman, Ways and Means Committee, and Rep. Tom Price, chairman, Budget Committee, who is President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for Secretary of

Health and Human Services, are among Republican leaders in the U.S. House who support legislation to privatize Medicare by converting it to a "premium support" system. I urge your newspaper to editorialize against their efforts to change Medicare to a "voucher" plan that will raise the cost of health care for seniors.

Just because the Republican Party has majorities in the House and Senate and the president-elect, it is not a mandate to destroy Medicare with a "voucher" plan to pay outright subsidies to insurance companies who make big contributions to many members of Congress.

In April 2011, the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives passed in a 2012 budget blueprint a proposal to replace traditional Medicare with vouchers. This ignited a firestorm of opposition from Congressional Democrats, America's seniors and the general public.

Back then, an analysis of the proposal by the Congressional Budget Office concluded that turning Medicare over to private insurance plans would result in seniors paying twice as much for their care, would raise administrative costs and would not keep medical inflation as low as traditional Medicare has done.

It is astonishing that after the bashing delivered to Republicans on the "voucher" proposal in 2011 that they would be reviving it again.

Derrick Reynolds
Farmington Hills

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAYNE COUNTY

Holiday craft show

A holiday craft show will take place from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Dec. 8-9 at the Western Wayne Skill Center, 8075 Ritz in Westland. This show will feature products from woodshop and greenhouse, along with an assortment of crafts and holiday decorations. All crafts are handmade by WWSC students. Parking is available in the west parking lot, and patrons can enter the building through door No. 13.

Snow spree

Canton Public Library's Winter Snow Spree is back again this year with more winter cheer. Celebrate family, snow and all things winter from 7-8:30 p.m. Dec. 13. Enjoy visits with a live reindeer, train rides from Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man and much more. Inside the library there will be hot chocolate, video stories, crafts and more for additional fun.

The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, visit www.cantonpl.org or call 734-397-0999.

VAAL shop open now

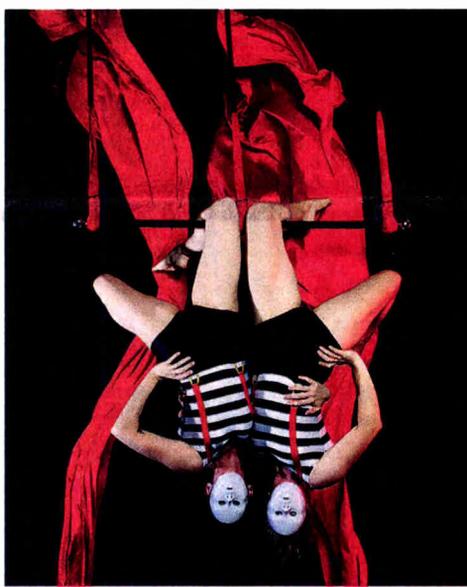
The Visual Arts Association of Livonia's Annual Holiday Shoppe is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Dec. 10. The Holiday Shoppe is in the New Five Village Shopping Center, 37653 File Mile Road, Livonia.

Stop by and shop local artists and craft workers while supporting the Visual Arts Association of Livonia.

This is an opportunity to purchase a truly unique gift, including purses, scarves, wood carved wine-stoppers, coasters, glass works and more.

Christmas Cookie Walk

Timothy Lutheran Church's 10th annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 10, with an early bird starting at 9:30 a.m. with a \$2 admission. The church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia, offers a variety of Christmas cookies and baked goods. Cookies sell



Adagio Acrobatic will perform Dec. 31 at the Village Theatre in Canton.

for \$7.50/pound; other baked goods are individually priced. As a thank you customers, the church will give away two \$25 gift cards.

Ballet performance

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company will perform "The Nutcracker" ballet this weekend in Carli Auditorium at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh in Livonia. The performance will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 10 and again at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 11. Adult tickets at \$15, seniors and students are \$12 and children up to 9 are \$10. Tickets can be purchased by calling Miss Jean's Dance Arts at 248-474-8722.

Three Cities Art Club exhibit

Three Cities Art Club hosts its Call for All Artists exhibition at the Westland Gallery at City Hall, 36300 Warren. Artists have submitted 109 pieces for review. A juror will choose 65 pieces for the exhibit, which features original art and photographs. The exhibit runs through Jan. 31, 2017.

Meet the supervisor

New Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will speak at the Good Morning Plymouth

Community Breakfast set for 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 14600 Sheldon, just north of the M-14 exit ramp. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will host the event. The cost to attend the breakfast is \$13. To RSVP, call 734-453-1540 or contact Mary at admin@plymouthmich.org

Jingle Bells Batman Smells

Barefoot Productions Theatre brings to the stage author Barbara Parks' character Junie B Jones and the holiday spirit in "Jingle Bells Batman Smells." The show is at 7 p.m. Dec. 9-10 and 2 p.m. Dec. 11. The cast is from Livonia, Westland, Canton, Plymouth, Redford and Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at www.justgobarefoot.com or 734-404-6889. Barefoot Productions Theatre is at 240 N. Main St., Plymouth.

Cooking for Peace

The Citizens for Peace will have its annual Veggie Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Unity of Livonia. Tom Progar, board member of Veg Michigan, will share his passion for the vegetarian lifestyle. There will be a silent auction

fundraiser to add to the festivities. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com

Prayer, praise and worship

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites all area Christians to a monthly meeting of prayer, praise and worship at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month in the church, 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

The service will include Eucharistic Adoration, prayer teams, intercessory prayer, as well as confession and Benediction. The Dec. 9 service will mark the debut of the group's new Praise Band and will be followed by fellowship and refreshments. The service is sponsored by St. Michael's Prayer Angels, a group which regularly prays for the needs of the parish, the country and also accepts individual prayer requests. For more information, call the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200.

Canton Christmas Tea

Area residents are invited to the Canton Historical Society's fourth annual Christmas Tea at the Bartlett-Travis House, one of Canton's oldest homes in the Canton community that will be festively decorated for the holidays in circa 1900 Christmas finery. The event will take place starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

Participants can take a step back in time as they enjoy a holiday afternoon tea in the Bartlett-Travis House in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, mini-quiches, sandwiches and desserts.

Musical entertainment will be provided by harpist Laurel Federbush. Tickets are \$25 per person. Seating is limited. Purchase tickets at the Summit on the Park, at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

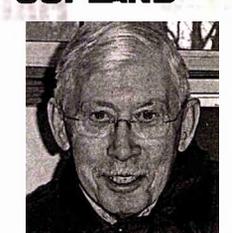
For more information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call Sandy at 734-397-3048.

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COPLAND



JOSEPH "PAT" Age 81, passed away December 2, 2016. He was born on January 2, 1935, in Detroit, Michigan to Arthur and Gladys (Trent) Copland. Pat graduated from Catholic Central High School and married the love of his life, Carol Ann Morgan on September 29, 1956 at Guardian Angels Parish in Clawson, MI. Pat served his country as a Pilot in the Air Force, completed two tours of Vietnam and was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air National Guard. Pat's piloting skills continued at Ford Motor Company where he flew executive aircraft and retired as Chief Pilot. His interests also included serving as a Cub Scouts Master and Life Search leader through his church. He was involved in the Republican Party and the Knights of Columbus as the Grand Knight and District Deputy. Pat and his wife Carol embodied the Pro-Life charism. Pat was a life-long lover of golf, he began caddying at age twelve and played his entire life even teaching his children and grand-children. Most importantly Pat enjoyed spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

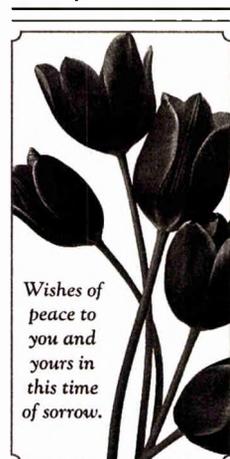
His Family... Pat is survived by his wife; Carol Ann (Morgan) Copland; children, Rick Copland, Carolyn (Cliff) Curtis, Kathie (Michael) Nalepa, Christine Mcdunnough, Patrick (Joanna) Copland, Ann (Robert) Kehm, Mark (Jennifer) Copland; sister, Anna Morgan; 21 grandchildren.

His Farewell... Pat's family and friends will gather 4-8p.m., Monday, December 5, 2016 (7p.m. Scripture Service) at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. His Community Farewell will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at (10a.m. Gathering) 11a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 2201 South Old U.S. 23 Highway, Brighton, MI 48114. Father Dave Howell will serve as celebrant. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to family for future designation. Please leave a message of comfort for Pat's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign his guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.

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KELLEY

LORA ALICE LIVESAY 25 May, 1924 - 03 November, 2016. Lora Alice Livesay Kelley, known to one and all as Alice, passed away peacefully Thursday, 3rd of November, 2016, at the age of 92. Beloved wife of 70 years of Kenneth Edwin Kelley. Mother of Larry Keith Kelley and Kitty Lee Kelley Percival (Richard Allen). Grandmother to Alan Edwin (Alison Marie Prudence), Jesse Robert, Richard Jon (RJ) Percival. Great-grandmother to Liam Ronald and Aaron Alan Percival. Alice was born in Roncervert, West Virginia and lived there until early 1940's, moved to Detroit, Michigan and met and married Kenneth on 20 December, 1945. She had two brothers, Edward and Charles, who predeceased her. Alice had a wonderful life filled with many homes, close family, true friends, and much travel. She and Ken traveled to all contiguous 48 states, Mexico and Canada in their life together. Alice was involved in the PTA, was a Cub Scout leader, a member of the order of Eastern Stars, a member of the Dearborn First United Methodist Church and of the Pleasureville Methodist Church in Kentucky. After she and Ken moved to Kentucky in 1973, she was a dedicated member of the Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, also known as DAR. She was active in the Livesay Historical Society. She enjoyed studying and perusing her genealogical background. Ken drove her hundreds of miles to gather information on family. She was also a dedicated keeper of the family photos albums which she lovingly worked on over the years to help her family keep in touch with their family. She was an avid picture taker. Alice was a good student of the arts. She had a great talent for painting in oil, acrylic and chalk. She passed with family near. A private burial was held in Pleasureville, Kentucky soon after. May she Rest in Peace.





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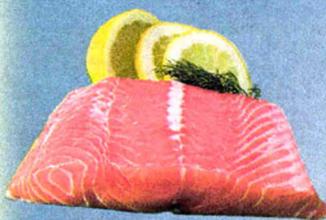
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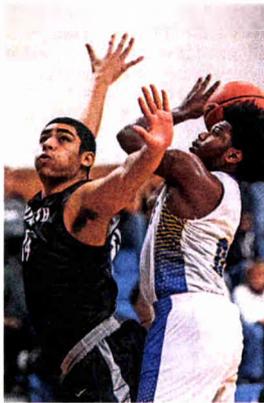
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BOYS BASKETBALL

RIDING THE HOT HAND



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Battling under the basket Monday are Plymouth's Tariq Woody (left) and Redford Union's Eric McCarter.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Left all alone under the Plymouth basket Monday is Redford Union's Amir Huston. He was outstanding, with 19 points.

Redford Union nips Wildcats thanks to plenty of defense, just enough offense

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

There were long stretches of Monday night's varsity boys basketball game when points were scarce, even from short range.

Both Plymouth and host Redford Union battled all night to find the range from around the basket in a non-conference contest that opened the season for both teams.

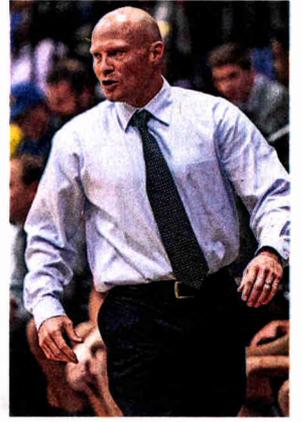
But RU junior guard Amir Huston didn't have any trouble hitting the mark from longer distances — draining five 3-balls en route to 19 points Panthers eked out a 48-45 victory.

"It's good to finally beat them," Panthers head coach Randall Taylor said. "This is my fifth year as head coach and this is my first time beating them."

"I wouldn't say they had the better team every year, but they had the team that made the least amount of mistakes. Today was a good time to get a win and get that chip off our shoulder and get that done."

Taylor and Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup — both longtime friends and former colleagues on the staff of former RU basketball coach Brett Steele during the 2000s — schedule the matchup each

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Whenever Plymouth's Mike Soukup coaches a high school basketball game, he is very active and vocal — traits he picked up while part of former Redford Union coach Brett Steele's staff during the 2000s.

BASKETBALL FRIENDSHIPS

It's good to see you again

Plymouth coach Mike Soukup always enjoys chance to catch up with Redford Union pals

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Back in the day, Mike Soukup spent a lot of time in Redford Union's gymnasium.

He was back where he once belonged Monday night as his Plymouth Wildcats visited the place where he cut his coaching teeth a decade or so ago.

Also at RU for the Plymouth game against the Panthers was Mike's dad, Joseph Soukup — who also was a basketball coach there — and a lot of other familiar faces.

"It's always nice to see some old faces in the gym, and some old friends," Mike Soukup said. "You lose touch with people but it's nice to see them all back in the same place."

During the 2000s, Soukup coached the Panthers' junior varsity boys basketball team and watched intently as Brett Steele patrolled the sidelines — watching, moving and constantly communicating with his players.

Soukup now coaches the Plymouth Wildcats and has picked up some of Steele's hard-nosed traits. He crouches, cajoles, encourages and parades along the sidelines.

When players surrounded him during a timeout, it was a teachable moment. The basketball court is his classroom.

After games, like Steele often was, Soukup is somewhat raspy.

Plymouth lost 48-45, unable to hit the last-second triple that would have sent the non-conference game into overtime.

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BOYS WRESTLING PREVIEW - PART 1

Rockets refueling for another big year

Westland John Glenn lineup features depth, talent, Palace hopefuls

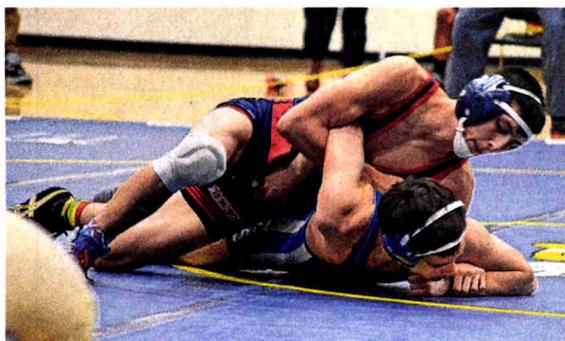
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The sky's the limit for these Rockets, with a strong cast of wrestlers returning from last season's team and individual success.

Veteran Westland John Glenn coach Bill Polk knows he has a pretty good group to start with.

"We have a large group of wrestlers that have put a ton of time in to become All-State wrestlers," said Polk, whose 2015-16 team went 24-4 overall and won the KLAAs South Division and Kensington Conference championships. "They are committed to becoming part of the elite."

"The guys that are not yet All-State are looking to get on



SUBMITTED
Junior Anthony Gibson (top), shown from last season, is one of Westland John Glenn's co-captains.

the podium. The wrestlers that were on the podium are looking to move up to the top step."

And then you factor in all the potential that is being brought to the squad by varsity newcomers.

"As of now we have over 50

wrestlers on the team so we are still working out the depth chart," Polk said. "Our freshman are challenging more experienced guys every day. We are excited for the possi-

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BOYS WRESTLING PREVIEW - PART 1

Top veterans to carry load for Spartans, Patriots

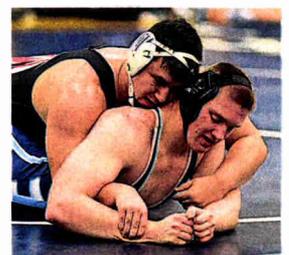
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The heavy lifting is about to begin for Livonia Stevenson's varsity boys wrestling team, and that's fine with head coach Dan Vaughan.

"Our team goal is to get better with every practice, run, lift or competition," said Vaughan, whose team was set to open Wednesday at the Livonia City Meet (5:30 p.m. Wednesday at Stevenson), with Livonia Churchill and Livonia Franklin also competing.

Vaughan already knows he has a handful of seniors who won't have any trouble handling their fair share.

Senior co-captains Devlen Kuschel, Tarik Alcodray and Parker Nowak will spearhead the squad.



TOM BEAUDOIN
Livonia Stevenson's Devlen Kuschel (bottom) competes last season. He is one of three senior co-captains for the Spartans

Kuschel (285) is a four-year starter who was hindered by injuries last season.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Ladywood rally falls short vs. Ike

Garden City, Plymouth take it on the chin

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Livonia Ladywood's rally came up short Saturday afternoon as Utica Eisenhower held on for a 45-38 girls basketball victory over the Blazers at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

Maggie Shirk scored 10 points in a losing cause as the Blazers fell to 0-3 overall. Abbey Reppen added eight points and nine rebounds, while

Brianne Rogers also contributed eight points.

Malynn Kosnik scored a game-high 11 points for the victorious Eagles (1-0), who led 27-13 at halftime.

"I'm really proud of the energy and effort our girls displayed today," Ladywood coach Sam Lamb said. "We were down as many as 20 in the second quarter, battled back and had the deficit down to three in the fourth. It has been a grueling week with three

games against really tough opponents, but we explained to the girls that we are getting better each time out and this will help us when we start league play next week."

GC falls, 50-40

Despite 15 points from Aleeah Montgomery and a 14-point, six-steal night by Britany Radtke, Garden City dropped a 50-40 decision Monday to Ann Arbor Huron.

Chipping in with six points for the Cougars (0-3) was Hayley Hewer. Ava DiMilia led the victors

with 21 points.

Garden City trailed 28-20 at halftime and could not rally, largely due foul trouble. Huron players sank 20 of 34 free throws; the Cougars only made seven of 12 attempts from the charity stripe.

Plymouth edged

Host Plymouth dropped to 0-2 with Monday's 38-37 defeat to Allen Park. Scoring 14 points for the Wildcats was Alexa Ebeling, including four treys.

Adding nine points was Chantal LeDoux.

"I was proud of our effort in

the second half," Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said. "We dug ourselves in a hole but found a way to take the lead with 18 seconds left.

"Details matter in a game like this and unfortunately, we came up short."

Senior captain Mikayla Rose said the Wildcats demonstrated their "true colors because we were down the whole game and were able to come back. ...

Allen Park made the shots they needed to make. They were a tough team to play against."

Staff writer Tim Smith contributed to this report.



Plymouth varsity boys basketball coach Mike Soukup talks to players during a timeout Monday night at Redford Union.

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HOOPS

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season. RU is a Class B school, while the Wildcats are in Class A.

"We left a lot of points on the board tonight, I'm sure, whether free throws or missed layups," Soukup said. "We had a lot of opportunities and just didn't get it done. You can't miss six, seven, eight layups.

"Guys are still figuring out what they need to do and how hard they need to play."

Other standouts for the Panthers (1-0) included senior forward Jacob Gagnon (10 points, 10 rebounds), junior forward Marcus Evans (10 rebounds in a constant battle with Plymouth 6-9 junior forward Tariq Woody) and junior forward Christian Montgomery (timely defense).

Cool customer

Huston was a catalyst for Taylor's team, sending a jolt through the packed gym with a trey from the left corner as the third quarter expired, to give the Panthers a 30-28 edge.

It didn't matter that he was falling into the bleachers as his rainbow shot swished through the basket.

"I was out there ready for the shot and I happened to knock it down," said Huston, not bothered by having a defender's hand in his face as he launched the shot. "I was very focused on that. He (Plymouth player) came out there kind of late, but that's why I just (elevated) and knocked it down."

He followed the script early in the fourth, scoring another 3-ball, putting RU up 33-28.

The Panthers never trailed the rest of the way, although the Wildcats made a late, unsuccessful bid to force overtime.

After falling behind 40-30 with five minutes to go, Plymouth chipped away to get close.

Getting the rally started with two buckets and two free throws was Woody (outstanding with 21 points and 10 rebounds). Contributing a field goal was junior Zach Beadle and junior Anthony Crump (seven points, seven boards) hit a free throw.

For the Wildcats and Soukup, coaching in his old gym, there was a bit of energy generated when junior Joey Robb (six points, five rebounds) sank

a trey from the left corner. Suddenly, it was 45-43.

Both teams swapped free throws, and the Wildcats got the ball back down 48-45 with 20 seconds to work with.

Soukup didn't like how the last-ditch play was unfolding, so he called a timeout with 5.5 seconds remaining.

When push came to shove, however, Crump's closely contested shot from beyond the top of the arc caromed off the rim to clinch the win for RU.

"We were looking to get a quality shot and we didn't do that," Soukup said.

The eighth-year Plymouth coach said his team was undone by the inability to score layups at one end and rebound at the other end.

RU tallied 13 offensive boards and turned many of those extra chances into points.

Sparkplug for RU

According to Taylor, the sharp shooting of Huston helped his team overcome similar issues.

"We struggled to shoot the ball in the first half," Taylor said. "I know Amir Huston came in off the bench and hit two big threes in the first half, which carried us. He also did the same thing in the third quarter.

"We were able to pick it up in the second half ... got two steals to start the third quarter which led to baskets for us. That was good."

Plymouth took a 25-19 halftime lead, following a dominant stretch by Woody. He scored 10 points during the second quarter, when the Wildcats enjoyed a 17-7 advantage.

But the Panthers turned the tables to open the second half, with Gagnon burying a triple. A steal and layup by junior guard Malik Atkins followed and RU was within a point.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats could not score in the third until a putback by Woody with just 1:08 to go. That briefly gave Plymouth a 28-27 lead.

It didn't last long, not with 20 seconds left, RU with possession and Huston ready and waiting.

Senior guard Eric McCarter brought the ball all the way up the floor, dribbled into the lane and kicked the ball out to Huston in the corner.

He did the rest.

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REUNION

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Still in the game

After players and coaches from both teams exchanged handshakes, Soukup wiped beads of sweat from his forehead. Thoughts briefly turned to the past.

"My dad coached here, I hooked up with Steele because of him," Mike Soukup noted. "A long time ago, a lot of stories away."

Win or lose, there's no other place he'd rather be than coaching a basketball team. Unless he was still playing the game.

Soukup actually was a Redford Thurston Eagle, his dad whispered before the contest. But no matter, because basketball's all good.

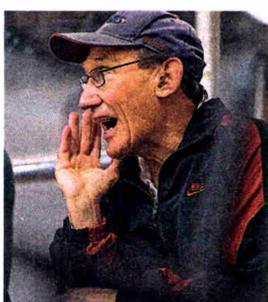
"When he graduated high school he was looking to stay with the sport because he likes it so much," Joseph Soukup said. "So I suggested to him, to stay with it you can walk on at Madonna (University)."

"Or I'll call up and apply for the girls basketball job (at Hilbert Middle School in the RU district), you come and be my assistant and you can play rec ball a couple days a week and still have your hand in the game. That's how it all started."

Monday night, the elder Soukup watched from one end of the floor in the first half and then moved up into the stands to sit with some Plymouth spectators.

During the third quarter, Joseph Soukup smiled and said "a good play's a good play" when asked if he was rooting for both teams.

"That's my father, he's a good man," said Mike Soukup later, told of his dad's com-



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Chiming in from the stands Monday night is Joseph Soukup, a former teacher and basketball coach in the Redford Union district. He was at RU to watch Plymouth, coached by his son Mike, face the Panthers.

ment from the stands. "I love him."

Coaching tree

Glad to see the homecoming was Panthers head coach Randall Taylor, who also coached with Mike Soukup during Steele's tenure before Soukup left for Plymouth in 2009.

"When I came back from college he was an assistant here and we were on the same staff for a little bit," said Taylor, a 2002 RU grad. "When I was coaching freshmen he was on JV and then he went over to Plymouth. We both coached under Coach Steele at the time."

Veteran Redford Union football coach Miles Tomasaitis, who also is athletic supervisor at the school, said it's a nice, friendly rivalry between the Panthers and Wildcats that he would like to see continue. The teams now play at the beginning of each season, taking turns hosting the game.

"Mike does a quality job with his kids, we like to see him come back," Tomasaitis said. "Mike's dad obviously taught in the school district forever. He was a gym teacher at Hilbert, so I've known the family for quite a long time.

"It's a good mix, he always has a good team, good competition, we know they're going to play hard and play fair."

Tomasaitis added that Soukup and Taylor bring slightly different approaches to in-game coaching despite emerging from Steele's old staff.

"(Soukup's) very intense," Tomasaitis noted. "Randall obviously was a different change for us. Although he (Taylor) is very intense he's not as vocal as Brett was.

"It's interesting to see two coaches coming from the same coaching tree as it were and how they applied the lessons that they learned coaching their own teams now."

Going to work

Defense and more defense were hallmarks from the Steele era, and it's no surprise that Soukup and Taylor also adhere to the lunch-bucket approach.

"It always comes down to hard work, commitment and willingness to do the little things, dive for balls and get on the floor and play defense," Tomasaitis stressed.

Before the game, Joseph Soukup said maintaining friendships is another aspect of his son's basketball passion.

"He's remained friends with Coach Taylor through all these years, it's all a little basketball clique that stays together," Joseph Soukup said. "I think it's nice that he comes back and sees Randall, they're both quality guys and they like things done the same way.

"So yeah, I think it's a real good deal."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Redford Union forward Marcus Evans (right) looks to get around Plymouth defender Robert Florence.

BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW - PART 2

Solid nucleus key to Rockets' hopes

Westland John Glenn boys cagers to lean on returnees during 2016-17

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Westland John Glenn's varsity boys basketball team will go to the post every time out this season with the intention of making an impact in the KLA South Division.

That's the plan, according to Rockets' third-year head coach Rod Watts (whose team went 12-10 overall and 6-4 in the division in 2015-16).

"Our team is looking to improve on our performance from last year," Watts said. "We want to be more effective and proficient with our offensive possessions."

"Though we lost some length from last year, our defense is the area where we must leave our thumb print."

Six returning varsity players will be instrumental in whether John Glenn can make a push to the top of the standings.

Four of those six were

starters last year, including 6-6 senior Daijon Parker, 6-2 senior Christian Agnew, 5-10 senior Kijuan Chandler-Daniels and 6-0 sophomore Joe Moon IV.

Another senior, 6-4 Roq Williams, is certain to see plenty of playing time.

"As these six players go, so goes our team," he said. "Our seniors have played together for a long time and they will show good team chemistry and leadership as they bring our young guys along."

Watts also has a group of underclassmen that could make their mark at some point during the season.

Those include juniors Frankie Braxton (6-2), Ja-Mall Stewart (6-4), sophomores Donovan Long-Johnson (6-4) and Elijah White (6-2).

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One of Westland John Glenn's top returnees is Daijon Parker, shown from a 2015-16 game.

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Eagles, Cougars off to good starts

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Opening night was good for Western Wayne Athletic Conference boys basketball teams Redford Thurston and Garden City.

The Eagles kicked off the 2016-17 season with Tuesday's 84-45 victory at Taylor Prep.

Malik Hill, Demetrius Dowd and Dequan Gadson each chipped in with 10 points for the victorious Eagles, who led 47-22 at halftime and 72-39 after three quarters.

Jovan Wright and Terry McCain III paced the host Tigers with 18 and 16 points, respectively.

"I'm really proud of the kids because we played hard at both ends of the floor tonight," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "We ran our offense and got after it on defense. It was a good opening game for us."

» Also enjoying a win in Game 1 were the host Cou-

gars, rolling to a 64-56 win over Ann Arbor Huron. Garden City got off to a 17-9 lead after one frame and hung tight during the middle frames before pulling away with a 20-14 fourth.

Eian Castonguay (16 points), Jacob Sadowski (14 points), nine rebounds), Emad Rehman (12 points) and Cameron Walter (11 points) had strong nights for the Cougars.

"Led most of the way, held off a scrappy Huron team," Garden City coach Rick Morton said. "We made some plays down the stretch to pull away. The team made some plays when they had to."

Chargers fall short

Livonia Churchill dropped a 69-55 decision to Dearborn on Tuesday night, despite 16 points from Trajan Stinson and 13 points from Evan Cummins.

Dearborn went up 17-7 after one, but the Chargers got to within 25-22 at halftime.

Unfortunately, the Pioneers pulled away again in the third, with Shane Moran (18 points) leading the way.

"It was a tough-fought game where both teams played incredibly hard," Churchill coach James McCulloh said. "We got the lead down to seven but just weren't able to get it any closer in the second half."

Churchill visits Garden City at 7 p.m. Thursday.

ZEBRAS EARN STRIPES: Keion Epps, Travez Nyk, Rashad Williams and Terrence Williams each scored 13 points Tuesday as host Wayne Memorial defeated Detroit Comestone 64-59 in the opening game of the season.

Comestone's Jamal Cain scored 23 points. "I thought our team came back from adversity," Zebra coach Nkwane Young said. "We played tough defense, played as a team and won the game."

WARRIORS WIN OPENER: Lutheran Westland's Zach Burk scored 25 points and pulled down 13 rebounds Tuesday to spark the Warriors to a 78-59 win over Canton Prep in the season opener.

Also having strong nights were seniors Luke Smith (14 points, 15 boards), Kyle Farley (nine points) and Kory Banko (eight points, 10 assists).

Will Lyles and Yosin Muhammed scored 14 and 12 points, respectively for Canton Prep.

"It was good to start the season on the winning end," Warriors head coach Jim Hoelt said. "We seized momentum right away in this one."

Staff writer Brad Emons contributed to this report.

PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

After lopsided loss, Pats nip Milford

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KLA South Division varsity boys hockey action ran the gauntlet from Saturday night blowouts to Monday's nailbiter — the latter a big 3-2 win by Livonia Franklin over Milford and former Patriots coach Dave Gagnon.

Saturday night's twinbill at Arctic Edge in Canton featured back-to-back routs. Plymouth rolled to a 7-0 victory over Livonia Franklin and Canton took a 10-1 shellacking at the hands of Livonia Churchill.

Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said the win was notable for his team because sophomore goalie Josh Montroy made 15 saves to record a shutout in his first high school game.

Scoring two goals and adding two assists was junior forward Jack Chumley, while junior forward Tim Baldwin recorded a goal and four helpers. Other Plymouth contributions were turned in by senior forward Nick Yankee (goal, two assists), junior forward Jacob Back (first high school goal), junior forward Josh Weber (goal, assist) and sophomore defenseman Adam Rebecca (first high school goal, two assists).

The bright spot for the Patriots was the play of sophomore goalie Will Augustine, who turned aside 57 of 62 shots.

"We saw something tonight that many would not glare on," Franklin head coach Dan Phelps said. "We played and competed with a highly skilled Wildcat team for almost the entire first period and throughout good portions of the second and third. That is progress for us."

"Our boys are moving in the right direction. As time progresses, it will be our goal to compete consistently for three periods, which when combined with discipline and work ethic, that can give any team a chance to win."

Churchill wins big

Also enjoying a big offensive night Saturday were the Chargers, who spotted host Canton an early goal (by Hugo Fonovic, from Matt Eastman at 3:26) and then scored 10

unanswered.

By the end of the first period, Churchill (3-1, 1-0) led 4-1 after goals by Matt Gibboney, John Doyle (power play), Jordan Venegoni and Dane Allen.

The onslaught intensified in the second with seven pucks eluding the Chiefs' goalie. Doyle assisted on five of those goals, and ended up with six helpers for the night.

Tyler Haydu's shorthanded tally made it 5-1 and subsequent goals were notched by Zack Vendittelli, Joe Wozniak (power play), Vaughn Kendall (two goals), Josh Friend (power play) and Haydu again.

Even though the Chargers clearly were in command, head coach Jason Reynolds saw some things his team needs to address.

"I wasn't happy with the first-period effort," Reynolds said. "We have to continue to focus on dictating the pace of play, game in and game out. I was happy to see that we finished with a stronger effort, but we need to find some consistency in our approach."

"Our schedule will continue to get more challenging as the season rolls on, so now is the time to build those strong habits."

Canton dropped to 1-3 overall and 0-2 in the division.

Franklin prevails

The Patriots faced Milford and former Franklin coach Dave Gagnon on Monday and came away with an impressive 3-2 victory.

Scoring the game winning goal with about 11 minutes to go was Kody Dewhirst, cashing in on the power play. It was Dewhirst's second of the night.

Also scoring for the Patriots was Dakota Keaton, who made it 2-2 in the third less than a minute after Milford went up a goal.

Nick Anderson and Trevor Van Vliet drew assists on Dewhirst's first goal.

"We started just a little quicker, played defensively just a little better, and competed more consistently in all three periods," Phelps said. "Great win for our guys on a total team effort start to finish."

SALEM 2, NOVI 2: On Saturday at Western Michigan University, Salem and Novi played to a 2-2 tie.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Spartans can't rally against Howell

A rough first quarter turned out to be too much for Livonia Stevenson's varsity girls basketball team to overcome Tuesday against defending KLA co-champion Howell, with the Spartans dropping a 60-36 decision.

Stevenson fell behind 26-4 after one stanza and 36-14 at halftime. A strong third quarter, where the Spartans (1-1) outscored the Highlanders 12-10, was a highlight for head coach Karen Anger.

"We took a punch in the first quarter and couldn't get ourselves over the hump," Anger said. "We'd come within 14 and then they would hit a little run. The first quarter is the only quarter that hurt us. Otherwise, that would have been a very close game."

Scoring 12 points for Stevenson (on four treys) was junior guard Sarah Tanderys, while senior Kelly Newman grabbed seven rebounds. Grace Lamerson had six points, five boards, five blocks, four assists and four steals.

Leah Weslock and Alexis

Miller led Howell with 17 and 15 points, respectively.

"I scheduled this game on purpose because they were league champs and I wanted to test us before hitting our side of the KLA," Anger said. "I'd say we did an amazing job."

Tough start for Rockets

Also Tuesday, Westland John Glenn dropped a 53-43 decision to Ann Arbor Skyline despite 15 points from Sharon Woodard and 12 from Jasmine Edwards.

The Rockets fell behind 15-9 after one quarter and were not able to make up the deficit.

"We got in early foul trouble which forced Carley Lovine to sit most of the first half," John Glenn head coach Derrick Jordan said. "... We were in a hole the rest of the night. We have to continue to work on taking care of the ball and playing better defense."

Warriors hold on

Lutheran Westland earned a 47-39 win Tuesday against Canton Prep, despite being outscored 17-9 in the fourth.

Top scorers for the Warriors were Rachel Reddeman (11 points, 14 rebounds) and Taylor Jones (11 points), while Emma Johnson added 10 points and 12 boards.

THURSTON ROMPS: Sophomore Naudia Jackson tallied a game-high 10 points as Redford Thurston (2-1) rolled to a 45-15 non-league win Tuesday at Taylor Prep (1-2).

Senior Bailey Porter added eight points, while senior Gillian Drake and sophomore Tristen Wesenberg added six each for the victorious Eagles.

Karissa Lee paced the Tigers with seven points. Thurston returns to action at 7 p.m. Friday at home with a non-league game against Hazel Park.

BLAZERS WIN FIRST: Maggie Shirk led a balanced attack with nine points Tuesday as host Livonia Ladywood (1-3) picked up its first victory of the season with a 42-27 triumph over host Grosse Ile (0-2).

The Blazers, who led 18-7 at halftime and 26-14 after three quarters, also got seven points and 12 rebounds from Abbey Reppen along with seven points and 10 rebounds from Kate Roney.

PANTHERS LOSE: Lizzy Truck scored 20 points as Wixom St. Catherine of Siena (2-1) earned a 52-46 non-league victory Tuesday at Redford Union.

Gabby Green added eight points for the Siena Stars, who led 28-27 at halftime and 38-34 after three quarters.

Sisters Johnnae and Johnna Steel scored 20 and 16 points, respectively, for the Panthers, who made only 11-of-27 free throws (40.7 percent).

"We played a really good team tonight who has beat us the last couple of years by 20-plus points," RU coach Scott Purdy said. "We made a couple of mistakes down the stretch that led to some turnovers and missed five open layups in the last three minutes that changed the game."

Staff writers Tim Smith and Brad Emons contributed to this report.

BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

RU tankers fourth at Charger Relays

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Redford Union turned in some encouraging results on Saturday as it opened the boys swimming and diving season by finishing fourth in the Dearborn Heights Crestwood Relays.

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard captured the team title with 114 points, while Dearborn Fordson and Allen Park Cabrini finished second and third with 90 and 82, respectively.

RU placed fourth with 62, one place better than the previous year. Host Crestwood (42), Garden City (36) and Redford

Thurston (18) rounded out seven-school field.

"We had a good swim," RU assistant coach Miles Tomasaitis said. "We had some kids who had never swam a meet before and they exceeded expectations. We went into the meet with 18 swimmers and were able to come away with some

medals against teams with 40-plus kids. Every swimmer improved on their time as well as improving on finishing their races."

The Panthers' 200-yard breaststroke relay team of Raymond Samuel, Stuart DiDonato, Brad Marx and Jackson Allison placed runner-up, while the 400 individual medley foursome of Allison, Jamison Ortiz, Xavier Walters, Stuart DiDonato also added a second.

Meanwhile, RU's 200 freestyle relay quartet of Samuel, Ben Scanlon, Allison and Bryan Bertagnolli contributed a third placed as well as the 400 freestyle relay team of Ortiz, Mac Keyandwy, DiDonato and Bertagnolli.

RU returns to action at 6 p.m. Thursday in a Western Wayne Athletic Conference dual meet at Dearborn Heights Annapolis.

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BOYS BOWLING

John Glenn wins Early Bird tourney

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The Westland John Glenn varsity boys bowling team is very comfortable at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills, especially when competing at the Early Bird Tournament. On Saturday, the Rockets won that tourney for the second year in a row, with a total of 4,120 pins. In second place with 4,042 pins was Oxford. Kyle McCarthy was the late catalyst for coach Ron Staples team as he ran the table in the 10th frame to help John Glenn overcome Oxford. "As a team we feel confident to match up with anybody but in bowling you must get some breaks and make your spares," Staples said. "Oxford took the lead on us when we missed couple of easy spares. "We had a big tenth frame,

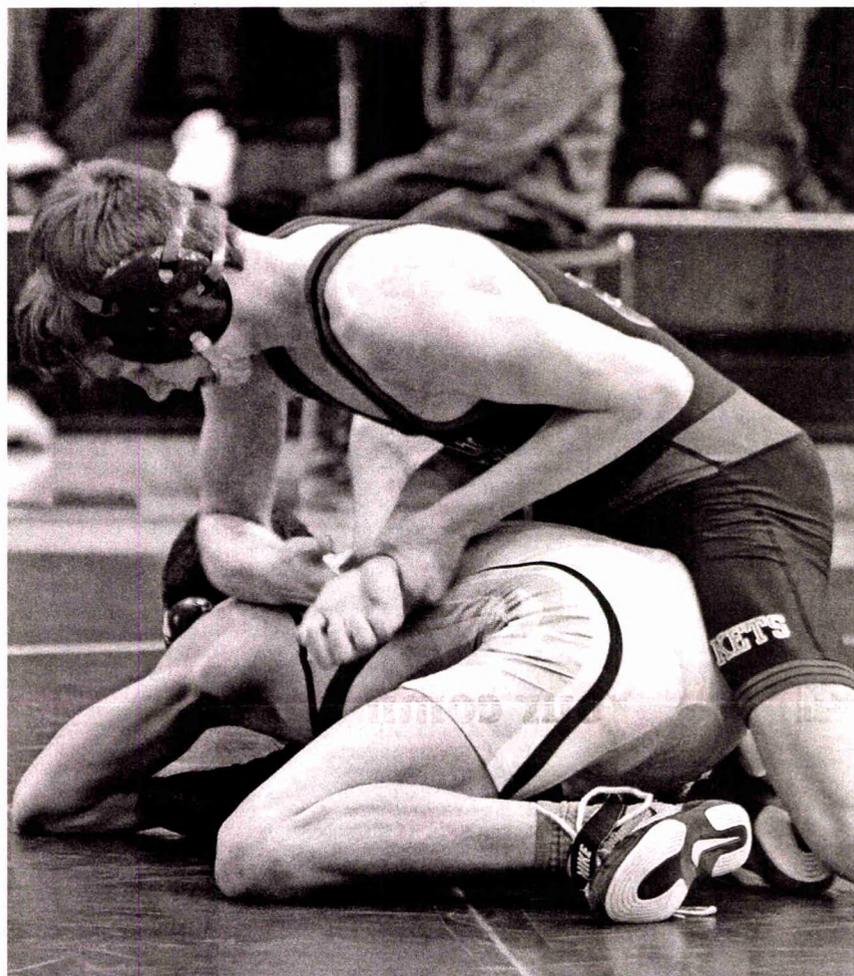
Kyle McCarthy stuck out in the 10th frame and ended with six in a row." Also enjoying a standout tournament was Michael Puzutti, with a two-game series of 502 and a tourney-best game of 279. Meanwhile, freshman Kenny Raynes tallied a 266, tied for the third-best game of the day. McCarthy, Puzutti and Raynes were joined by varsity teammates Tyler Brown, Matt Easa, Zack Grady and Jared Stevens. "The conditions were oiled in a house pattern but when we get to this years oil pattern scores will go down and spares will be key to our success," said Staples, adding that the KLAA South Division this season will be "tough from top to bottom."

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Westland John Glenn's varsity boys bowling team celebrates after winning Saturday's Early Bird Tournament at Drakeshire Lanes.

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Westland John Glenn junior Mikey Mars (right), a returning state champion, is a Rockets co-captain.

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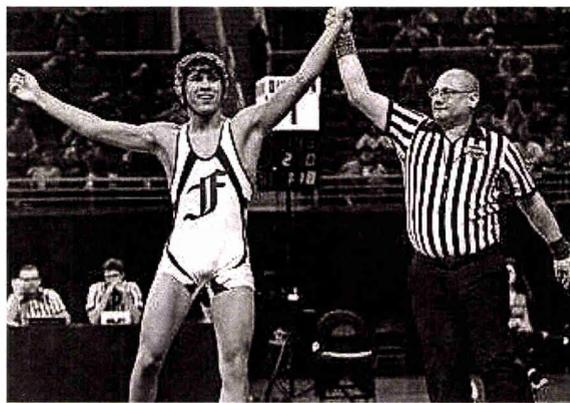
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bilities with out team." Wednesday's scheduled season opener at the Linden quad might help Polk streamline his lineup a bit. But he is confident that whoever he turns to will be ready to grind and succeed. "Our goals are always to win the division, conference, association, district, regional, and ultimately the team state ever year," Polk said. "This year we feel we have a very good chance to accomplish all of these goals." The Rockets will have a strong group of veteran lead-

ers who have been there and done that. Co-captains include seniors John Siemasz (runner-up at 135 last year), Genaro Acerrano and juniors Mike Mars (a two-time state champion) and state qualifier Anthony Gibson. Siemasz is moving up to the 145 or 152 weight classes, while Mars will move up from 112 to either 119 or 125. Gibson is slotted to go in the 135-140 range, up from 125 last season. John Glenn's lineup is deep, with senior Kyle Borthwell (fourth at 103) set to compete at 112 or 119 and senior Isaac Lefler jumping to 125/130 from 112 — where he placed eighth at states in 2015-16.

Acerrano, meanwhile, as well as senior JaWuan Peete "fell just short (of making the state tournament) last year so we look for big things from both of them." Polk is pointing to some others as more than ready to battle for points and the chance to shine in the postseason. He cited varsity returnees such as sophomore Caleb Meekins (a regional qualifier), Cole Bagwell, Brandon McCollum, Dylan Weis, Brenten Polk, Chase Kerstin, George Schwemle and Brandon Careathers. Also looking strong in the preseason are freshmen Shawn Brown and Lional Cornish.



Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza celebrates his individual state championship last season at the Palace. He will look to spark the Patriots in 2016-17.

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"He is 100 percent and is coming off a very good football season where he was a starter on the offensive and defensive lines," Vaughan said about Kuschel. Back at 140 is two-time regional qualifier and fourth-year starter Alcodray while Nowak (215) is looking to build off an all-conference break-out junior season. "These guys put in a lot off time in the weight room during the off-season and competed in multiple events," Vaughan said. Other seniors looking to make some noise include Dante Lamb (171) and Erick Williams (189). Top junior returnees are Ryan Baldwin and Collin Bowersox, at 135 and 152, respectively. Also back are six sophomores, who helped the cause as freshmen. That group includes Jared Wilkinson (160), Mitchell Plucinski (145), Tyler Whiteside (189/215), James Snapp (145), Evan Bowen (152) and Logan Schoppert (119). Meanwhile, Vaughan is looking forward to what a large class of ninth-graders can bring to the mix. "It's the largest group I've had over the past five or six years and many have wrestled in MYWAY (Michigan Youth Wrestling Association)," he said. "Some of the athletes looking to jump right in and be impact newcomers are Anthony Gazzarato (103), Griffin

Brown (112), Brandon Garcia (112), Jacob Jackson (125), Max Davidek (130) and Owen Atienza (145)." Following the Livonia City Meet, the Spartans will take part in Saturday's Farmington Harrison Tournament. **Livonia Franklin** Led by returning state champion Nathan Atienza — who went 58-0 last season — the Patriots will look to contend in the KLAA South Division. But with the team hit by graduations, it remains to be seen whether Franklin can replicate last year's success (16-10 overall, 6-3 in the KLAA; district champions). But head coach David Chiola is optimistic about the Patriots' chances. "We expect to be better this year, even though we are pretty young," Chiola said. "We only have seven upperclassmen of the 32 wrestlers on the team. "The young guys are going to get plenty of experience and there will be a lot of competition for starting spots. "I expect we will be quite a bit better at the end of the season than we will be at the start of the season." Having Atienza back is a plus. He will be co-captain along with returning starter Johnny DiPonio, who recorded a 26-9 mark a season ago. Other returning starters include Marino DiPonio (24-22), Evan Jaynes (22-13), Mannee Willee (27-14) and Howie Whitaker (25-19). tsmith@hometownlife.com Twitter: @TimSmith_Sports

PREP ATHLETICS

Inquiry put out to schools to join 14-team KLAA

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After the defection of 10 schools earlier this fall, the remaining 14 high schools from the Kensington Lakes Activities Association are open to the idea of adding new members. Current KLAA president Keith McDonald, Livonia Churchill High principal, said an effort is underway to explore and possibly increase the number of schools in the KLAA for the 2018-19 school year. Applications from interested high schools will be accepted through Dec. 15 by the KLAA, which was formed in 2008-09 when the Western Lakes Activ-

ities Association and Kensington Valley Conference merged. "I think it makes more sense to have an even number, whatever that number is, but in an even number of schools makes scheduling a lot easier with divisions, crossovers and everything else," McDonald said. The criteria the KLAA will consider for potential applicants include enrollment, geography, number of athletic and activity offerings, quality of athletic programs and quality and quantity of facilities. In 2017-18, the KLAA will shrink from 24 schools to 14, with the remaining schools being Churchill, Livonia Frank-

lin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Brighton, Howell, Hartland and Grand Blanc. The invitation to join the KLAA for the 2018-19 school year was put in motion when nine KLAA members bolted to form their own league, which is expected to be named this month. The schools pulling out were Milford, Lakeland, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Mott and Waterford Kettering. The 10th school to leave the KLAA, Pinckney, has been

accepted join the 12-school Southeastern Conference in 2017-18. "We put it out there," McDonald said. "People talk and I don't know if there's active recruiting of teams. If a team wants to come, they'll come or at least apply. I don't think it's necessarily in our best interest to raid three or four schools from a different league and create a problem for that league. If there are schools that want to come and there are conversations, we'll be happy to have conversations with them." McDonald said an ideal number going forward would be 16 schools divided into two divisions of eight.

"Just the set-up of the divisions and the amount of travel, that would change quite drastically for a number of schools," he said. "At this point I don't know if there's a Plan B. We're going to look right now at applications and what interest comes by Dec. 15 and then we'll make a decision from there for 2018-19 and make it a better league than what we have." Travel concerns, discrepancy in enrollments and strength of certain athletic programs, driven primarily by football, factored in the defection of the 10 KLAA members and will continue to play a part in any possible expansion going forward in 2018-19.

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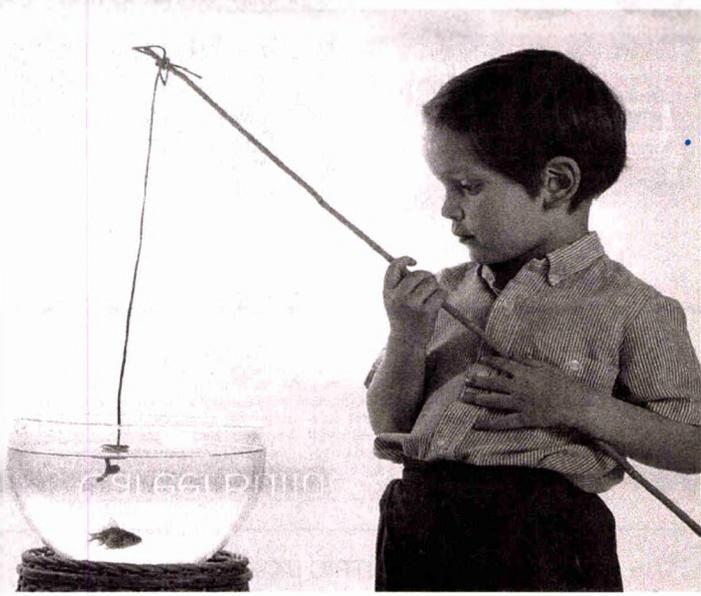
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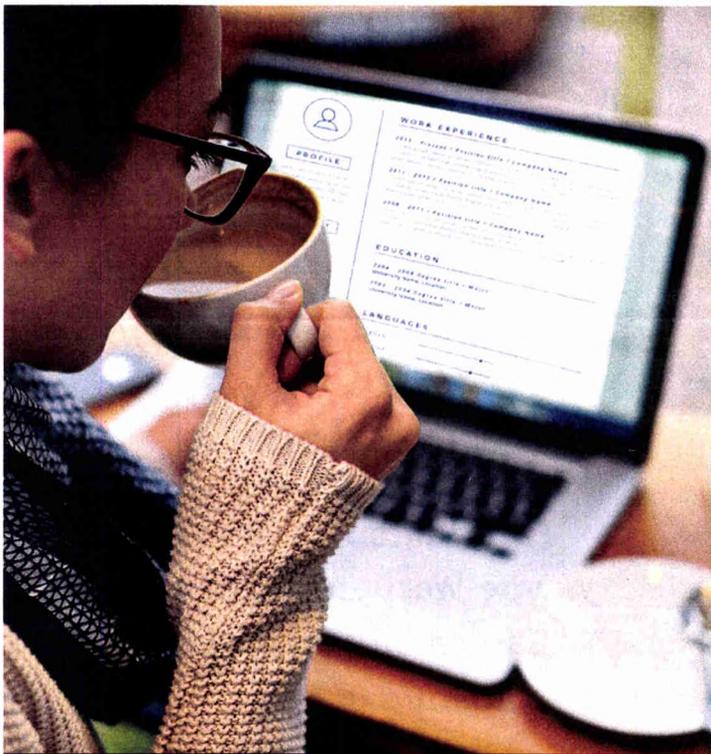


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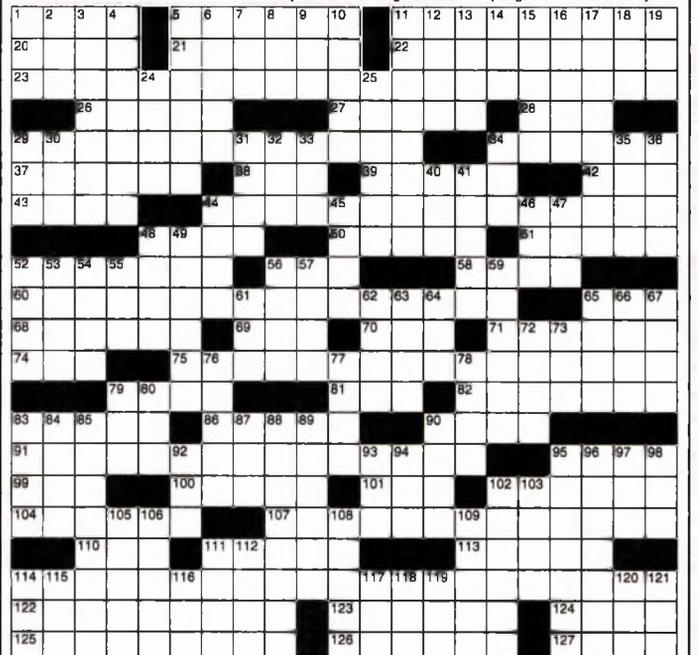
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Defers (to)
 - 5 Pretenders
 - 11 Animistic religion of northern Asia
 - 20 Adored star
 - 21 How bed linens are often sold
 - 22 Audio product introduced by Bose in 1993
 - 23 CHARM
 - 26 Spending jag
 - 27 "— ed Eureka"
 - 28 "Ben- —"
 - 29 SEE
 - 34 Citi Field MLB team
 - 37 Clothed very shabbily
 - 38 Prefix with color
 - 39 Fleecy beast
 - 42 Lose vigor
 - 43 Not difficult
 - 44 HEIGHTEN
 - 48 Grows older
 - 50 Daisy cousin
 - 51 California's Point —
 - 52 Was of use to
 - 56 See 29-Down
 - 58 "Nothing — it seems"
 - 60 FALL
 - 65 Suffix with host
 - 68 Certify
 - 69 Actress Ortiz or Gasteyer
 - 70 Ghost shout
 - 71 Marketing space in a newspaper, e.g.
 - 74 "Li'l ol' me?!"
 - 75 STEAL
 - 79 Donne, e.g.
 - 81 Lead-in to history
 - 82 E.T.'s human friend
 - 83 Ranch rope
 - 86 Fizzy drinks
 - 90 Holiday song
 - 91 SUPPLY
 - 95 "Aloha Oe" instruments, for short
 - 99 Crux
 - 100 Czar's edict
 - 101 See 103-Down
 - 102 Mint-family herbs
 - 104 Gets more narrow
 - 107 CHANGE
 - 110 "... — mouse?"
 - 111 Davis of "Hot Stuff"
 - 113 Eventual oak
 - 114 ERASE
 - 122 Proper noun
 - In an alias
 - 123 Ripped thoroughly
 - 124 Huge-scale
 - 125 Person on both sides of an issue
 - 126 Treats with malice
 - 127 Gas brand
 - 15 Don Marquis' — and "Mehitabel"
 - 16 Poet Tate
 - 17 "It really seems to me ..."
 - 18 Moral failure
 - 19 Pithy remark
 - 24 Math subj.
 - 25 Cave beings
 - 29 With
 - 56-Across, compete to obtain
 - 30 Suffix with czar
 - 31 LAX info
 - 32 Madras "Mr."
 - 33 Female sib
 - 34 Turner of an insurrection
 - 35 "Tall" story
 - 36 Mil. officers
 - 40 Rd. relative
 - 41 Physicist
 - 44 Funny Foxx
 - 45 English noble
 - 46 Special time
 - 47 Strikes (out)
 - 48 Headly drinks
 - 49 Docile
 - 52 Actor Driver
 - 53 "No" from a higher-up
 - 54 Italian wine area
 - 55 Luge surface
 - 56 Ariel, e.g.
 - 57 Large — elliptical fish
 - 59 Not volatile
 - 61 Flying British mil. branch
 - 62 Ridesharing app
 - 63 Sir
 - 64 Curly's bud
 - 65 Ferrari who founded Ferrari
 - 66 Riverbed deposit
 - 67 "Keep it in"
 - 72 Secluded valley
 - 73 Arm of Israel
 - 76 "Don't worry" — dixit (unproven assertion)
 - 78 Cat cry
 - 79 Chi-omega linkup
 - 80 Alley —
 - 83 Gave temporarily
 - 84 Kind of blue
 - 85 Of the region just north of the Antarctic Circle
 - 87 Female gametes
 - 88 Catastrophe
 - 89 Antarctic penguin
 - 90 Scale part (chain for kids)
 - 93 TV "Science Guy"
 - 94 Ruhr article
 - 95 Turnpike toll, e.g.
 - 96 Takes for ransom
 - 97 Wallach of "Nuts"
 - 98 Old aviation inits.
 - 102 What pull-ups work
 - 103 With
 - 101-Across, thus far
 - 105 Actress
 - 106 Evaluated
 - 108 Sends cell messages
 - 109 Unclear
 - 111 Kind of gel
 - 112 Unchanged
 - 114 Photo —
 - 115 Deli staple
 - 116 Cut off
 - 117 Fizzy drink
 - 118 Geller from Israel
 - 119 Bottom-line
 - 120 Prefix with gender
 - 121 Prefix with friendly



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2	9	1	7	3	4	8	6	5
4	5	3	1	6	8	7	9	2
5	1	2	8	6	9	3	4	7
6	3	8	4	6	7	2	5	1
9	7	4	2	1	5	6	8	3

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1. DEFERS
5. PRETENDERS
11. ANIMISTIC
20. ADORER
21. SHEETS
22. BOSE
23. CHARM
26. SPENDING
27. EUREKA
28. BENSON
29. SEE
34. CITIFIELD
37. SHABBY
38. CHROMA
39. WOOLLY
42. LOSE
43. EASY
44. HEIGHTEN
48. GROWS
50. DAISY
51. CALIFORNIA
52. WAS
56. SEE
58. NOTHING
60. FALL
65. SUFFIX
68. CERTIFY
69. ORTIZ
70. GHOST
71. SPACE
74. LILO
75. STEAL
79. DONNE
81. LEAD
82. E.T.
83. RANCH
86. FIZZY
90. HOLIDAY
91. SUPPLY
95. ALOHA
99. CRUX
100. CZAR
101. SEE
102. MINT
104. GETS
107. CHANGE
110. MOUSE
111. DAVIS
113. OAK
114. ERASE
122. PROPER
15. DON MARQUIS
16. POET
17. IT
18. MORAL
19. PITHY
24. MATH
25. CAVE
29. WITH
30. SUFFIX
31. LAX
32. MADRAS
33. SIB
34. TURNER
35. TALL
36. MILITARY
40. ROAD
41. PHYSICIST
44. FUNNY
45. ENGLISH
46. SPECIAL
47. STRIKES
48. HEADLY
49. DOCILE
52. ACTOR
53. NO
54. ITALIAN
55. LUGE
56. ARIEL
57. LARGE
59. NOT
61. FLYING
62. RIDESHARING
63. SIR
64. CURLY
65. FERRARI
66. RIVERBED
67. KEEP
72. SECLUDED
73. ARM
76. DON'T
77. DIXIT
78. CAT
79. CHI-OMEGA
80. ALLEY
83. GAVE
84. KIND
85. OF
87. FEMALE
88. CATASTROPHE
89. ANTARCTIC
90. SCALE
92. TOYS
93. TV
94. RUHR
95. TURNPIKE
96. TAKES
97. WALLACH
98. OLD
102. WHAT
103. WITH
101-A. ACROSS
105. ACTRESS
106. EVALUATED
108. SENDS
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116. CUT
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121. PREFIX

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