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Suspects in killings bound over

After exam, three will be
arraigned next week

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Raymond Terry remembers having Kobi Taylor over to his home Feb. 5, the night of the Super Bowl. It was a normal evening, with several people over to watch the thrilling game that eventually went into overtime.

Afterwards, he said, he remembers Taylor trying to get him to come along on a potential marijuana transaction in Westland.

"He mentioned about me going to pick up weed with him, and I told him, 'no,'" the 19-year-old said.

Police say it was during that weed transaction that Taylor, 19 and homeless, and two other individuals, were involved in an incident that resulted in two people being shot to death near Norene and Treadwell in Westland.

Those three individuals — Dominik Charleston, 19, of Romulus; Amber Tackett, 17 of Taylor and Taylor — were all bound over Friday afternoon on several criminal counts stemming from the incident that took place in the early morning hours of Feb. 6.

Charleston faces two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm.



See EXAM, Page A2 Defendants Dominik Lou Charleston and Kobi Austin Taylor listen to witness testimony. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Sandi Rosa serves a cup of coffee to Harry Glasson, of Livonia. Harry has been a regular customer for 40-50 years, and remembers when Bates was open all night. He remembers dining at Bates at 3 a.m., after a New Years party. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Memorial teacher wins Touchstone award

Wayne Memorial High School teacher Kevin English has been selected by the Michigan Council of Teachers of English as the 2017 Touchstone Award Recipient (Creative Writing Educator of the Year).

This award recognizes high school creative writing teachers. Kevin Weber, Wayne Memorial High School principal, nominated English for the award.

Weber noted English's dedication to children, equality, reading and excellence in teaching creative writing.



English

"I think my favorite thing about Creative Writing at Wayne Memorial has been getting to craft real pieces alongside students. Every day, we talk about genre, audience and purpose. We're analyzing writing for their content and their craft, and we're studying mentor texts every day to learn from other writers," English said. "We're also trying hard to develop the lifelong habits that so many writers have in common by writing every day, by sharing our writing and receiving feedback, and by taking real risks and seeing what happens. I see this award as a celebration of the sometimes grueling work that writing is, and I'm hoping to encourage more students to sign up for Creative Writing in the future. Writing is more than just a thing we do; it can be part of our identities."

English is in his fifth year of teaching at Wayne Memorial High School. He has taught English 9, English 10, Science Fiction & Fantasy, and Creative Writing. During his time at WMHS, he has served as a teacher leader for his building's Reading Apprenticeship team, as a building representative for the Wayne-Westland Education Association, and most recently became one of the directors of his building's mentoring program, Champions of Wayne. He is one of the inaugural members of the International Literacy Association's "30 Under 30."

English will be honored at the Touchstone Award Ceremony at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in Kalamazoo on May 19. He is also a candidate for Michigan Teacher of the Year.

SLIDER SHOPS ARE STILL GOING STRONG AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

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Coney dogs are typically seen as the quintessential Detroit comfort fare. But Kelly Cobb, a manager at Hunter House Hamburgers in Birmingham, will contend that main food is another greasy treat: the slider.

"It's a local institution. It's just a distinctly Detroit thing," the Royal Oak resident said at the restaurant on Woodward Avenue. "If you go anywhere else, everyone says, 'oh, sliders like White Castle,' and you go, 'no, not really.' Nobody does it the way Detroit does it."

No matter what the preference, there's a longtime slider stand somewhere that can be found throughout the region. Be it Hunter House, Bates Burgers, Greene's or The Telway, these little hamburger stands serving up patties with fried onions, pickles, ketchup and mustard dating back to the 1950s have built on a life of their own. And despite the abundance of options for fast burgers in the 21st century, sliders are still going strong decades later.

It's the nostalgia for the



Hunter House's most popular item: two cheeseburgers with fries. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

good ol' days that have kept so many slider businesses up and running, according to Kevin McCown. McCown is one of the "Michigan Burger Boys," who have traveled the state in

search of a great patty. Calling himself the website's slider enthusiast, they've reviewed several stands across the region.

Combine the feel of going

back in time and sitting at a stainless steel counter, along with the (relatively) inexpensive price for many of the

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John Glenn senior a national merit finalist

Ben Biber, a senior at John Glenn High School, has been recognized as a National Merit Scholarship finalist. There are 15,000 high school seniors nationwide and 578 in Michigan who have been named finalists.



Biber

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Federal judge charged with sexual assault

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A federal administrative law judge is facing sexual assault charges in Livonia after prosecutors say he groped a woman at an office in the city.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office announced Thursday afternoon that Judge Henry Perez, 74 of Novi, would

be arraigned Friday morning on three counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, all misdemeanors. The prosecutor's office said the complainant, a 33-year-old Pontiac woman, was working the evening Dec. 28, 2016, in the Social Security office at 19575 Victor Parkway in Livonia when Perez called her into his office.

Once inside, the prosecutor's office said it is alleged Perez made sexual contact with her by touching her body against her will.

Perez is a federal administrative law judge for the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. He is currently on leave from the position, according to the prosecutor's office.

He was set to be arraigned in Livonia's 16th

District Court. If convicted, he faces up to two years in prison.

"These allegations are very troubling," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy in a statement. "This type of charged behavior will not be tolerated no matter your station in life."

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EXAM

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Both Taylor and Tackett are charged with two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm. If convicted, all three face a maximum of life in prison.

The charges stem from the deaths of Jordan Baker, 19, of Wayne, and Howard Wick, 35, of Westland, who were both discovered dead in the neighborhood after what authorities say was a drug deal gone bad. Both Wick and Baker, who had several family members in the courtroom wearing "RIP Jordan" T-shirts, were found dead with gunshot wounds outside in the neighborhood.

The three were bound over after a preliminary examination that took place Friday in Westland's 18th District Court before District Judge Sandra Cicirelli. Sgt. Robert Kenyon of the Westland Police Department testified about what he saw when he arrived to the area, including Wick's body laying on the ground. He said his pockets had been turned out, and later found a bag of what appeared to be marijuana laying nearby.

He said he spoke to Baker's father, who was unaware of his son's whereabouts. "He wasn't sure where his son was at," Kenyon said.



Judge Sandra Cicirelli listens to testimony from Westland Police Sgt. Robert Kenyon describing the exit wound on one of the victims.

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Melissa Uresti, who was living at a home in the neighborhood that night, testified she heard three gunshots outside. She said she and her husband then ran outside and saw a body lying on the ground. It was then when she said her husband told her to call the authorities.

"He said, 'someone's been shot, call 911,'" Uresti said. The three are sent to be arraigned on the charges at 9 a.m. this upcoming Friday in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. They remain locked up in the Wayne County Jail without bond.

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Defendant Amber Marie Tackett speaks with attorney Cliff Woodards.

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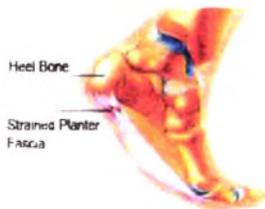
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burgers and the stories from family members passed down through the generations, and it creates a culture all its own. "You go in there, and it's like you're stepping back in time," the Canton resident said. "Outside of the metro Detroit area, I've never come across anything like the slider."

Seeing such a hamburger place was eye-opening for Farmington Hills resident Amanda Seppala, who recently moved to the area about a year ago and who grew up in west Michigan. It wasn't until she moved here she discovered Bates Hamburgers at Nine Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills and Greene's Hamburgers at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington.

Now, she's hooked. "I try and limit myself to go only once a couple of weeks," she said. "It's cheap and it's delicious and it's fast. It's better quality than McDonald's."

All about family

Perhaps the biggest draw back to the slider counters is a sense of loyalty through family. These stands see plenty of activity, especially around family gathering times such as Christmas, Thanksgiving and events like the Livonia Spree, Founders Festival or Woodward Dream Cruise.

Lorrie Berlan said it's not uncommon for them to hear stories of people coming from out of town stopping at the Livonia Bates Hamburgers restaurant at Five Mile and Farmington heading to or from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, seeking a cheeseburger and fries.

She said the restaurant has gotten accustomed to at least one family who makes the trek to the hamburger joint after their holiday celebrations.

"For the last 10 years,



Eric Wells grew up in Livonia, but now lives in Oklahoma City. He worked at Bates 30 years back. In town for a family funeral, he and Lynne Davis, of Brighton, stopped by for some memories.

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See SLIDERS, Page A4 Ready for customers at Bates Hamburgers in Livonia.



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Kelly Cobb poses for a photo with two cheeseburgers and fries at Hunter House.

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All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN MARQUEE REPLACEMENT AT JACK E. KIRKSEY RECREATION CENTER, name of vendor and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

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they've been coming in the day after Christmas," the Redford Township resident said.

That loyalty is seen across the region when it comes to those little burgers, McCown said. Routinely, it's parents passing down the tradition of hitting up the burger joint to their children.

He's curious to see if that tradition continues. "They're regulars, and they're loyal," he said. "I wonder if maybe 20-25 years from now, if these places will survive."

Clifford Carson recently found himself inside Bates Burgers in Livonia. He had moved away to West Bloomfield but recently moved back to Livonia and rediscovered the nostalgia he had for the little burgers topped with onions. He said he used to take his son to Bates when he was younger.

"I took my son here when he was small about 25 years ago," Carson said. "He used to play hockey at one of the ice arenas around here, and this was our little treat after practice."

From far and wide

These stands will tend to have a draw from all over, Berlan said. Bates routinely gets guests coming from outside the tri-county region, with people driving from Brighton or Lansing to just have a taste.

This desire is a big reason Hunter House decided to make a move and expand. After several decades of just operating on Woodward, the restaurant recently opened a new restaurant on East William Street between State Street and Maynard in Ann Arbor back in 2014.

Cobb said many of the young people who grow up eating Hunter House end up going to school in Ann Arbor, bringing their hunger and crav-



Alex Valente prepares fries in the kitchen at Hunter House in Birmingham.

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ings for sliders with them.

"A lot of the kids that grow up around here go to Michigan," he said. "And so, it's kind of a natural move for us out there."

"It's all nostalgia. People know what the food is, they know it's good, they keep coming back."

Joseph Dillard has made a habit of seeking out these small slider diners. A Warren resident, he still finds his way over to Birmingham on a regular basis to enjoy some classic Hunter House fare. He said

he's traveled the area and even eaten routinely at Bates Burgers in Livonia when his son was enrolled in school in Redford.

As long as the grill is still hot and the sliders are still greasy, he'll always find his way.

"I actually only needed to go to Clawson, but I came this far just to get the cheeseburgers," he said. "When you've got a craving for one of these burgers, you gotta go."

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Laurea Neumann and Lindsay Langenfelter are both students at Madonna University and regulars at Bates.

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Third candidate files to run for Livonia City Council

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One more Livonia City Council incumbent has decided to seek another term.

Councilwoman Cathy White recently turned in paperwork at the clerk's office to appear on the ballot for another run for the council. White is currently serving a two-year term after coming in fourth in the 2015 election. She said given the synergy the current city council has, she would like to continue her work past 2017.



White

"I just feel like I could continue to contribute in this capacity," she said. "I think each of us bring a unique skill set to the council."

White, a former Livonia city attorney who currently serves at the executive director for the Birmingham Area Cable Board, also recently completed the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University. The program is designed for individuals, especially those seeking elected office, looking to enhance their leadership style. It held its graduation earlier this month in Livonia, and later featured Howard Dean and Ana Navarro as speakers at its fundraising dinner at Laurel Manor.

White said the program taught her skills she knows will translate well in her continuing role as a council member.

"I think it's going to serve me well and serve the residents well, because I can take what I

learned in that program and apply it in Livonia," she said.

White is the third candidate to file for one of the four seats available. Gerald Perez, who ran for treasurer in 2015, and current councilman Jim Jolly both have turned in paperwork to appear on the ballot. The four seats open are currently occupied by councilman Brian Meakin, councilwoman Maureen Miller Brosnan, White and Jolly. Brosnan is term-limited and cannot run again.

Continuing to help lure big businesses, such as Amazon, to Livonia remains one of White's goals if elected to another term, she said. She wants to continue to explore making the city more attractive in other means, such as looking at the possibility of wireless internet in the city's parks and seeing if bringing the Open Streets initiative is something that could be done in Livonia.

The Open Streets idea is one that has taken place elsewhere, including Detroit, and consists of closing a road to motor vehicle traffic and opening for activities such as inline skating, bicycling and community activities.

The filing deadline is 4 p.m. April 25 for anyone looking to run for council. The dropout deadline is 4 p.m. April 28. The deadline to file as a write-in candidate is July 28 for the primary and Oct. 27 for the general election.

If more than eight candidates file to run for the race, a primary will take place Aug. 8 to bring the total to eight. The general election is Nov. 7.

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The cast of "The Odd Couple" (from left to right) Kirk Krekeler (Oscar Madison), Keith Schooley (Vinnie), Danielle Pivetta (Cecily Pigeon), Michael Kain (Felix Unger), Allison Boufford (Gwendolyn Pigeon) and Terry Shannon (Roy). Not pictured: Michael Cretu (Murray) and Jeff Velis (Speed)

Paul's Players presents 'Odd Couple' in Livonia

Paul's Players will present "The Odd Couple," a comedy by Neil Simon, at 7:30 p.m. March 17 and 18 and at 2 p.m. March 19 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

Cast members are Michael Kain (Felix Unger); Kirk Krekeler (Oscar Madison); Michael Cretu (Murray); Keith Schooley (Vinnie); Terry Shannon (Roy); Jeffrey Velis (Speed); Allison Boufford (Gwendolyn Pigeon); Danielle Pivetta (Cecily Pigeon). For the first time in Paul's Players history, the entire cast has a Livonia connection as either current residents or graduates of Livonia Public Schools.

The Odd Couple tells the story of two suddenly single pals — a sloppy sportswriter and a fastidious news writer — who strain their friendship by becoming roommates and unconsciously repeating the same mistakes they made in the marriages they just left.

"It's a classic comedy about friendship and learning to get along despite major differences," Director Pat Hutchison said. "It seems particularly appropriate for current times when we could all benefit from some laughter!"

Tickets for the show

are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors 62 and over, and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased at paulsplayers.com, by calling 248-347-4134 or emailing paulsplayers@gmail.com. The March 17 performance offers a special dinner and show combi-

nation, with fish and chips, beverage and dessert for \$20. Tickets for this must be reserved in advance by March 14 by calling 248-347-4134.

Those who cannot attend the dinner may purchase tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show at the door at regular ticket prices.

CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

Petition 2017-03-02-03 submitted by Kucyk, Soave & Fernandes, P.L.L.C. requesting special waiver use approval pursuant to Sections 20.01 and 20.02A of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to develop a Planned Residential Development under the Single Family Clustering option (Mystic Creek Condominiums) at 18000, 18040 and 18080 Wayne Road, located on the east side of Wayne Road between Six Mile Road and Curtis Road in the Southwest ¼ of Section 9.

The above-mentioned petition will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

Ian Wilshaw, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Ophelia Chambliss of York, Pennsylvania, knew from the time she was in the fourth grade that she wanted to be an artist.

She was always checking books out of the library on how to draw and spent much of her spare time sketching. Growing up in Chicago's Cabrini-Green Homes, her family wasn't well off, so she used to draw on the backs of the supermarket fliers.

"When they started printing on both sides, I thought I was going to cry," she said.

She studied graphic design and earned a living painting store windows.

She has always viewed her art as a means to communicate and to advocate for social justice. Her goal with her art is to foster communication, to use art to tell stories that tie all of us together.

"Art opens doors," she said, reflecting a message she communicates through her teaching at Penn State, the York County Juvenile Detention Center and other locations. "It makes it easier for people to talk about difficult subjects."

In 2009, she was commissioned to install a project in Gettysburg, commemorating the African-American community that had thrived in the historic town and the black soldiers who fought for freedom. The monument stands in Recreation Park, the final resting place for many of those Buffalo Soldiers.

In February, she curated an exhibit featuring 12 African-American artists. Usually, the crowds for gallery shows during the event are overwhelmingly white. Her goal was to give the artists an opportunity to show their work and tell their stories. At the same time, she also hoped the exhibit would attract a diverse



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She is currently working on a project called Social Network. She drew portraits of a diverse group of people, using one continuous line, symbolizing the connection between them. She plans to invite all of those depicted on the canvas to the opening with the idea that they will make connections and talk, a small thing that can bring a community together.

Ophelia M. Chambliss

Profession: Artist/educator/community activist

Age: 58

Home: York, Pa.

Mission: To advocate for social justice and community through art.

Q&A WITH OPHELIA CHAMBLISS

What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means being a part of something that is big, something that has an unending potential for growth. It means having the hope that you are a part of a global initiative — that no matter where you start, there is a potential for greatness.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

It has given me the opportunity to address and express things I may not have had the opportunity to otherwise do. It creates the opportunity for a dialogue where one didn't exist before, increasing discourse and dialogue among races and changing the media perception of African-Americans in the public space. That's what motivates me. My motivation is to change the narrative of the media perception and how we are archived and remembered for future generations. Whether I'm meeting with the governor or with the kids at the (York County) Juvenile Detention Center, it's the same. It's about changing the narrative.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What gives me hope is when I come across a young person who has a vision, and I can help develop young artists to achieve that vision. What gives me hope is that there are people in a position, whether it be public officials or stakeholders, and they're receptive and willing to make the effort to change things. People are listening. That gives me hope.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

To change the narrative about African-Americans in our community and in our country. I just hope that people will have a new appreciation for each other. We all have our differences, but we all have the same goals. I was thinking about this while I was working on my Social Network project this morning. I hope people will learn something new about someone they never met before and find they have more commonalities than differences.

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Decedent's Estate

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA
Zoning Board of Appeals
March 28, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Gallery (5th Floor)
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Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-02-12 (Tabled on February 28, 2017): David Phipps, 3699 Vorhies, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, on behalf of Lessee Aletha Senior Apartments, west side of Farmington (14931) between Five Mile and Lyndon, seeking to construct four (4) multistory buildings and carports/structures, resulting in deficient side and rear yard setbacks.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-03-14: The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, 12 State Street, Detroit, MI 48226, on behalf of Lessee St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154, seeking to erect a ground sign with an electronic message board, upon property located on the west side of Newburgh (15089) between Five Mile and Jamison, resulting in excess area with an electronic message board. Electronic message boards are not allowed in this zoning district.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-03-15: Barrick Properties #40, LLC, 4338 Delemere Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073, seeking to remodel the interior and exterior of a fuel service facility along with building site modifications, upon property located on the west side of Middlebelt (17151) between Six Mile and Bobrich, resulting in deficient parking.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-03-16: MHI Investments, LLC, 17197 N. Laurel Park, Ste. 340, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to erect a single family dwelling, upon property located on the east side of Merriman Court (19624) between Seven Mile and Pembroke, resulting in deficient lot area and lot width.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-03-17: Robert Tomanovich, west side of Purlingbrook (20301) between Pembroke and Eight Mile, seeking to maintain an addition to a detached garage, erected without a permit, which results in excess detached garage area. The existing shed will be removed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-03-18: Nicholas Presutti, south side of Clarita (36695) between Margareta and Dardanella, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE
2017 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 dates are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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Attorney general discusses Trump, Flint in Livonia

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A likely candidate to run for governor made a stop Monday to speak to the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Schuette, the state's Republican attorney general whose name has floated around as a possible gubernatorial candidate in the 2018 election, spoke during a luncheon Monday at the Italian American Banquet and Conference Center on Five Mile in Livonia. It was one of several stops Schuette, who lives in Midland, said he'd make in southeast Michigan that day.

He spoke of several topics, including the Flint water crisis, which has left many residents in Flint without clean drinking water for several



Attorney General Bill Schuette, working the crowd before his address to the Chamber, speaks with Wendy Gjonaj of PNC Bank.

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years and still to this day, as well as a possible connection to a breakout of

Legionnaires disease that has left 12 people dead. His office has charged

more than a dozen people in the crisis, including a former emergency man-

ager and several city officials back in December.

"You just can't brush that aside or sweep that away," Schuette said. "It's all about accountability. Letting everybody know there's one system of justice."

"It doesn't matter who you are in Michigan, if you violated the law, there are consequences."

Schuette served several terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1985-1991, and served in the state Senate from 1995 to 2002. He won election to the attorney general position back in 2010, and was reelected in 2014. His reelection means he is term-limited and cannot run for the attorney general seat again. He also ran for U.S. Senate back in 1990, losing to Carl Levin. He shared stories from

his time visiting the White House last week, where he was meeting with many other attorneys general from other states and territories, as well as with newly named Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

He talked about the visit to the Oval Office and meeting with President Donald Trump, who talked to the attorneys general about the desecration of several Jewish cemeteries across the county in recent weeks, as well as human trafficking, a topic Schuette has spent much time working on in Michigan.

"I thought it was good the guy was locked in on this issue which is so very important," he said.

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Disabilities and Possibilities special exhibit coming to museum

LeAnne Rogers
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The name, Disability and Possibility, sums up the message of a special exhibit at the Wayne Historical Museum in honor of Disabilities Awareness Month.

"I want people to come away from my exhibit having the understanding that disabled people are capable and they can make an impact," said Sarah Palk, 33, who put the exhibit together. "I picked information that I thought people should know about the disability history."

It's a one-day exhibit set for noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Palk will be on hand during the exhibit to share information about disabilities.

"I want to show the community the positive aspects of having a disability," Palk said. "There



Sarah Palk poses for a photo at Wayne Historical Museum.

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is so much information out there, and I have always wanted to share it with people so I thought creating a 'disability exhibit' would be the best way to do it."

A Westland resident, Palk has a developmental disability, uses a wheelchair and communicates on a laptop with the touch of a button she controls with her head. She gives a speech to the training

class at Community Living Services in Wayne. She responded to questions using a computer.

"There (at CLS) I talk about what it is like to get taken care of by staff. For example, in my speech I say, If you are working with a person who is non-verbal, there are many ways that the individual could communicate with you," Palk said. "For example, I

have little head control. So, instead of nodding my head to answer a yes or a no question, I look up for yes and down for no."

Another way that a non-verbal person could communicate is by pointing, she said. "Some disabled people have more hand control and they can point to what they want," she said. "However, if you are working with someone like me who has little hand control, you must follow their eyes and you must point to the things around the area until you figure out what they want."

Palk attended Salem High School in Plymouth. In high school she participated in Students Against Drunk Driving and the student council. She has a service dog named Mikey who is trained to get help when Palk needs it.

The exhibit, which is free and open to the pub-

lic, will focus on four main areas, including: the History of Special Education with a special focus on McGrath Elementary School in Wayne which was one of the first special education schools in the county; and People's Accomplishments and Technological Advancements.

Palk's favorite part of the exhibit displays in-

formation on service dogs. "My service dog is my employee, he works for me and people should know how to be around a working dog," she said.

The Wayne Historical Museum is located at 1 Towne Square in downtown Wayne.

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Photos from Wednesday's wind storm

Wednesday's wind storm is among the biggest weather-related events across southern Michigan. By the end of the day, close to 1 million Michiganders were without power. More than 600,000 electric customers were still without power Friday morning.



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Numerous trees fell in the high winds. This tree just missed hitting bleachers at a softball diamond at the southwest corner of Ford Field in Livonia.



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Over two hours later, firefighters are still battling the blaze, and the roof of the home begins to collapse.



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Firefighters pour water on the home, located on Westmore, south of Lyndon, in Livonia.



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Workers cover a hole in the roof at the Highland Township Fire Station 1.



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Northville firefighters and city personnel on the scene of a large maple tree that fell and barely missed a home at 212 Lake St. in the late afternoon Wednesday.



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Power lines are behind the burning home on Westmore, south of Lyndon.



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Coffee hours

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will be hosting Coffee Hours in Garden City and Westland with elected officials from the State of Michigan on Monday, March 13.

Coffee Hour in Westland will be co-hosted with State Reps. Robert Kosowski and Jewell Jones from 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 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, 31735 Maplewood St. Garden City Coffee Hour will be co-hosted with State Sen. David Knezek and State Rep. Jewell Jones.

Blues, Jazz at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens on the second Tuesday of the month from 7-10 p.m. at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society. There is a \$5 donation at the door, and bring your dancing shoes.

On Tuesday, March 14, the Kathleen Murray Band will be featured. Playing are Kathleen on vocals, Mike Ferencz on guitar, Cray Scott on bass, Bob Bowman on drums, and Evan Mercer on keys.

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

On Tuesday, March 28, the popular The Paul VornHagen Quartet will perform. VornHagen has won several awards for

his jazz performances and he is backed by experienced and familiar musicians. Hear the standards and some of his original songs. Playing with him on reeds, Chuck Shermetaro on keyboard, Kurt Krahnke on bass and Scott Kretzer on drums.

The Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, email jazzattheelks@gmail.com or visit plyaa325.com.

Freedom House Detroit presentation

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

Kindergarten roundup

St. Michael Lutheran School, 3003 Hannan Road in Wayne, is having kindergarten roundup at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16. A tour of the school and information about the program will be provided. Guests will receive a free hot pizza to take home for dinner. For more information, call 734-728-3315.

P-CEP all night party

To raise money for the Plymouth-Canton Education park senior all night party, the public is in-

vited to a vendor fair for all things graduation party, tents, caterers, photo booths, and all sorts of other things. It is free to get in and lots of vendors will have deals that day if parties are booked. It is in the Salem Cafeteria at Salem High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18.

Belle Isle talk

At 2 p.m. Monday, March 20, the Livonia Historical Society will present a program on "Our Island Jewel: Detroit's Belle Isle Park." presented by Brendan Roney of the Detroit Historical Society. Meet at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, Livonia's Historical Park, which is off Newburgh Road, just south of Eight Mile Road. The parking lot is to the right as you enter and in front of the House.

For more information, call 734-464-0450. The public is welcome. No charge.

Livonia Towne Club

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

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

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

Eat better

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

Westland American Legion Post 251

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

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

Any family who would like a Blue or Gold Banner to display can call Adjunct Ron Nickels at 734-455-3415 or the Post Commander Bill Acton at 734-776-5491. There is no cost to the family. For more information, visit www.post251.org.

Cancer screening

Roughly 50,000 new cases of oral, head and neck cancer are diagnosed in the United States each year, which is why St. Joseph Mercy Oakland is offering a

free oral, head and neck cancer screening on March 17. Screenings take about 10 minutes and are performed by St. Joe's dentists and dental residents. They are non-invasive and painless. Signs and symptoms of oral, head and neck cancer include:

- » Soreness in your mouth that doesn't heal
- » Constant pain in your mouth
- » Lumps or patches in your mouth
- » Pain around your teeth
- » Changes in your voice
- » Lump in your neck

All participants in the screening will be entered to win two tickets for the April 3 Detroit Red Wings vs. Ottawa Senators game. Screenings will be offered inside the hospital's Education Center, located in the hospital, near the visitor parking lot. Appointments are available between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 248-858-3952 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Caregiver support

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

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

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

For information or to RSVP for either meeting,

contact Dorothy Moon at 248-233-4392 or dmoon@jvsdet.org.

» Jewish Senior Life, Brown Center, 6720 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield:

1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Alzheimer's Association meeting for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

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

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

Garden City Lions breakfast

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

All about the arts

Wayne County Community College's All about the Arts series welcomes The Boogie Woogie Kid Trio (Emma Aboukasm - Matthew Ball - Gary Stevens) at 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 30, at the college, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville. Admission is free and refreshments are available. For more information, call 734-374-3232.

WESTLAND NEWS BRIEFS

Wild Wings vs. Red Wings

Mayor William R. Wild, along with his Westland Wild Wings, are once again getting ready to lace up their skates to challenge the Detroit Red Wings Alumni in the eighth annual Hockey Night in Westland charity event.

The event will be Saturday, March 18, at the Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the game begins at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the game, at 6:15 p.m. the Westland Hockey Association Mini-Mites and Mites will take the ice to show off their skills. The alumni pre-game fun will start at 7 p.m. and the puck drop will be at 7:30 p.m.

This event has turned into one of the communities most anticipated events. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (kids 5 and under are free).

Exclusive access is also available for an additional \$20, which includes access to the VIP room, appetizers and drink coupons.

Hockey Night in Westland has raised over \$150,000 to help fund improvements to the Mike Modano Ice Arena.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the mayor's office, the ice arena and North Brothers Ford, and at tinyurl.com/gnfr8p.

Renovating the Collins House

The Westland City Council on March 6 approved a bid for the renovation of the Collins House, one of the buildings that comprises the Westland Historical Village Park, 857 N. Wayne Road. The Collins house serves as the administration building for the park.

The Collins House was donated in 1988 by the widow of former Westland resident, Richard D. Collins.

The contract was awarded to Polymath Development of Detroit with the amount of the project not to exceed \$44,000. Funding is being provided through a grant that was secured from

Wayne County. The scope of the project will include interior painting, as well as a complete removal and replacement of the roof, gutters, siding, windows, interior floor and painting of the porch and ADA ramp.

The Westland Historical Village Park's mission is to collect, preserve and protect the historical documents and artifacts of the City of Westland and to use those items to remind and educate the citizens of Westland and visitors about the history of Westland.

Sunshine Week

The city of Westland will participate in a nationwide initiative, Sunshine Week, that acknowledges the importance of open government. Established in 2005, "Sunshine Week" is March 12-18.

Sunshine Week was established in 2005 and, across the country, is marked by panel discussions, workshops and other events about using and understanding the latest developments in the freedom of information services.

In honor of the annual initiative, which occurs each year in mid-March to coincide with James Madison's birthday and National Freedom of Information Day on March 16, the city of Westland is relaunching the Open Government section of the City's Webpage at www.cityofwestland.com. New updates will make the webpage more user-friendly and provide on-demand access to the most commonly requested information and documents. The city council will also soon make council packets, used by council members, available to residents prior to council meetings.

"We will continue to promote transparency within the City of Westland well after Sunshine Week is over," Council President James Godbout said. "We plan to be ready to provide council member packets online for residents to view prior to council meetings by the first council meeting in April."

A Sunshine Week but-

ton is now available at www.cityofwestland.com, which will direct you to a page that provides access to the top 10 most frequently requested documents from Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

Members appointed

Wild has filled two vacancies on the Westland Historical Commission with new members.

Michael McElhone has strong roots in metro-Detroit and has been educated in American History since childhood. He moved to Westland in 2002 and is currently an officer of the Detroit-Windsor Algonquin Historical Club which was established in 1934 to promote the shared local history between Windsor and Detroit.

"As I'm looking towards retiring in Westland within the next few years, I've decided I want and need to be more involved with local Westland history," McElhone said.

The second new face to the Historical Commission is 45-year Westland resident Dennis Bozyk. He is the chair of the Department of History at Madonna University. His academic emphasis has been in the area of International History, but has recently discovered his interest for local and state history.

"Since the announcement of vacancies on the commission, I met with the president Jeff Kosowski," Bozyk said. "He and I agree that I may be able to contribute to the commission's efforts to recover the story of Westland and to share that story with our fellow citizens."

The Historical Commission is a nine-member board appointed by the mayor. The commission collects, maintains and preserves any materials and documents relating to the history of Westland and Nankin Township. The commission also operates the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum at 857 N. Wayne Road. The commission meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum.

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BLEAKLEY SMITH

JAMES 78, of Mackinaw City, formerly Livonia. Passed away March 8, 2017. For a complete obituary, www.stonetuneralhomeinc.com.

CAUGHEY

DR. ANDREW FRANCIS JR., was born in Detroit on August 4, 1921 and died in Livonia on March 1, 2017 at the age of 95. Andy graduated from Cooley High School, and then attended the University of Michigan (BA 1943, MD 1945). Andy was an Eagle Scout, HAM radio enthusiast, pilot, and above all else a physician and life long student. After retiring from the practice of OB-GYN (he practiced medicine for more than 50 years), Dr. Caughey enrolled again at the U of M and received a Masters' Degree in Public Health in 1999 at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife Waida Jo, six children (Madeleine Caughey, Emily Celino, Patricia Gordon, Pamela Magaro, Andrew Caughey III, and Shelley Adams), two step-children (Robert Steffes, BethAnn Korczyk), 15 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; preceded in death by step-daughter Francine Steffes. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

WIDGER OSBORNE



SIDNEY W., JR., A prominent Detroit, Michigan lawyer for over forty years, passed away on March 7, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Smith was born on May 13, 1920 in Ogdensburg, New York. After serving in World War II, he earned undergraduate and law degrees from Duke University. Mr. Smith was Senior Partner of the Clark, Klein and Beaumont law firm until his retirement in 1990. He specialized in tax, corporate and business law, and absolutely loved the law and serving his devoted clients. Following his retirement, he was Of Counsel for the law firm Dawda Mann in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, where his former partner and dear friend, Curt Mann, was a Founding Partner. Mr. Smith served on the boards of several corporations and foundations, and was especially devoted to the Baldwin Public Library, Duke University Law School, where he endowed a permanent scholarship, and the Detroit Zoo. Outside of his professional and philanthropic work, Mr. Smith also enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a member of The Detroit Club, Birmingham Athletic Club, and Orchard Lake Country Club, where he was an avid golfer. He loved adventurous travel with family members, having backpacked, horse-packed, white water rafted and traveled to the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Peru and Mexico. Mr. Smith is survived by Margaret, his wife of 70 years, and his four children: Sarah Hofheinz (Fred) of Indianapolis, Indiana; Sidney W. Smith III (Gloria) of Boston, Massachusetts; Susan Whiting of Santa Margarita, California; and Amy O'Connor (Terry) of Delmar, New York. He also is survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Most of all, Sid was a humble, self-made man who lived a full and wonderful life, and made an enormous difference in the lives of those fortunate enough to have known him. There will be a private memorial service for his family in Indianapolis at a later date. His ashes will be interred in the Sarah P. Duke Gardens at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. The family requests that any memorial contributions be made to the charity of your choice.



KATHLEEN MARY passed away on Thursday March 2nd peacefully at home in Florida. She was born February 18, 1945 in Buffalo, New York. Kathy grew up in Lathrup Village, Michigan and was a graduate of Marian High School in Birmingham. She attended Marquette University in Madison, Wisconsin where she met Russell Widger (married 1964-1980). She later moved to Florida, where she ran an in-home daycare, spending her summers in her well-loved family cottage in Port Austin, MI. Kathy is survived by her four children Meghan (Garry) Caldwell, Molly (Peter) Berberich, Russell (Paulina) Widger and Vincent Widger; her grandchildren Samantha, Mariah, Abigail, Aileen, Camly, Sian, Callum and great granddaughter Hallie. She also leaves siblings James (Gloria), John, Joan and Margaret (Bill) O'Neill, as well as many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Helen Osborne, sisters Gael (Stan) Rogers and Mary Schmit (Rick), as well as brother-in-law William Clements and sister-in-law Rosemary Green. Lovingly known as "Oma", Kathy was an avid sewer, crafter, dog lover and gardener. She planted flowers in many people hearts that will bloom on forever. Services will be planned for a future date.

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Appointed to water authority

Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township has been appointed by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans to serve as Wayne County's representative on Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors.



Munfakh

For more than 30 years, Munfakh was a leader for Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., an engineering and planning company in Ann Arbor, where he eventually served as president. After the firm was sold in 2003, he founded the engineering firm Munfakh & Associates, LLC in Plymouth, where he now serves as president and CEO.

"Abe's years of practical experience on water supply and distribution projects, sewer construction, and city infrastructure improvements make him the ideal candidate for the position, and we welcome him to the board," said Robert Daddow, chairman, GLWA board. "From the board's regional perspective, we look forward to working with Abe and hearing his view point as we continue our mission of delivering safe and reliable water and sewer services."

Munfakh's commitment to public service has been solidified through his role on the Plymouth Township Planning Commission, his current membership with the Michigan Board of Professional Engineers, and the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. In addition, he has served as president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board in Livonia, as well as served on the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Northville Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Board of Professional

Engineers, and the Michigan Board of Architects, among many other community and political organizations. Currently, Munfakh serves as Chairman for the Arab American and Chaldean Council, in addition to serving as a trustee of the foundation board of Henry Ford College.

"I plan to use the depth and breadth of my professional experience and my passion for public service to benefit the people of Wayne County and provide counsel to the region as a whole," Munfakh said. "This is an exciting time for Southeast Michigan, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve Wayne County customer communities."

Promoted at Samaritas

Samaritas recently promoted Todd Hanselman of Livonia to the position of vice president, human resources.

Hanselman joined Samaritas as director of human resources in April of 2016. Prior to working with Samaritas, Hanselman served as director of human resources for Judson Center. He has also worked for United Methodist Retirement Community in Chelsea as executive director and director of human resources.

A graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor of science in human resource development, Hanselman is married with two children. He is actively involved in various community organizations, including Peace Lutheran Church, where he has served in various church council and board positions.

In his new post, Hanselman provides support and oversight to all Samaritas human resource endeavors throughout the state. He leads with a philosophy of service and works diligently toward helping employees see the value of their contri-

butions. He believes human-to-human connections significantly impact workplace satisfaction and makes accessibility a priority.

"I was drawn to Samaritas because of the impact it has on people across the state," Hanselman said. "Being able to provide support and guide the satisfaction of almost 2,000 employees supporting so many more people in Michigan is exciting. I love having purpose in my work; a focused team makes for greater change in our communities and greater fulfillment throughout the state."

Joins the team

The JRT Agency of Farmington Hills has hired Loretta Martinez, a seasoned writer and brand strategist, to its team.

Martinez brings a multifaceted scope of journalistic integrity into the areas of marketing, advertising, CRM, SEO, technical, conversational and instructional design. Her 20-year career showcases extensive

work developed for the major agencies of Campbell-Ewald, Wunderman Cato Johnson, BBDO, and also client brands including automotive OEMs, Whirlpool, Century 21 and Pizza Hut. Martinez is also a respected brand strategist in the Metro-Detroit advertising community.

"Loretta is one of those versatile players you can put anywhere," JRT Chief Creative Officer Terry Ayrault said. "Her superior writing skills and strategic thinking bring added value to our team."

Martinez is the recipient of several industry awards, including Detroit Creative Directors Coun-

cil CADDY Awards, Direct Marketing Association DMAD Awards and TARGET Awards. She is a graduate of the University of Detroit-Mercy.

New hires

Livonia-based Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs has added seven new employees to its team. The announcement was made by managing partner Arthur Cole. They include: Ryan Buchler, Randy Coleman, Gerald Kropf, Karon Kukler, John Mleczek, Karen West, and Sue Wood.

Ryan Buchler is a staff auditor who specializes in performing audits, reviews and financial statement compilations. He was previously an audit associate at BDO USA, LLP. Ryan earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Culver-Stockton College in Missouri and lives in Livonia.

Randy Coleman joined Cole, Newton & Duran as a tax accountant and is certified by the IRS as a registered tax return preparer. Prior to joining the firm, Randy was a senior tax advisor at H&R Block. Randy earned a master's of Business Administration degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and lives in Ann Arbor.

Gerald Kropf is a paralegal who has experience advising individuals with litigation and family law matters. He was previously an intern at Michigan Premier Law. Gerald earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University in Big Rapids and lives in Livonia.

Karon Kukler joined Cole, Newton & Duran as a Senior Accountant specializing in preparing payroll, sales tax, individual, and multi-state tax returns. Prior to joining the firm, Karon was a senior accountant at Michael G. Thomas CPA, PC. She currently resides in Oak Park

John Mleczek is an accountant who specializes in retirement and small business income. He was previously a senior tax advisor at H&R Block. John earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin and lives in Northville.

Karen West joined Cole, Newton & Duran as a senior accountant specializing in preparing personal and business taxes, bookkeeping and payroll services. Prior to joining the firm, she spent 20 years preparing tax services at a tax and accounting firm located in Allen Park. Karen currently lives in Lincoln Park.

Sue Wood is a tax accountant who has spent the last five years specializing in preparing and filing individual tax returns nationwide. She was previously a quality manager in the automotive industry. Sue currently resides in Farmington Hills.

"Each of these individuals brings a wealth of knowledge, talent, and expertise to the marketplace," Cole said. "We are confident that they will add to our cornerstone belief in providing exceptional client services — thus striving to deliver innovative financial solutions and solid business strategies to our clients."

Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs is at 33762 Schoolcraft Road. There are 46 employees, and practice areas cover assurance, tax, advisory and consulting.

Man accused of taking tip turns himself in

David Veselenak
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Westland police say a man accused of stealing a cash payment at a local restaurant has



FILE PHOTO
Suspect

turned himself in. Police say the man accused of taking the payment left on a table at the Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne, was located after police put out video and still photos of him at the restaurant and he agreed to turn himself in. Police withheld the man's identity until after he was arraigned.

Police put out his image earlier in the week after he was reportedly seen on camera taking a cash payment and tip left for an employee at the restaurant. He was seen leaving the restaurant after walking toward another table and pocketing the cash.

"Thank you to all who helped distribute this information, and to all of those who submitted tips," Westland police said stated.

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BOYS BASKETBALL



Westland John Glenn's Kijuan Chandler (25) heads for the basket while Livonia Franklin's Kemaury Heard tries to stop him.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

RU wins wacky district semifinal

Long second half includes technical foul, many FTs

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Delayed a day because of area-wide power outage, the Redford Union boys basketball team finally was able to get in its Class B district semifinal game Thursday night.

With Detroit Henry Ford unable to host, the game was moved to Detroit Old Redford Prep and the Panthers came away with a wacky 70-56 win over the host Ravens.

With the victory, RU (11-10) moved into rescheduled championship final beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at Henry Ford (12-10).

Christian Montgomery, a junior forward, scored 16 of his game-high 17 points in the opening half as RU built a 45-27 advantage and it was more than enough.



Taylor

The Panthers also avenged a 66-62 setback to Old Redford in the Hoopz for Hope Tournament Dec. 17 at Hazel Park.

"The boys played really hard for us tonight," Taylor said. "They came out ready to go. We played them earlier in the year when we had a 14-point lead and we let it slip away in a game where we knew we should have taken care of business. They came out focused and we hit a bunch of 'threes' in the first half. They came in and just got it done."

Led by Montgomery, RU made six 3-pointers in the opening half to go up by 18.

Senior forward Jacob Gagnon added 16 points and 11 rebounds, while junior guard Marcus Evans contributed nine points. Levon Hudson and James Gresham combined for 13 points off the bench with seven and six, respectively.

The second half, however, got bogged down in a parade to the free throw line.

RU made 24-of-36 foul shots on the night (66.6 percent), while Old Redford hit 22-of-32 (68.7 percent).

"They locked in on Christian the second half," Taylor said. "It was just the flow of the game and how it went. We sat in a 2-3 zone (defense) and most of our points in the second half were free throws."

Jawan Snoddy scored a team-high 15 points for Old Redford, while Mark Watts, coming off a 40-point performance in the district opener against Livonia Clarenceville, was limited to 10.

Watts fouled out in the fourth quarter when Gagnon took a charge.

With only two minutes to go and the Panthers safely ahead by 14, Taylor was assessed a technical after what the official score table ruled was his seventh timeout.

"They said we pulled a Chris Webber," joked Taylor, who contended he used only three of his six timeouts. "The second half took about two-and-a-half hours. It was a weird game, one of the strangest I've ever coached. It was a wild atmosphere."

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SCORING & SOARING

Rockets thump Franklin to secure first district title in 23 years

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Right from the opening tip-off Friday night, Westland John Glenn came out flying with a purpose in the Class A boys basketball district final against host Livonia Franklin.

Senior forward Dajion Parker — a beast in the paint who can move like a point guard when he has to — hit a putback in the opening minute and soon thereafter, senior forward Roq Williams connected to put the Rockets up 6-0.

By the time the opening frame ended it was a 14-3 John

Glenn lead and the Rockets never were threatened, winning 72-37 for the team's first district championship since the 1993-94 season.

"We really wanted to get this," said John Glenn head coach Rod Watts, while his team celebrated on the floor with their trophy. "It's been 23 years since we won a district, and I wanted to make sure the seniors got an opportunity, because the last two years we were in the district finals (but lost)."

"To finish out like this is great. We're looking forward to the next round."

The Rockets were going at top speed all night, thanks to the all-around play of Parker (17 points, 14 rebounds), senior

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Westland John Glenn's Dajion Parker (13) takes a rebound away from Livonia Franklin's Caleb Boyd.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Family love of golf launches his career

UD Jesuit's Garchar glad he took up sport late, signs to play at Ave Maria

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Ryan Garchar's eighth birthday featured all the usual trappings — cake, gifts, cards.

But the biggest gift that day was going to Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth and watching grandpa Steve Garchar ace the second hole. It was big for his father, too.

"I had not played golf for many years due to work and family obligations but I decided to give it a go with Ryan and my father," said Ryan's dad, Stephen. "On the second hole of the (Par 3) Golden Fox my father teed it up and hit a hole in one right before our eyes, I remember how special

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Ryan Garchar (left) shares National Signing Day with his grandpa and golf mentor, Steve Garchar. Ryan, a senior at University of Detroit Jesuit, signed to golf at Ave Maria University.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Plymouth Christian rolls to district title

Second-half defense changes momentum

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Yes, Plymouth Christian Academy did lead 26-20 at halftime of Friday's Class D boys basketball district final against Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner.

But the wearers of the purple might have been feeling a little blue because the game at PCA wasn't going as smoothly as they thought it should have.

"I think we were a little overzealous in the first half," Eagles head coach Matt Windle said. "We had a few jitters coming out, which can be understandable."

The tables turned in



The Plymouth Christian Academy boys basketball team is all smiles after winning Friday's Class D district final.

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the third, largely thanks to a 13-point frame from

junior wing Matt Malcolm, and PCA got on a

roll that continued until closing out a 70-38 vic-

tory.

"We came out in the second half and calmed down," said Windle, whose 15-7 team will face Hillsdale Academy at 5 p.m. Monday at the Lansing Christian-hosted regional. "We played our basketball and really settled in after that."

"We did a great job pressuring them defensively in the second half which helped a lot."

Of course, Malcolm hitting "some big shots for us" helped the team relax. He finished with 21 points to lead all scorers and pulled down seven rebounds.

Windle also pointed to the contributions of Levi Yakuber, who "made some great effort plays that really gave us a lot of positive energy and momentum."

Yakuber wound up with seven points, while another big performer for the Eagles was Max Okolo (13 points, nine rebounds).

Adding six points each were Jayme Fadden and Brian Schlientz. For Rudolf Steiner, Schuyler Distelzweig and Marshall Hayes scored 13 and 10 points, respectively.

PCA got off to a 14-10 lead after one frame and padded the edge slightly to 26-20 at the break.

With Malcolm connecting from long range (a trey) and short range (6-of-6 from the line), the Eagles enjoyed a 23-10 advantage in the third to go up 49-30 and coast from there.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Salem unable to hold off Novi surges

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Novi's penchant for going on potent offensive runs stung Salem in Wednesday's Class A district semifinal at Northville.

The Wildcats got off to quick starts in each of the two halves and the hard-working Rocks just could not overcome those obstacles, as Novi rolled to a 55-41 victory.

With the win, coupled with Northville's 48-37 win later Wednesday against Plymouth, the district final at 7 p.m. Friday will pit the two KLAAs Central Division rivals.

"Coach (Brandon Sinawi) just wanted us to come out and play strong," said Novi senior Alec Begeris, who launched two treys in the first 45 seconds of the game to give the Wildcats a lead they would never relinquish. "They weren't going to let down for us no matter what happened in the regular season."

"So to come out and get an early lead like that really set the tone for the rest of the game, that really helped us out."

Salem (7-14) still gave Novi (16-6) a run for the money during portions of the late afternoon match-up.

The Rocks pulled to within 24-21 at halftime thanks to an 11-7 edge in the second quarter, spearheaded by senior Camren Barden's triple and buckets by senior Kyle Winfrey (nine points) and junior Jordan Ingram.

Regaining control

But the Wildcats talked during halftime about making sure the Rocks didn't get any closer, and sophomore guard Jiovanni Miles (12 points, eight rebounds) answered the bell — opening the third quarter



Ying for a rebound Wednesday are Salem seniors Kyle Winfrey (41), Jeff Whalen (24) and Novi sophomore Jiovanni Miles (3).

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with the first three baskets.

By the time 1:35 of the frame had been played, it was a 32-21 lead following a slam dunk by junior Traveon Maddox Jr. (15 points) and another Begeris field goal. Begeris finished with 14 points.

"We wanted to get off to a good start, which we did," Sinawi said. "And then we kind of, in a way, stopped playing hard. And to their credit, they continued to play hard and they got back to within three at the half."

"We talked about what we wanted to do against their defense, but really we spent a lot of time just talking about matching the energy they brought against us. And not backing down and keep fighting."

Sinawi gave credit to his team for that, especially Miles who "came out and scored six in a row to get us started in that quarter. He was the catalyst to get us going in

that second half."

Veteran Salem head coach Bob Brodie said his team competed all game long, as it has all season. Unfortunately, it was a struggle to stop the Wildcats once they got into run-and-gun mode.

"They shoot the ball very well and they score in transition," Brodie said. "We had a hard time just finding players up and down the floor and we told them they were going to make runs."

"You can't let them score quick without making them play their half-court offense. We didn't do a very good job of that."

Salem did have a brief spurt midway through the third, when Barden (12 points) drained a triple and a long deuce from the left corner to make it a 36-28 game.

Any hopes of a comeback were dashed when Novi then went on a 12-4 run to end the quarter.

With the final outcome

determined, Brodie gave his five seniors a classy sendoff.

Barden, Winfrey, Cameron Grace (nine points), Jeff Whalen (six rebounds) and Lukas Jira all played as a unit during the late stages before they left the floor together with 1:13 remaining.

"They've had a good career, those five seniors stuck it out," Brodie said. "We've had a lot of kids who moved away, or haven't come out or chose not to play any more."

"Give these guys credit for sticking it out in our program. I'm proud of them."

Third-year starting guard Grace said he appreciated the gesture.

"It was emotional, I enjoyed the ride with these seniors," Grace said. "Great group."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Franklin, Glenn prevail in district semifinals

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The postseason beat continued for Livonia Franklin, who defeated Livonia Churchill 53-42 in Wednesday's Class A district semifinal.

But then the host Patriots were set to face the music against one of the powerhouses of the KLAAs in 2016-17, Westland John Glenn, with the district crown on the line. The teams were slated to square off Friday.

John Glenn (19-3) advanced to the district final after rolling to a 78-52 semifinal win over Garden City.

According to Franklin first-year head coach Jon Djokaj, his group rolled up its collective sleeves and got to work against the Chargers despite not having senior guard Johnny Cantrell due to a one-game suspension.

"Parts is parts," said Djokaj following the district opener against Thurston, noting that others would need to step up against Churchill.

That played itself out as he predicted, with Keyon Brown scoring six of his team's 11 points in the first quarter (which ended 11-all) and finishing with 18 points for the night.

Leading the way with 21 points was Mark Mettie, who drained four treys against the Chargers. Helping the cause with 10 points was Kemaury Heard.

For Churchill, Genesis Barnes and Avery Anderson tallied 14 and 12 points, respectively.

"Keyon has really led this team with his poise and ability to handle pressure," Djokaj said. "Very proud of our effort and it's showing with an opportunity for a district championship on Friday vs a very tough John Glenn."

Djokaj also said Met-

tie and Heard came through with strong all-around play and key buckets. Brown "iced the game" with six fourth-quarter free throws.

Rockets thwart GC

Also on Wednesday at Franklin, Westland John Glenn led 18-5 after one quarter and was never threatened by Garden City.

Scoring 34 points for the Rockets (19-3) was Christian Agnew, with Dajon Parker added 19. The Cougars were led by Jacob Sadowski, 20 points.

OT win for Warriors

Lutheran Westland advanced to a Class D district final thanks to Wednesday's 68-67 win over Westside Christian in overtime.

Zach Burk scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to spark the Warriors. Luke Smith had 16 points, 15 rebounds, 10 assists; Ben Brown had 12 points, 15 rebounds; and Kory Barikmo had six points, nine assists, four steals.

Westside Christian nearly won at the end of regulation, but missed one of two foul shots.

In the extra session, there were three lead changes and three ties. With the score 67-all and nine seconds to go, Smith was fouled and split two free throws.

Other districts

» In a Class A district semifinal at Allen Park, Wayne Memorial (18-3) earned a 61-46 win over the host Jaguars.

» Plymouth Christian Academy beat Huron Valley Lutheran 68-44 on Wednesday and advanced to Friday's Class D district final at PCA against Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner (12-8).

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Mustangs' blue-collar effort chokes Plymouth

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Playoff time is crunch time.

And Class A district host Northville rose to the occasion in Wednesday's 48-37 win over Plymouth — in what was a blue-collar effort by both squads.

Both teams didn't shoot the lights out, but there was no shortage of hustle plays all over the court.

"The first time we played them in December (a 59-56 loss) we really got beat on all the 50-50 balls," said Mustangs senior guard Kevin Morrissey, who tallied 10 points, six rebounds and three steals. "So that was a big emphasis tonight, to get all the loose balls,

shut them down and get them one shot per possession."

Extra energy also was generated by senior guard Jack Burke, who came in off the bench to provide an emotional spark.

Burke missed virtually the entire season after sustaining a Lisfranc (foot) fracture in Northville's football playoff game against Canton in November.

"Kevin is an energy guy, certainly Burke gives us a lift off the bench as well," Northville head coach Todd Sander said. "But we expect so much of Kevin, he's always guarding one of the other team's best players."

"He helps get everyone in the right spots and

defense has not been one of our strengths to date. But the guys are really buying in and playing great team defense."

One of Plymouth's top scoring threats, junior forward Tariq Woody, opened the game with a trey from the left corner to give the Wildcats a quick 3-0 lead.

But those would be Woody's only points of the night, largely because of a defensive mindset led by Morrissey.

Grinding it out

Also strong were seniors Jake Justice (20 points, nine rebounds), Gustaf Tjernberg (13 points) — who Sander said has "really come on this week" — and Phil Jovanovski (five re-

bounds, three blocks).

"Plymouth always plays hard, they're always very well prepared," said Sander, whose 13-9 team will face Novi Friday night in the district final. "Coach (Mike) Soukup does a great job. We were really able to clamp down on the defensive end and get to some of their shooters. But Plymouth always plays tough."

Plymouth (9-12) was led by junior Anthony Crump (13 points) and freshman Connor Bush (11 points).

"We had some trouble scoring the ball, especially early," Soukup said. "But good for them, they've been using that strategy all along to hold the ball a little bit and shorten the game for us."

"Once we got behind, I knew that's where they were going and we just didn't have an answer for that as far as pressuring and getting them to speed up. They have senior guards who are experienced. It's tough."

The Mustangs led 13-8 after one quarter and 21-12 at halftime and maintained a nice lead through three frames (32-23) thanks to a triple from Morrissey and two buckets by Justice — one on the tip-in of a Burke miss and the other on a fadeaway jumper from the top of the key.

Plymouth did get to within 34-28 two minutes into the fourth, following a slam by Bush.

It was a 37-32 contest with 4:10 left following a nifty runner by Robb.

But Northville iced the win with proficient free-throw shooting. In the fourth alone, the Mustangs made 14 of 16

attempts.

"We shoot a lot of free throws every day in practice because we understand how important they are in finishing a game," Morrissey said.

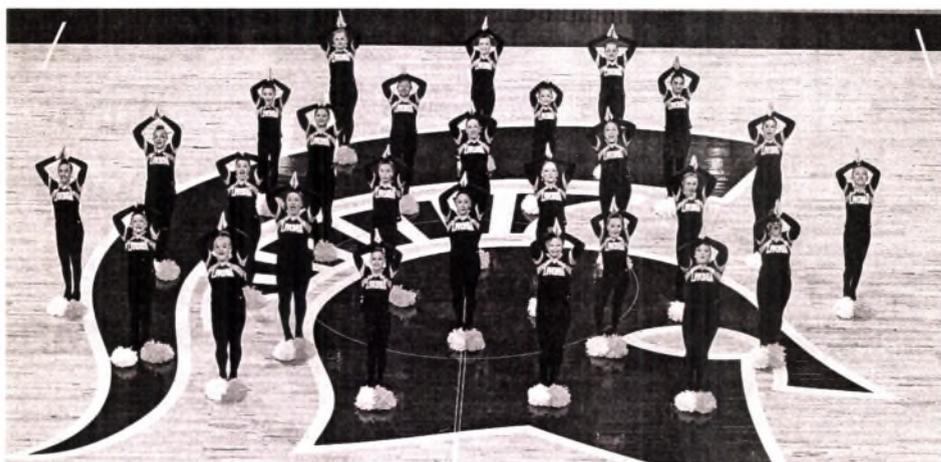
Chipping in with five points each for the Wildcats were juniors Zach Beadle and Joey Robb.

"I loved the way Connor played, rebounded the basketball," Soukup said. "Did a real nice job. He played hard, a couple really athletic plays in there tonight."

"Anthony got to the basket real well tonight, and Joey Robb, what a warrior tonight. I think he played every minute of the ballgame, pressuring and everything else. Love that kid to death, he just comes to work every single, solitary day."

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MID AMERICAN POMPON CHAMPIONSHIPS



Livonia Pom, a middle school team comprised of girls in grades 5-8, performs at the Breslin Center on Feb. 19. The team won the championship in its division. SUBMITTED PHOTO

LIVONIA POM GETS IT DONE!

Middle school wins at Breslin; former GC coach helps Salem JV

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Salem's first foray into starting a pom pon program is off to a championship start.

The first-year junior varsity program won in its division at the Mid American Pompon State Championship held Feb. 19 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing and head coach Kristy Adams envisions nothing but smooth sailing ahead as she looks to start a varsity team in 2017-18.

"I'm hoping so," said Adams, formerly head coach of the Garden City High School varsity team, which also won this year in Class A/Division 1. "I'm hoping that the win really drags in a lot of attention and we end up with a big turnout for tryouts next season, so that we can have two teams (varsity and JV) and have a successful program."

In describing the difference between competitive cheer and pom pon, Adams noted that cheer "is more



Members of Livonia Pom are all smiles after winning the middle school championship at the Breslin Center. SUBMITTED PHOTO

gymnastics and pom is more dance. But you still need a lot of stamina to get through a three-minute routine."

Adams credited camaraderie and choreography for the victory, which Mid American officials told her was the first time a brand new JV program won on the first go around.

"I think it's amazing, we really didn't even have expectations for it to take off this way," Adams said. "I think it takes the choreography of the routines and I kind of knew from the beginning when the team got the Team Unity Award at camp we

were off to a good start, because without that you can't have a successful team."

According to Adams, her connection to the Garden City program provided an assist as the Rocks performed to a Brittney Spears remix of music from the 1990s and early 2000s.

"I coached at Garden City before, which I think that also was a big help because the varsity team at Garden City is pretty successful," Adams said. "They acted like big sisters to them, so they were able to look up to another varsity even though we have no active one at our own

school."

Livonia prevails

Also finishing first Feb. 19 was Livonia Pompon, a competitive squad comprised of girls in grades 5-8 in Livonia Public Schools.

The team competed against 12 other squads at the Breslin Center. It is coached by Andrea Shook, Brittany Rees, Kari Barden, Jillian Henderson, Aiden Shook and Rachel Parrelly.

Team members include Isabella Abate, Avrey Black, Abigail Boettcher, Sydney Castillenti, Ava Collyer, Allison Garpow, Rylee Guidash, Alison Gwizdz, Ainsley Johnston, Meghan Kelly, Ruby Klingensmith, Sarah Lamb, Mackenzie Latham, Isabel Longoria, Brianna Martin, Morgan Matick, Izzy Migora, Emily Mitchell, Sophie Nomides, Madison Norton, Madison Prowse, Rachel Salutes, Sophia Schlatterbeck, Claire Sierota, Jenna Walters, Zoe Zagar and Emily Zimmerman.

Livonia Pompon will be recognized Monday at the Livonia city council meeting.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Ladywood reaches Metro girls finals

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Cecilia Werner and Katie Hayward each scored two goals Thursday as Livonia Ladywood skated to a 5-2 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division I semifinal playoff win over Walled Lake at Novi Ice Arena.

The Blazers, who improved to 21-0-0-1 overall, were set to face Catholic League rival Farmington Hills Mercy (19-3-0-1) for the title at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Novi Ice Arena.

Ladywood has won the previous two meetings, 4-3 and 2-1 (in the Catholic league final).

Brooke Spiegel tallied the other goal, while Devon Kelly chipped in with two assists for the Blazers, who led 2-0 after one period and 5-2 after two.

Other assists went to Claire Doyle, Sydney Pilut, Victoria Pilut, Cristina Rotondo and Werner. Goalie Samantha Erickson made 18 saves.

The Wild finished the season at 18-5-2 overall.

In the Metro Girls Division I playoff opener on March 6, Ladywood ousted Ann Arbor Skyron, 4-1, as Spiegel notched a pair of goals.

Sydney Pilut and Rotondo each added a goal and assist, while Hayward finished with two assists for the Blazers, who exploded for three second period goals after a 0-0 opening period. Kelly also had an assist in the victory.

Erickson made 15 saves in the victory. Skyron finished the season at 5-10-1-1 overall.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Burke is back: His return from injury lifts Mustangs

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The crack in his foot sustained in Northville's pre-district football loss to Canton on Oct. 28 frustrated Mustangs senior quarterback Jack Burke to no end.

Burke's team was out with a 55-29 bang to the Chiefs and there was little he could do to help after being sidelined with what was later diagnosed as a Lisfranc fracture.

But in the next couple weeks, Burke the basketball guard realized the injury probably ended hopes of finishing out his high school career in that sport.

Yet there he was four months later, wearing No. 5 and helping the Mustangs get past Novi Detroit Catholic Central and then Plymouth, the latter in Wednesday's Class A district boys basketball semifinal at Northville.

"It was really important, to come back for the playoffs was really important to me," said Burke, following the victory that advanced Northville into Friday's district title showdown against Novi. "Just to get back out on the court, play high school sports one last time."

He was all smiles during his time on the floor Wednesday, when he was one of the first reserves summoned by head coach Todd Sander.

After one flurry of activity near the Northville student section, at one end of the court, Burke turned his head toward the bleachers and wore a big grin before getting back into the play as it shifted in the opposite direction.

"A bunch of my friends are in the front row, so I like talking with them," said Burke about the fun exchange.

If Sander noticed his player's brief distraction, he certainly gave Burke a pass on that one.

After all, Burke grinded his way through months of painful physical therapy just to get back out on the court for practice let alone actual high-stakes game competition.

He needed to dedicate his energy to strengthening the arch in his foot, essential for the kind of basic movements basketball players need to make.

"We thought he was done in November," Sander said. "And then he healed a lot faster. When he started coming around three weeks ago, a month ago, we all saw his energy, his positive attitude, his work ethic."



Northville senior Jack Burke (5) looks at the basketball Wednesday night against Plymouth. MICHAEL VASILINEK

"He brings it, but it's contagious and that's the best part. I think that's, if not the most important, it's one of the most important factors of our run this week."

On a mission

Of course, as calendar months flipped from November to December, and then to January and February, Burke must have worried that he wouldn't get the chance to suit up for his team before the season's conclusion.

Those worries didn't stop his determination to make it back, however.

"I was rehabbing all month (February) getting ready," Burke said. "I got my walking boot off February 1 so I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to make it, but I rehabbed and started running last week and it felt good."

After the team's win over the Shamrocks and Wildcats, there remained some unavoidable pain and discomfort. But not enough to keep him from playing and enjoying being part of his team again.

"I feel pretty good, it's a little sore after games but I feel good," said Burke, who smiled even wider when asked about being able to face Novi in the district championship contest.

"I was not going to miss that game," he said. Happy that he won't be senior teammate Kevin Morrissey.

"He's really amazing, his energy and passion he brings to practice every day really turned the team around," Morrissey said. "You could just feel the enthusiasm in practice get better every day he's been back."

Burke knows high school sports are special and don't last forever. It's why he cherishes the moment now more than ever before, simply because he nearly had it taken away from him.

"I like having fun on the court and I think that shows with my teammates," he said. "I just bring some energy."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mercy storms into quarterfinals

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They say if defense wins championships, then the Farmington Hills Mercy girls basketball team is on the right path.

The Marlins, who overcame a slow start leading only 5-4 after one quarter, used their signature half-court trap in the second and it propelled them to their first Class A championship since 2014 with a 35-14 victory Thursday night over Walled Lake Western in the finals at North Farmington.

With the victory, Mercy (22-3) advances to the state quarterfinals beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 at Southfield against defending Class A champion Warren Cousino (23-2), which survived its regional final with a 41-39 overtime win over Bloomfield Hills Marian.

It was the half-court trap that tipped the scales in Mercy's favor in a 47-42 regional semifinal win over Hartland and it was again the magic potion against Western, which bowed out with a 20-5 overall record.



Mercy's Jenna Schluter (12) finished with eight points in Thursday's victory over Walled Lake Western. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Marlins extended their lead to 20-10 at halftime and put the game away by outscoring the Warriors 12-2 in the third quarter.

"I don't think it wasn't really a secret that we'd come out with it, but it's really how well they prepare to come out with it," said Mercy junior guard Jenna Schluter of the half-court trap. "I think they just couldn't find a way around it."

Mercy went only 1-of-10 from the field in the opening quarter and made just 32.2 percent of its shots, but yet won by 21 points.

"It shows how good of a team we are that we can come out and not hit shots and still win by how much we won," Schluter said. "I think we trust each other as a team. We're a good defensive team and offensive team, but if we're not good offensively, we can come out and play really good defense."

Western made only 5-of-27 shots from the floor (18.5 percent) and committed 11 turnovers after having just six in a 48-42 regional semifinal win over Novi.

The Warriors' leading scorer, junior guard Janara Flowers, finished with just three points.

"That was probably the best defensive effort that we've had up against us all year," Western coach Skip Stevenson said of the Marlins. "They did the things that we like to pride ourselves on here. They played great defense and the credit goes to them. They won the game. They deserved this region, there's no doubt about it."

Mercy's hero in the upset win over Hartland, senior guard Jackie Bauer, finished with a team-high nine points hitting three timely 3-pointers, two in the second quarter and one in the third.

"So far she's been hitting 'threes' to start to the game," Morris said of Bauer. "That wasn't the case today, but then eventually you figure she's going to hit shots and she did."

Senior guard Chloe Godbold and Schluter each added eight points.

"I thought we had a number of players play really well," Morris said.

"I'm happy for this group. It's been a hard working group. They really compete and it's great to win a regional final."

Mercy slowly dismantled Western, which had only four players score, led by sophomore guard Kailee Ford's six pints.

"It was the same half-court trap that gave Hartland fits," Stevenson said. "We looked at it and we thought we were going to be O.K. We wanted to attack it head-on-head. We rolled the dice with it. We looked O.K. at times, but they made us pay every time. And what was worse is that we didn't hit a shot. We needed to hit just a couple of them."

Despite the loss, Stevenson was proud of the season the Warriors put together.

"Like I told them in there, I said, 'Yes, it's disappointing and would I have liked a better result? Absolutely,'" said Stevenson, who loses five seniors to graduation. "It's tough, but it's the whole body of work in the season. Twenty wins, won the (KLA) North (Division), won the district and made the regional finals. I can leave here tonight being very content."

Meanwhile, the Marlins will try and earn a spot in the state semifinals for the first time since 2014 with Cousino standing in the way.

"I so excited and I think our team works really hard," Schluter said. "I think we deserve this and we're all really excited."

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ROCKETS

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guards Christian Agnew (25 points), Kijuan Chandler (six points and strong defense) and sophomore guard Joe Moon IV (17 points).

Adding six points was senior forward Khalil Wright.

Their turn

"It feels great, it feels great," said Agnew, who hit two treys during a 9-2 surge in the second to make it 26-14. "Man, they (Belleville Tigers) ran away with it last year (in the district final) but we got it this year."

John Glenn enjoyed a 31-19 halftime lead and continued to press in the third quarter, forcing the Patriots to repeatedly misfire from long range while keeping the points coming.

The Rockets took a 52-28 advantage after three frames. To add insult to injury for the Patriots, junior forward Mark Mettie fouled out early in the fourth after scoring only seven points.

"They only know one speed and they got after it and forced some turnovers and played their style of game, it really hurt us," Franklin head coach Jon Djokaj said. "They were extremely physical with Mark the entire game."

"We talked to him, this is probably his first taste getting this far, and in this type of environment, so it's definitely a learning opportunity for him. I think it will only make him better, he's been a real special talent for us."

Franklin's top scorer was junior guard Keyon Brown, with 14 points. Registering four points each were Matthew Elrod and Caleb Boyd.

Although Agnew hurt the Patriots with his long-range shooting, he also was part of a strong defensive effort by the Rockets (20-3).

"I think the key was (stopping) 30 (Mettie) and 14 (Brown)," Agnew said. "(Mettie) is a great shooter so we had to close out hard, make sure to get him off the glass. Dajon took care of that."

Parker was a thorn in Franklin's side, while sophomore guard Joe Moon IV continued to play like a senior. He scored drained three triples.

"He's got touch on the ball," said Watts, describ-



Westland John Glenn's Christian Agnew (left) drives for two points against Livonia Franklin's Jack Cronyn.

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ing Parker's ability to drive or shoot from the perimeter if needed. "He's really come a long way from his sophomore year."

"And he's just an anchor on the inside, defensively, offensively. He's really a load for other teams."

Watts said his team is on a roll in part because key players are "really on top of their game. Agnew was just in (another) zone, and Moon was on top of his game."

"Also, a lot of things that Chandler does may not show up on the stat sheet, but he's doing the things he does, (like) playing defense against

their main ballhandler."

Djokaj, whose team finished 11-12, said it was a successful season for the Patriots.

"We've changed the culture, changed the mindset," Djokaj noted. "Kids are definitely working extremely hard."

Kudos for Bradley

John Glenn will get ready to face University of Detroit-Jesuit (18-3) in a Class A regional semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Dearborn Fordson.

"It's win or go home and we're not trying to go home yet," Watts said. "One of the things I told the guys is, they usually

don't like to hear (the word) 'practice.'

"... I told them at half-time we have practice tomorrow (Saturday), it means the season's still going."

Watts emphasized that a big part of the Rockets' success this year has been assistant coach and "unsung hero" Kirk Bradley.

"He is a great guy," said Watts, about Bradley. "He's really inspirational to the guys and does a great job keeping the guys motivated and focused when they come in and out of the games. It doesn't happen without him."

ROMULUS 75, WAYNE

68: In a Class A district final at Allen Park, Wayne Memorial's outstanding season came to a close. Romulus (18-4) moves on to the Wayne-hosted regional with a game at 6 p.m. Monday against Belleville.

The Zebras finished with an 18-4 record.

DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY 58, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 49 (OT): The Warriors were stopped in overtime in the Class D final at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. Lutheran Westland ended the season with a 16-6 mark.

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BOYS HOCKEY

CC's big third period yields 6-2 win

Shamrocks seeking 4th straight state title

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It was a long day and night for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's hockey team, but the Shamrocks remained alive and well in the MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey tournament.

A power outage earlier on Wednesday at Flint's Iceland Arena forced CC and quarterfinal opponent, the Bay City Wolves, to nearby a venue in Burton.

And after a 90-minute delayed start time from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the three-time defending state champion CC took care of business by scoring four unanswered goals in the final period for 6-2 victory over the unified team from Bay City Central and Western high schools.

With the win, Catholic Central (21-7-1) advances to the state semifinals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth against Grandville (19-10).

After switching sites, the Crystal Field House Ice Arena also experienced difficulties losing power as well earlier in the day, wreaking havoc with ice surface conditions through the first two periods.

"There were almost puddles in certain areas and the puck was sticking all over," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "Fortunately by the third (period) it started to get sorted out."

After redo of the ice surface a couple of extra times, the Shamrocks took off getting a pair of third-period goals from Brendan West and one each from Zachary Sprys-Tellner (power play) and Nicco Bifano.

CC outshot the Wolves 14-1 in the opener period, but Bay City goaltender Griffin Kwaiser, who finished with 39 saves on the night, kept it to a 1-goal deficit.

John Zielinski and Jared Lee also scored goals for the Shamrocks, who trailed at one point 2-1 late in the second period after the Wolves (19-10) got goals from Alec Bailey and Thomas Kayner.

"That appeared to jolt us awake as we responded the very next shift to finish the period and again at the start of the third to take the lead," Kaleniecki said. "We needed that response. It was a big response from some of our best players and the guys we count on. From there we really took a stranglehold on the game."

Michael Considine also collected two assists as CC outshot Bay City, 45-12. Shamrocks goaltender Joe Pernecky had a relatively quiet night with 10 saves.

"I certainly wish we would have grabbed hold of it earlier in the game, but their goalie played well and they competed really hard around their net to limit our second chance opportunities," Kaleniecki said. "Then they took advantage of a couple chances and sure enough it's 2-1 them with a minute left in the second period."

"Fortunately we responded immediately and took control of the game at that point."

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GARCHAR

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that was for all three of us to witness.

"The ball going right for the hole and one hopping in, we all jumped up and down like we were school boys."

Stephen was back in the game again. Even bigger was the Redford Township youngster decided golf was the sport he wanted to pursue in high school and beyond.

Less than a decade later, the youngest golfer in the Garchar family is living the dream.

The senior at University of Detroit Jesuit, where he is co-captain of the boys golf team and owns a 3.25 grade-point-average (with a 4.0 his last two semesters), recently took part in National Signing Day. Right there with him were family members, including Ryan's grandfather — who happens to be his golf mentor.

Garchar will play collegiately at Ave Maria University in Florida in the NAIA's Sun Conference.

"I liked how small the college was and I also liked how open I would be to experiencing new people and new places far away from home," Ryan said. "To be honest, I'm a bit nervous but that isn't necessarily a bad thing."

"I believe it is a good thing because I'm stepping out of my comfort zone and moving for-



Golf always has been big in the Garchar family. Here, young Ryan (right) and sister Lauren receive toy golf sets from their grandpa, Steve Garchar.

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ward into new places in my life."

Late bloomer

According to Stephen Garchar, however, the big birthday moment was the catalyst.

"Ryan continued to golf and kept getting

better and better until one day my father and I decided he needed some advanced instruction," Stephen explained. "Because I had previously worked at Western Golf and Country Club (in Redford), I decide to pay the local club pro Ben

Bockin a visit."

Bockin worked with Ryan and the protege went on to make the Cubs' freshman team. He moved on to JV and varsity, and had success at summer tournaments to further motivate him. Dedicating his athlet-

ic endeavors to golf came at a price, however. He had to give up sports he had played his entire life, such as baseball, soccer and basketball.

"My grandpa (Steve Garchar) is the one that really got me started with golf but it was never my main sport," Ryan continued. "I played baseball, basketball, and soccer and had to give all of them up in order to take my golf game to the next level."

He admits he is a bit of a late bloomer on the links, and that makes his college opportunity even more of a blessing. "I didn't actually start practicing and playing regularly until eighth grade which is why it is such an achievement and honor to play in college."

Asked about why golf now has a hold on him, he responded that the game's inherent challenges propels him to improve.

"The process of getting better and the constant failure in golf is what entices me to this day," Ryan said. "It's a funny answer but it's true. The ability to improve at something so difficult is what drives me."

"There is so much room for improvement in golf and there is never a definite or correct answer as to how to swing the club or how to practice. (That) makes it really limitless as to how you train."

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Why it's crucial to use keywords in your résumé

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
CAREERBUILDER

When it comes to finding a new job, there's a crucial step in the résumé-writing process you may not have heard about to improve your chances of making it past the initial round of screening.

"With ... more and more recruitment services transitioning to being solely online, HR departments are using different computer programs to scan through résumés and pull out documents based on the frequency of certain words and acronyms," says Valerie Streif, senior advisor at Mentat, an organization that hires, manages and mentors prospective job candidates.

While you painstakingly perfect your résumé, remember that a hiring manager potentially has to sift through dozens of other résumés and use an applicant tracking system (ATS) to cut through the clutter.

"An ATS scores résumés based on how well their content matches the keywords input by a hiring manager — this is why it's imperative to incorporate relevant keywords and phrases throughout your résumé," says Andrew Pearl, partner at Precision Resumes, Inc., a career management



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services firm. "Without those keywords, you won't make it past the first gatekeeper in the hiring process. You can have the best qualifications, but if you're not framing them right and using the most relevant keywords, you'll miss out on opportunities."

Keep these tips in mind when writing your résumé to help you get your foot in the door.

Research and identify other keywords to highlight.

Don't be afraid to borrow language from the job description.

"Recruiters are comparing you against the job description, and often times they're looking for buzzwords," says Cristina Lara, manager

of global diversity programs at Amazon, and a former national diversity manager for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. "It's still a good best practice to reframe your work experiences using the language of the job description. This will make it easier for recruiters to mentally align your background with the job, and you'll increase your chances of having your résumé sent up to the hiring manager."

Examples of keywords you'll want to integrate include job title, technical skills and academic requirements, according to Pearl. "Evaluate the posting you're applying to, line by line, and highlight what appear to be the most fundamental terms," he says. "If the job posting is sparse,

find other similar job descriptions online and use those as a guide for determining keywords and phrases. Focus particularly on similar jobs in similar industries to make sure the jargon you incorporate in your résumé is on track."

Master the art of sprinkling keywords throughout your résumé.

Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of executive career coaching firm Call to Career, recommends including a section at the top titled "Core Competencies" where the keywords could be highlighted prominently.

"That way, the keywords are at the top of the résumé and are easily found, [and] you can also judiciously sprinkle keywords in the 'Professional Experience' section," she says.

Remember that context is key.

"Keywords should also be in context with the content — plugging in a list of skill sets in a bulleted list and not actually relating how you know the skill, or what you did with it, is useless," says Dawn D. Boyer, résumé writer and CEO of D. Boyer Consulting. For example, instead of merely listing "business development," "marketing," or "sales," Boyer advises that you say "Responsible for business development and marketing to 25 Fortune 500 clients, with contract sales resulting in \$500 million in revenue within six months of hire."

Palmer agrees it is more effective to show rather than to tell. "For soft skills, I recommend demonstrating a result rather than simply listing these types of skills," Palmer says. "Instead of saying: 'good people skills,' it's more impactful to say, 'Improved staff relations through regular meetings where staff members could clearly define expectations for upcoming projects.'"

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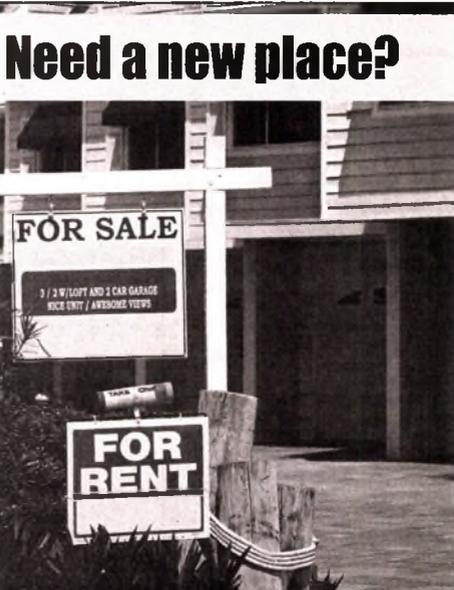
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Clinic for getting clean
 - 6 React to sticker shock
 - 10 24 hours —
 - 14 Blew a fuse
 - 19 Repairs for wrongs
 - 21 Head, to Hélie
 - 22 Unevenly notched, as a leaf
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Fighting fish of Asia
 - 26 Division of the Roman army
 - 27 — avail (futile)
 - 28 California observatory site
 - 30 Fite
 - 31 Grind, as one's teeth
 - 35 Beat soundly
 - 37 A B vitamin
 - 38 Riddle, part 2
 - 41 Planted
 - 44 Swenson of 'Advise & Consent'
 - 45 Banana
- DOWN**
- 46 Riddle, part 3
 - 52 Lie in the sun
 - 56 Places to live
 - 57 Feed holder
 - 58 Activate, as a light switch
 - 60 Silent assent
 - 61 Haile Selassie follower
 - 65 Kobe's home
 - 68 Brits' coins
 - 69 Conductor Sir Georg
 - 71 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 Cussed
 - 74 Windy City air hub
 - 75 Land surrounded by water, in Italy
 - 76 Spiny plants
 - 78 — Mahal
 - 79 Not at all, old-style
 - 81 Arm bone
 - 83 Conceive of
 - 85 Struck disk
 - 86 Riddle, part 5
 - 92 Prefixed with dose or watt
 - 93 Actor's job
 - 94 Class seat
- ACROSS**
- 95 End of the riddle
 - 104 One lacking pigment
 - 105 Slangy suffix with switch
 - 106 See or smell
 - 107 "— aboard!"
 - 110 Ump's call halfway to a walk
 - 112 "Falling Skies" star Noah
 - 114 "No One" singer Keys
 - 116 — worse than death
 - 117 Riddle's answer
 - 122 Strength of a chemical solution
 - 123 Account
 - 124 Absent
 - 125 Arena strata
 - 126 "Wise" birds
 - 127 Man in Eden
 - 128 16th-century Italian poet
- DOWN**
- 7 "That's — brainer!"
 - 8 Actor Gilliam
 - 9 Quiet "Hey!"
 - 10 Very many
 - 11 Wolf down
 - 12 Wolfed down
 - 13 Dog cry
 - 14 Flower anew
 - 15 Eye ring
 - 16 Became irate
 - 17 Downton Abbey, e.g.
 - 18 More loved
 - 20 Heavenly "too?"
 - 24 Ephron or Roberts
 - 29 — Alex (racehorse)
 - 32 in — hurry
 - 33 Dads' lads
 - 34 Writer Victor
 - 36 Final, e.g.
 - 38 How many TV shows are now shown
 - 39 Greek T's suffix
 - 40 Old verb
 - 41 Farewell act
 - 42 Sarcastic cry of sympathy
 - 43 Bronx area with a historic cemetery
 - 47 Eagle nests
- ACROSS**
- 48 Code-cracking org.
 - 49 City south of San Diego
 - 50 Aida or Bean
 - 51 Debate need
 - 52 Cold one
 - 53 Comment, as in a margin
 - 54 Plato was his disciple
 - 55 Leg reflex
 - 59 Favorable aspect
 - 62 Anat., e.g.
 - 63 Set — (rows)
 - 64 Love, to Yves
 - 66 "One thing — time!"
 - 67 B'way site
 - 70 Math branch
 - 72 Miss, in Meuse
 - 77 Involuntary wink, maybe
 - 80 Heretofore brand
 - 82 Razor brand
 - 84 Boundaries
 - 87 Frittata need
 - 88 Site for a bite
 - 89 Bits of physics
- DOWN**
- 90 Aged, quaintly
 - 91 Inert gas
 - 92 Coin producers
 - 95 "Blue" beer brewed
 - 96 Sainted king of Norway
 - 97 Flattened at the poles
 - 98 Out of — (amiss)
 - 99 "1984" author
 - 100 Rollis — (ritz rides)
 - 101 "Hi, amigo!"
 - 102 Onetime Pan Am rival
 - 103 Online protocol for remote log-in
 - 107 Pines (for)
 - 108 Some bank holdings
 - 109 — rest (inter)
 - 111 Prelinger of film
 - 113 Writer Ferber
 - 115 "date!"
 - 118 "Hee —"
 - 119 Divinity
 - 120 SFO guess
 - 121 LP speed stat

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- BAGPIPE
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- GOLD
- GREEN
- HARP
- HERITAGE
- HOLIDAY
- ISLAND
- JIG
- LEGEND
- LEPRECHAUN
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- LUCK
- MAGICAL
- MARCH
- MISCHIEF
- MOUNTAINS
- PARADE
- PATRICK
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By Dale Buss

There's lots of news going on with the Jeep Wrangler brand these days. But at the center of all the exciting developments about new versions and even new products is the undeniable fact that, through thick and thin, Wrangler has maintained one of the most authentic brands and platforms in the U.S. auto market.

Wrangler is for people who are rugged and adventurous, or who want to be rugged or act rugged, and bring both a Spartan attitude and a desire for adventure to their automotive purchases. In its stubborn insistence on keeping Wrangler as a mostly unadorned model that leads with its off-road capabilities, Fiat Chrysler has ensured that it's got a vehicle that still represents the true lineage of the Jeep brand all the way back to the



Rubicon Recon is the latest edition of Wrangler

World War II vehicle that helped save democracy.

Over the last few decades, the brand has wandered successfully into ever-expanding territory. Jeep fielded one of the first sport-utility vehicles meant for comfort and everyday utility in Jeep Grand Cherokee. And lately, it has dared to take the Jeep name and apply it to a couple of smaller models, Cherokee and Renegade, that are based on Fiat-designed platforms.

And there have become several versions of Wrangler. But at its core, Wrangler has stayed pretty much the same. It's like a smaller and equally unapologetic version of what the Hummer used to be: not meant for

everyone: certainly not to give offense to some; but drawing passion and devotion from those who are meant to own one.

True, FCA lately has talked about producing a pickup truck based on Wrangler beginning in late 2019. Mechanically, that certainly makes sense if Jeep is determined to produce a pickup truck, because most of its platforms now are car-based – and Wrangler already is more of a truck-style platform than anything else in the lineup.

Meanwhile, FCA keeps adding versions of the existing Wrangler SUV platform, such as the new Rubicon Recon that it introduced last month at the Chicago Auto Show. It features improved off-road prowess with a stronger front axle, enhanced rock rails and heavy-duty cast differential covers.

And that, folks, is the kind of thing that Wrangler is all about. The doors that close not with a thud but with more of a “bonk” sound, lest you suspect that Jeep wasted money on niceties. The visible exterior hinges on the doors that make the same point. The relative lack of the latest technology features. Sparse standard equipment that includes



The 2017 Jeep Wrangler Sahara sports matching body paint.

four-wheel drive, 16-inch steel wheels, skid plates, tow hooks, fog lamps, removable doors, a fold-down windshield, manual mirrors and locks, and full metal doors with crank windows.

The ride on the highway is not at all the point either, of course. It's all about being able to go off-road just about wherever and whenever you want, and being in a vehicle that's capable of taking you there – and back. To that end, Wrangler and its 3.6-liter V6 engine, good for 285 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque, provide plenty of push, and the suspension plenty of support.

The fact that you can basically take the vehicle apart to clean it also is attractive for off-roaders who only want their trophy mud coverings on their Wranglers to age for so long.

However, at just 18 mpg

combined, 16 in the city and 20 on the highway, Wrangler is only in the middle of the pack at best for utility vehicles of its size. But again – that's beside the point. Wrangler owners are more concerned about clearance at 15 mph than fuel economy at 70 mph.

Interestingly, though, The Sahara version I drove was attractive to mainstream customers because it's got an upgraded suspension and attractive body-colored paint treatment. Despite warnings I heard and read about a bumpy ride and too much cabin noise, Sahara did much better than I'd expected in both regards.

If I wanted a vehicle mainly for off-road applications that also could handle drives into the city, Wrangler Sahara would rank as a high possibility.



It's got the traditional grille, but Wrangler now has LED headlamps

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