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Westland 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli was among alumni recently honored by the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The honorees included Christopher Scott (front row, from left), Cicirelli and Chancellor Daniel Little; David Spraight, (second row, from left) Eric Sadek, Jeffrey Henning, John Cole and Mark Atkinson.

## Judge Cicirelli named distinguished alum

Westland 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicirelli was among seven alumni recently honored by the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Having received a bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate in 1982, Cicirelli was among graduates honored as 2016 Alumni Making a Difference.

Honored by the College of

Education, Health and Human Services, the criteria for Cicirelli's award was outstanding professional achievement, demonstrated public service and leadership, along with being engaged in advancement of the college.

After serving on the Westland City Council, Cicirelli served as Westland mayor for five years and became 18th

District Court judge in 2006. The award cites Cicirelli's implementation of a teen court program at Westland John Glenn High School, a program shown to reduce recidivism.

Previously, Cicirelli received numerous awards, including the YMCA Woman of Achievement Award, and has been active in a number of civic and community groups.

## 'It's next door:' Human trafficking forum talks issues

David Veselenak  
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Redford Township police officer has one piece of advice for parents looking to help keep their kids safe: stay involved in their lives.

"Please be a parent and quit trying to be your children's friend," she said. "Get into their business."

Mansfield, a K-9 officer, was one of several panelists discussing safety and human trafficking awareness Thursday morning at Livonia City Hall in Livonia. The event, put together within the last week and in conjunction with Human Trafficking Awareness Month, featured information and stories related to human trafficking.

Keeping an eye out on children's internet activity, especially social media, can be one way parents can make sure their children aren't being affected, Mansfield said. That includes ways children can try

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Ann Stislicki comforts daughter Jillian. Daughter Holley is at left.

## Friends, family remain hopeful missing woman will be found

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The Rev. Anthony Johnson related a story Thursday night about how he recently had to wait an anxious 20 minutes for his daughter to get home from school because her bus was late.

He told that tale to more than 300 people crowded into the hall at the Hubert-Fortiers-O'Grady VFW Post 345 in Redford Township. But he told it mostly to the family sitting front-and-center, a mother and father who've been waiting 41 days for word — any word — about their missing daughter, 28-year-old Danielle Stislicki.

"All kinds of emotions flowed through me and that was just ... her bus was late," Johnson said to Ann and Richard Stislicki. "I can't imagine what you're going through."

Johnson, pastor at Prayer Temple Baptist Church in Redford, gave the closing prayer at a vigil for Stislicki, the Farmington Hills woman who hasn't been seen since she left work Dec. 2 at Met Life in Southfield. Her Jeep turned up in the parking lot of her apartment complex the next day and police have been searching for her since.

A couple of weeks after she went missing, Farmington Hills police acknowledged they believe Stislicki is the victim of a crime. They searched a Berkeley home last month, but have not released any details about the investigation.

Stislicki's friends have started a Facebook page and a website to keep her story alive and help in the search for



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Paul Wilkins lights luminaria for the vigil.

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Human trafficking survivor Joyce Haskett talks about her experience. In the background is Redford Township Police Officer Jen Mansfield and her K-9 partner Maverick.



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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. In this installment, read about Mawia Elawad, who uses communal art to help unite her community in Rochester, New York. Page A4



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# VIGIL

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information related to her disappearance. Thursday's vigil was the second her friends and family have organized in an effort to keep her story alive. The first took place outside her workplace in Southfield; Thursday's was more of a homecoming than a vigil, since Stislicki grew up in Redford and graduated from Redford Union High School. Danielle's father Richard acknowledged as much as he spoke to the throng. "I feel this is more of a homecoming than a vigil," he said. "Not a homecoming for Danielle, but a homecoming of our hearts. It is a vigil and we will remain vigilant and, with your help and your support, we can make this happen." The vigil was put together by former state Sen. Laura Toy of Livonia, who now works for state Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, with help

from Officer Jennifer Mansfield of the Redford Township Police Department, among others. Emmons called the vigil a chance to show support for the family and to pass along information to help keep people safe. "When you're a mother and a grandmother, anytime a child goes missing, our hearts break a little," she said. "Clearly, people want to be a part of helping. People have been wonderful." The crowd was dotted with members of Stislicki's immediate and extended family, but perhaps the most dramatic moment of the evening came when Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz asked anyone in the crowd who'd never met Danielle to stand. Seemingly half of the crowd or more rose to their feet. One of them, Sheila Queener of Pinckney, said she made the trip to Redford because Danielle's story "touched"

her. "This is an example of the deep impact (her story) has had on not only her community, but surrounding communities," said Queener, a teacher at South Pointe Scholars Academy in Ypsilanti. "We speak so negatively so often about social media, but in this case it is helping." As he did at the first vigil, Richard Stislicki pointed out his daughter obviously isn't the only victim of abduction. A portion of Thursday's event was devoted to the discussion of human trafficking and abduction. "It's beyond Danielle ... people go missing all the time," he said. "Danielle is not just my child. She is a child, just like your child. This is not a future you would imagine. We need to be vigilant and stop these things when we can." Mansfield offered tips for staying safe and for keeping children safe. She said parents should "stop being their friend ... I want you to be their parent." She said parents should know their kids' passwords and keep electronic devices like computers and iPads in rooms where children can be watched. "Get up in their business," Mansfield said. "You don't know who's at the other end (of social



Richard Stislicki, Danielle's father, bows his head during a prayer.

return safely. "You don't accept anything else," said 20-year-old Jillian Stislicki, Danielle's younger sister. That's how Sarah Pollack feels, as well. Pollack has been friends with Danielle, she said, for 26 years, since their days growing up in Redford. She said while it gets "harder and harder" every day to hang on to the belief her friend will return, she simply refuses to give it up. "I just believe in my heart she's still alive," Pollack said. "It's just a feeling. It's belief. It's hope." It's hope shared by the more than 300 people who turned up Thursday and by the couple of hundred who attended the first vigil last month. That kind of support continues to impress Ann Stislicki, Danielle's mom, but continues to imbue her with faith. "We don't know what happened to Danielle. ... What we do know is there has been incredible support of people like you," Ann said. "People say we're strong, (but) we stay strong because of you. When there are moments when you don't know if you can do it, I feel you're there holding me up."

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to hide certain messages from people they chat with in apps that disguise themselves and hide content. "You need to be aware of that," she said. Headed by state Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, the panel discussed warning signs and ways the general public can get involved. Most people see human trafficking as something out of the movie "Taken," she said, but it's something that happens all across Michigan to males and females of all ages. While there are plenty

of resources out there, Emmons said the most important thing anyone can do is contact local law enforcement or the national human trafficking hotline run by Polaris at 888-373-7888 if they see something out of the ordinary. "If it doesn't make sense to you, it probably doesn't make sense at all," she said. Laura Toy, a former Livonia city councilwoman who works as chief of staff for Emmons in Lansing, said doing events such as these is important to keep the topic in the public eye.

While they await news on Danielle, family and friends are hanging on to the hope she's still alive, which is why they gathered Thursday. They believe Danielle will

tha Breen was one of several dozens of people who came to the event after hearing about it earlier in the week. She's only recently learned about this type of criminal activity and the fact it's so widespread across Michigan. Since learning that, she's tried to educate herself, including doing things like attend Thursday's panel. "I guess out of sight, out of mind," she said. "It was an enlightening experience for me."

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# Meet Ellie, super mom of MSU dairy farm

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EAST LANSING — Holstein cows at Michigan State University's Dairy Cattle Teaching and Research Center lined up Dec. 5 for their turn at the milking parlor.

Ellie, the matriarch of the farm, was among the first to be milked. Her dark-colored eyes shined bright as she hung her head below a nearby guard rail.

You wouldn't know she's the most senior cow on the farm by the way she acts, said Rob West, the farm manager.

"You wouldn't know she was there unless you looked," West said. "She's not a troublemaker."

The 11½-year-old black and white Holstein is two years older than the next eldest cow on the farm. Ellie gave birth to her 10th calf, Scout, in November. Most cows on the farm have less than a half-dozen offspring during their lifetimes.

Her formal name is 4274 Ellie. The number designates her as the 4,274th calf born on the farm since staff started keeping track. The name Ellie was given to her by staff who helped with the birthing process.

Ellie contributed 28 pounds of milk during her time at the milking parlor Dec. 5. The 15-minute process involves attaching vacuum pumps to each udder after prepping with an iodine solution. When the cows are done, the pumps detach and farm staff cleans the cows to prevent infection.

Over her lifetime, Ellie has given more than 240,000 pounds of milk, which becomes MSU cheese and ice cream as well as going into milk cartons for school children. Beyond the milk she produces, Ellie also has a cannula — a porthole-like device



Ellie walks away after being milked. Over her lifetime, Ellie has given more than 240,000 pounds of milk, which becomes MSU cheese and ice cream as well as going into milk cartons for school children. JULIA NAGY | LANSING STATE JOURNAL

that gives researchers or students a way to reach into the first chamber of a cow's stomach to study their digestive tract.

Once milking is done, the cows are led back into their assigned pens. Robin Hosmer, one of the student workers at the farm, helped Ellie and a few other cows into their pens nearby.

Hosmer is a pusher, one of the employees responsible for moving the cows to and fro. Sometimes, a simple whistle gets the cows moving. A poke or a gentle slap is necessary for the most stubborn of the bunch.

"The cows know the routine, and they know how far they can push it with certain people," Hosmer said.

The cows on the MSU farm are named by the people who helped to deliver them. A corkboard in a nearby office is covered with a rainbow of name cards corresponding to each cow. The colors indicate where the cows are in the reproduction cycle. Female cows are at peak milk production in the weeks after they give birth to their offspring.

The bulls born on the farm are sold at auction after only a few weeks.

Most go on to be raised for beef, West said. Heifers, the female offspring, stay on the farm, where they'll double in weight in their first two months.

With 10 offspring, it's likely Ellie has never missed an opportunity to have a calf, West said, a monumental feat. She's had six male offspring and four females, two of which are still on the farm.

Outside of the main barn are about two dozen shelters that look like large, plastic dog houses. Inside, the newborn calves meander around their stray-bed pens. Knowing it's nearly their

feeding time, several of the calves begin mouthing the fencing around their pens in anticipation when West approaches.

Each newborn gets 2¼ quarts of milk per feeding. They also have dry feed, which they'll eventually get once they are large enough to be moved into the general population. Each adult Holstein weighing in at between 1,500 and 1,700 pounds eats around 120 pounds of dry food a day. It's a nutritious blend of corn and grain silage known to farm staff as cow casserole.

The public is able to see Ellie and the rest of

MSU's cows on self-guided tours daily. Milking takes place between 2-5 p.m. for those interested in seeing that process.

Pictures of past prize-worthy MSU cows line the walls of the dairy farm offices. Their space is granted based on rankings made by the Holstein Association. Ellie's score of 82 out of 100 puts her in the good, but not exceptional ranking. But considering her longevity and contributions to the university, West said her photo might one day rest among the most memorable MSU cows.

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# HEALING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ART

Mawia Elawad works to help city's residents express fears and hopes

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For Mawia Elawad, a conversation between a neighborhood resident and a police officer while helping paint a community mural would make her work worth it.

Elawad, a 21-year-old Alfred University senior from Rochester, New York, is part of Art Force 5, a student group providing an outlet for residents to express their emotions through communal art projects that touch major U.S. issues like poverty, race and police-community relations.

"We're giving people the chance to have their voices heard," she said, adding that the projects are focused on "messages that help (community members) highlight their own self-esteem and realize the strength they have within themselves."

The projects often include tiles that community members can paint to form larger murals, to be displayed at community events or exhibits to demonstrate peaceful unity.

The group did another project where community members could hang black or blue ribbons, to memorialize both the black lives and the police lives lost.

Art Force 5 started as an outreach program related to an Alfred University class called "Drawn to Diversity." Students hold workshops for elementary school children, acting as "superheroes" to show that anyone can be a "hero" and deliver powerful community messages.

At a Black Lives Matter rally in Rochester last year, Art Force 5 offered boards with the words, "Why" and "What Now?," where residents could jot down their thoughts. The group showed the boards to Rochester police officers after the rally to continue the discussion about community-police relations.

Elawad and Dan Napolitano, Alfred's director of student activities who heads the Drawn to Diversity class, are working together to seek grants to start an Art Force 5 team in



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Mawia Elawad, 21, immigrated to the U.S. from Sudan and is a student at Alfred University in Rochester, N.Y., working with Art Force 5, a group that creates communal art projects.

New York City.

Art Force 5 members are not telling people what to create or what they should be feeling, said Elawad.

"We are not a remedy, we are a reflection," she said. "This is for (the community), and it's all about their voices."

## Q&A WITH MAWIA ELAWAD

Mawia Elawad of Rochester, New York, attends Alfred University and is an integral member of Art Force 5, a small group of students working to facilitate conversations about race, poverty and social justice through community art. She was born in Sudan, came to the U.S. as a child and found that community service and justice efforts have helped her discover her cultural identity as an immigrant and an American.

### What does it mean to be an American?

"To be an American means to be someone that understands privilege but doesn't shy away from it. Being an American means taking all the different cultures and ways of life that we experience, and saying, 'How do I fit into that?'"

### What moment touched and motivated you to take part in this effort?

"When I did my first classroom visit, it was to a third-grade classroom. I liked that we engaged the kids, and it was refreshing and humbling to see them having fun and learning at the same time. We get to be a part of that process and growth, and that's the larger part of the picture in what we try to do with Art Force 5."

### What gives you hope and what concerns you?

"The one thing that concerns me is the fact that people are so quick to neglect the other pieces of other cultures that they have within them, and only embrace what they see through tunnel vision. Programs like Art Force 5 and the work that other community members do are what give me hope. It only takes that 1 percent, one degree, to change someone's mind."

### What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

"What we hope to get on a personal level is our own growth and development, but also knowing that we empowered one person through one interaction to maybe do something different that day, or in the long run to learn something different about themselves."

— Sarah Taddeo

## Mawia Elawad

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## Police seek Upright Fence burglary suspect

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Westland police continue to look for a suspect accused of breaking into a business on Ford Road last fall.



WESTLAND POLICE Suspect

Police put out a call for assistance to the public Wednesday to help locate the suspect. Police say the suspect is accused of breaking into the Upright Fence Company at 37915 Ford in Westland on Nov. 21.

Police say the suspect is described as a male age 30-35 with blond hair who was wearing a T-shirt and jeans.

# Police: Knife threat at bar leads to man's arrest

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A man was arrested on a felonious assault charge Jan. 8 after a report of a knife-wielding man at White Rhino Sports Bar on Seven Mile.

The incident was reported about 12:30 a.m., a Redford Police Department report said. No injuries were reported.

A bouncer told police that a man he had kicked out of the bar while quelling a disturbance returned a short time later, opened the door and pointed a knife at him and another man, who were standing in the vestibule. The knife was partially covered by the sleeve of the man's jacket, the bouncer said, but the blade was visible. The bouncer said he quickly slammed the door on the knife-wield-

ing man. The other victim said the man had asked him and the bouncer if they were "pigs."

The bouncer said he called police a few minutes later after spotting the man who had had the knife in the alley behind the bar.

An officer located the suspect a few blocks from the bar, but police found no knife on him. Police did find a knife in an alley near the bar.

### Home burglaries

» Two TV sets and a video game console were reported stolen from a house on Beech Daly near Five Mile after a Jan. 7 burglary. It also appeared that food had been cooked and the oven left on, the complainant told police. The burglary occurred between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., a police report said. There were no signs of

forced entry.

» Hand tools were reported stolen from a house on Five Points north of Puritan after a Jan. 7 burglary. The break-in occurred between about 8-8:30 p.m., the victim told police. Police said the back door had been forced open, the door jamb broken.

» A bedroom was ransacked and a watch reported stolen in the Jan. 8 burglary of a house on Centralia near Plymouth Road. The victim told police he was away from the house between about 4-8:30 p.m. and came home to find his bedroom ransacked and a window in another room broken out. No other rooms appeared to have been disturbed, police said.

### Marijuana citation

A man who said he fell asleep after stopping to gas up his car was

cited for marijuana possession Jan. 7.

Police were called to the BP station at Plymouth Road and Beech Daly late that morning on a report of a man slumped over the steering wheel.

The man was awake in a Chrysler 200 when an officer arrived. He refused medical assistance and said he had been traveling between jobs, stopped for gas and fell asleep, a police report said.

The officer smelled marijuana when the man exited the car and, during a pat-down search, found a scale with suspected marijuana residue on it in a pocket of the man's pants, police said.

The man told the officer there might be marijuana in the car; a drug-sniffing dog found a cigarette pack with a plastic bag of suspected marijuana in it under the

driver's seat, plus bits of suspected marijuana cigarettes in the ashtray, police said.

The Chrysler was impounded; the suspect was ticketed for marijuana possession, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license, then released at the scene.

### Car theft

A woman reported the theft of her 2001 Cadillac DeVille from the driveway of a house on Centralia near Puritan on Monday.

The woman told police she had just obtained a temporary plate for the car and parked it in the driveway around noon Monday, then discovered about 1 p.m. that it was missing.

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## WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

### Vehicle damaged

Westland police were dispatched Jan. 2 to a residence on Manor Circle on the report of a damaged vehicle.

The victim said his vehicle had been parked there since New Year's Day and discovered the damage the next day. He said someone broke the rear passenger-side window. He told police it appeared nothing was missing from his vehicle, and police observed no physical evidence at the scene.

### Gym bag taken from car

A resident who lives on Yale came into the police station Jan. 1 to report the theft of a gym bag from his vehicle.

He said he parked his car Dec. 31 in front of a residence on Yale. He said he came back the next day to find his gym bag missing. The bag contained several items, including a lock, workout gloves and partial-denture teeth. The victim said there was no damage to the vehicle and believes the car may have been left unlocked.

### Trash can stolen

A resident who lives on Koppernick reported to police Dec. 30 that someone took a trash can.

The resident said his large trash can was missing from the street in front of his home. No suspect information was available.

### Fraudulent PayPal payments

A resident who lives on Marquette came to the police station Dec. 30 to report fraudulent transactions on her Paypal account.

She said she discovered several transactions on her account totaling several hundred dollars. There were no suspects and the transactions were done in San Jose, Calif.

### Purse taken from car

A resident who lives in the 34600 block of Hazelwood came to the police station Monday morning to report her purse had been taken from her car.

She told police she arrived home early Sunday morning and discovered later than day that her purse was missing from her vehicle. She said she left her purse in the vehicle, which was unlocked, overnight. She said nothing else appeared missing or damaged. She told police her significant other followed some footsteps created in the snow that led away from the vehicle, though it appeared some snow had been shoveled to disguise where the tracks led to.

### Accident at library

A patron of the Westland City Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, came into the police sta-

tion Sunday to report some damage had taken place to his vehicle while at the library.

He said someone had struck his vehicle while he was parked at the library. Police observed some damage to the front passenger side of the fender. No other information was available.

### Attempted break-in of garage

A resident who lives on Manila came into the police station Jan. 3 to file an attempted burglary report.

The resident said he last saw his garage door not damaged on Jan. 1. Before going to work Jan. 3, he said he noticed the garage side door padlock had been broken off and the door had been kicked in.

-Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

## LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

### Caid named Southeast Chiefs president

Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid's was named president of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Police Chiefs last week.

Caid received the designation earlier this month during an event at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. He was sworn in by U.S. District Judge Sean Cox.

### Man posing as employee takes headset

An employee at Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, came to the police station Tuesday to report a retail fraud at the store.

The employee said a man wearing a blue Walmart vest came into the store that day and went to the electronics department. He then

selected an Xbox One wireless headset and took it to the sporting goods department, where he opened it and placed it around his neck. He then left the store without paying for the item. The employee said they did not stop him, because it was believed he was an employee at the store and he'd be talked to the next day. After checking records, they discovered he was not an employee at that store location.

### Retail fraud suspects flee

Police were called Thursday to Home Depot, 13500 Middlebelt, on the report of some retail fraud suspects that had fled the store.

Store employees told police the suspects fled the store in a vehicle driving toward Schoolcraft. Police located the vehicle and pulled it

over, detaining several of the occupants inside. A store employee told police the suspects came into the store and selected several items, such as socket sets and lights, and left the store without paying. An employee attempted to approach them, but they reportedly fled. During this incident, an officer was flagged down by an unknown citizen telling them someone tried to get a ride from them out of the city. The person later told police the same person tried asking for a ride but was wearing different clothing this time. The man appeared to be a suspect in the retail fraud and police located him walking along Middlebelt and arrested him.

-Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **February 2nd, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

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Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at [www.CityofWestland.com](http://www.CityofWestland.com). The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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# Redford Union school board officers reappointed

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Jennifer Kurland on Monday began her third year as president of the Redford Union Board of Education.



Kurland

Kurland was named to lead the board by a 5-0 vote in a second round of balloting during the board's annual organizational meeting at the district's administrative building. Two board members, Sherri Caloia and Christine Doby, were absent.

Kurland was elected to the board in 2013 and was its president for 2015 and 2016.

During an initial round of voting, board Secretary Patricia Isa-

bell and Trustee Terri Graham voted no, meaning Kurland fell short of the minimum four votes needed to become president. Isabell had been nominated for the board presidency by Graham, but there was no vote taken because her nomination was not seconded.

Graham and Isabell switched their votes to favor a Kurland presidency on a second ballot, joining Kurland, Vice President Lisa Gubachy and Treasurer Evelyn Pridemore.

Other board officers also retained their spots for the upcoming year, all by 5-0 votes — Gubachy as president, Isabell as secretary and Pridemore as treasurer.

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# Author Doug Stanton speaking in Livonia

Doug Stanton, a resident of Traverse City who is a teacher, lecturer and author will be the speaker at Livonia Town Hall on Jan. 18.



Doug Stanton will speak at the Livonia Town Hall event Jan. 18.

Stanton has written several *New York Times* bestsellers such as "In Harm's Way" and the "Horse Soldiers", which is now being developed into a movie. He writes mainly on travel, sports, entertainment and history. He is a contributing editor to *Esquire*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and many others.

Throughout his life he met with unusual experiences such as nearly drowning in Cape Horn water, surviving a mugging by jungle revolutionaries, playing basketball with George Clooney and taking an acting lesson from Harrison Ford. Interested in sharing knowledge about writ-

ing, he founded the Traverse City National Writers Series, which benefited the local high school students who pursued writing degrees.

The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 18 at the St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman in Livonia. Tickets are available for the lecture and luncheon Series and can be purchased for \$55 by calling 734-751-1898.

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# Livonia resident honored as Veteran of the Month

Gary Lane, Vietnam War veteran of Livonia, was honored as the January 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Lane served in the Marine Corp. from 1967-1970. He was born in a small town in Arkansas and moved to Livonia in 1961. He graduated from Livonia Franklin High School in 1966. The war in Vietnam was ramping up and in August 1965 the U.S. was involved in its first major conflict with North Vietnamese troops, leaving 45 men dead and 200 wounded. More troops were required in Vietnam and as a result 382,000 civilians were drafted in 1966. Lane knew it was just a matter of time before he would be drafted so in the fall of 1967 he and seven of his buddies decided to enlist. Four of them, including Lane, went into the Marines and the other four went into the Army.

In October 1967, Lane was sent to boot camp at the Marine Corp Recruitment Depot in San Diego. He remembers well the haircut and turning in all his civilian clothes for fatigues. He also remembers being told that his backside now belonged to the U.S. Marines; only they used a little more colorful language. After basic he was sent to Camp Pendleton for advanced combat training. He was assigned to the supply and transportation group.

In January 1968, the North Vietnamese launched multiple attacks throughout South Vietnam known as the Tet Offensive. Fighting continued for months and 37,000 Viet Cong were killed, but it was also a serious blow to the U.S. which lost 2,500 men. In March 1968, as things were beginning to settle down, Lane was put on a plane and sent to Vietnam. He first landed at Okinawa where they spent a few days reorganizing and getting their shots and then flew to Da Nang Air Force Base where he would serve out his time in Vietnam.

"I remember getting off the plane at Da Nang and thinking to myself, 'I'm here and a war is



Livonia veteran Gary Lane was honored as the January 2017 Veteran of the Month.

going on and I don't even have a gun," Lane said, "I was a little scared but you soon get on with your work and don't think about it."

His main job was as a truck driver responsible for keeping the base supplied. He made countless trips back and forth from the supply ships to the base. Most of the time he was in his truck, but sometimes he would be assigned supply runs in a Huey helicopter. He had top-secret security clearance because on many of his trips he was carrying classified information for the base command.

"You had to constantly look over your shoulder when making supply runs," Lane said. "You never knew who would be out there."

Lane served 19 months in Vietnam and in October 1969 he was put on a plane and sent to Twentynine Palms Marine Corp Base in California where he was assigned to the 2nd LAAM Bn (Light Anti-aircraft Missile Battalion). In 1970 he was discharged and returned to Livonia where he landed a job as pipefitter/plumber at the Ford Transmission Plant. He retired from Ford after 40 years. Lane was remarried in 1997 to his wife Lynn and together they have six children and 12 grandchildren. He has been a member of American Legion Post 32 for 30-plus years.

Lane was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee and a DVD

was made and shown at the Jan. 3 S.A.L. membership meeting. He was present at the meeting and received many accolades from the members for his service to our country in time of war. A plaque with his picture and service information was presented to Lane from Livonia Trophy. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall.

The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend their monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**MLK Day in Westland**

At 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, the city of Westland will host its annual Martin Luther King Day ceremony, a freedom walk from the Westland Public Library to Westland City Hall. Those who are interested in participating in the Freedom Walk are asked to meet at city hall, 36300 Warren Road by 8:30 a.m. Buses will be there to shuttle participants to the library, where the walk will begin at 9 a.m. During this time, Northbound Central City Parkway between Hunter and Warren, will be closed. Following the walk, the ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at Westland City Hall. This year's keynote address will be given by Judge Cynthia Stephens.

**MLK Day in Canton**

Canton Township will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." Monday, Jan. 16, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. A punch and cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m., followed by the main program at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Subcommittee and Canton Township.

This year's keynote address, "Be the Difference" will be presented by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica L. Merritt.

**Livonia Public Library Family Nights**

Drop by anytime 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, to relax and reconnect with family members and neighbors and/or friends while enjoying snacks, conversation and fun activities. Activities include youth and adult coloring, paper crafts, Wii video gaming, board games of all types, card games and playing decks and jigsaw and other puzzles. The event is at the Livonia Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile Road. For more information, call 248-893-4010.

**'Hello, Dolly!' auditions**

The Spotlight Player will host auditions for the musical, "Hello Dolly!" 7-9:30 p.m., Jan. 23-24, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Go to the back stage entrance. The show will be presented March 31 through April 2 and April 7-9 in the Village Theater of Canton. For rehearsal schedule, character descriptions and information on audition preparation, go to [www.spotlightplayersmi.org](http://www.spotlightplayersmi.org). It is free to audition.

**Pagan office hours**

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will host her monthly coffee hours in January:

The fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton.

The fourth Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road in Belleville.

For more information, contact her directly at [KristyPagan@house.mi.gov](mailto:KristyPagan@house.mi.gov) or call her Lansing office at 517-373-2575.

**One-stop screening**

Wayne Senior Services and Beaumont Community Health will offer a free One-Stop Health Screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. Screening includes: blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose (diabetes). No fasting is required. No appointments are needed. The screening is

available to anyone 18 years and older

**Guardian Angel dinner**

The Italian American Club of Livonia has a unique relationship with the Italian priests of St. Louis Center in Chelsea and members continue to show their commitment to supporting persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities through the Guardian Angel Dinner Dance, now in its 22nd year. The IACL Banquet Center is at 39200 Five Mile Road, near I-275, in Livonia. This year's event will be Sunday, Jan. 29, starting with a noon Mass, followed by an Italian buffet dinner at 1 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the band Amici and there will also be a silent auction and a gift raffle. Tickets are \$60 per person and can be obtained by contacting member Anna Skowronski at 734-437-9067 or PR director Joe Yekulis at St. Louis Center at 734-475-8430.

St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for children and adults with I/DD and has been run by the Servants of Charity Congregation since 1960. Proceeds from this event benefit the transportation program for the residents. For more information about St. Louis Center, go to [www.stlouiscnter.org](http://www.stlouiscnter.org) or call 734-475-8430.

**St. Mary school open house**

The public is invited to attend our the St. Mary open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at 34516 W. Michigan Avenue in Wayne, St. Mary offers highly qualified teachers and an exceptional academic program to Catholic and non-Catholic students in a diverse environment. It also provides enrichment programs beyond the basic curriculum such as C.Y.O. sports, spelling bees, academic Olympics, student council, children's vocal and bells choirs, band, Scouting programs and before and after school care.

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**Jazz at the Elks**

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

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, join The Boogie Woogie Kid Trio with the award-winning singer Emma-Lee Aboukasm, YouTube's viral sensation The Motor City Boogie Woogie Kid and drummer Gary Stevens for a night of piano and song favorites from the swing dancing days of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. Classics include "Women be Wise," "In the Mood," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Basin Street Blues," "Blue Moon" and many more. For a preview, visit [www.boogiewoogiekid.com](http://www.boogiewoogiekid.com).

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call 734-453-1780, visit [www.plyaa325.com](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

**Strikes for freedom**

MLK weekend has become a time for education, remembrance and celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Four years ago, Printing Plus by United Sonz began "Bowling It Out" an annual event dedicated to continuing to spread King's message of love, equality, justice and peace for all persons.

This year's theme "Strikes for Freedom" combines the fun of bowling with a message of hope, love and prosperity. The message embodies freedom from discrimination, freedom from injustice, and freedom from all inequalities.

It all takes place from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at Wayne Bowl (36900 Michigan Ave.). The event includes two games of bowling, shoes and a T-shirt. The team fee of \$100 covers a five-person team. Bowling It Out also features a live DJ, full kitchen and mystery jackpots. A portion of proceeds raised will be donated to local nonprofit African American Endowment Fund. For registration and more information, call 734-485-8889.

**Great Lakes shipwrecks**

At 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, the Livonia Historical Society will present a program on Great Lakes shipwrecks by David Trotter. He is a world renowned underwater explorer, lecturer and photographer featured on TV and newspapers throughout the United States and Canada.

The society will meet at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, Livonia's Historical Park, which is off Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile. For more information, call 734-464-0450. Public welcome at no charge.

**Arctic Chill triathlon**

Registration is underway for the annual Arctic Chill Indoor Triathlon Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The event, sponsored in part by Corporate Dining Concepts, attracted more than 50 participants in 2016. Participants compete in a 20-minute swim, 20-minute bike and 20-minute run with 10-minute transition times between each event. Swimming takes place in the 25-yard lap pool. Biking will be on upright stationary bikes. Running will be done on treadmills in the fit hub. Scoring is determined by the total distance covered in all three events.

The registration fee of \$35 includes a participation T-shirt and refreshments. Awards will be given to the top male and female in each of the following age groups: 18-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61 and over. Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 20. For more information call 734-466-2900 or go to [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us).

**Auto art workshop**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host an auto art workshop featuring 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, "Old Truck No. 6."

Students will participate in a gallery tour and art appreciation lesson using the diverse art pieces in the January exhibit. Then, students will create their own 2D version of Tim Tonachella's photograph, "Old Truck No. 6," inspired by the work in the exhibit.

A variety of media will be available for students to use and they will be encouraged to be creative with paint, colored pencils, collage materials and illustration marker. Photos of each piece will be exhibited on the website as part of the Interpretations Exhibit Artists' group. Instruction and all materials provided. The instructor is Lisa Howard. The program is for ages 7-18. The cost is \$24 per student. To register, call 734-416-4278 or go to [www.plymoutharts.com](http://www.plymoutharts.com). The PCAC is at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

**Bag book sale**

The Friends of Westland Library invite the public to two-day Bag Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, and noont to 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12. Both days are \$4 Bag Day only

Sorry, no Friends preview this sale.

**Bariatric seminars**

The Michigan Bariatric Institute, 3622 Five Mile Road, Suite 202, in Livonia, offers free monthly educational seminars. The public is invited to hear a presentation about laparoscopic bariatric surgery by bariatric surgeon Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon at St. Mary Mercy Livonia.

These educational seminars will be held 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16; Thursday, Feb. 2; Monday, Feb. 13; Thursday, March 2; and Monday, March 13.

This seminar is free, but registration is required. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at 877-949-9344.

**Weight management program**

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

There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "Classes and Events."

**January concerts at Trinity**

The following artists are scheduled to perform at the Trinity House, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, in January. Call 734-464-6302 or go to [www.trinityhousetheatre.org](http://www.trinityhousetheatre.org) to purchase tickets.

Heather Styka w/ Rachele Eve, 8 p.m. Jan. 14; \$15, \$12 subscribers

The Younce Guitar Duo, 8 p.m. Jan. 20, \$15, \$12 subscribers

Claudia Schmidt and Sally Rogers, 8 p.m. Jan. 21; \$20, \$17 subscribers

**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) for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more. The next luncheon is Jan. 26. Call Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

**Livonia features artist Gwendolyn Roth**

Gwendolyn Roth will be the featured artist at the Livonia Fine Arts Gallery for the month of January. Her media is photography.

Roth's passion for photography has led her to creating encouraging viewpoints that consider our world in an uplifting or surprising new light. In her artist statement, she said, "There is so much to see and capture and it's all real and it is found all around us — we don't have to go far. Through my art I hope to transcend the indifferent and enrich our lives one picture at a time."

Visit the gallery, located on the second floor of the Civic Center Library

at 32777 Five Mile Road, between the court house and city hall. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. There is a new artist every month.

**A night for ladies, girls**

How Sweet It Is! A Night for Ladies and Girls ages 8 and up featuring Scarves for Sisters Event is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Make new friends and new memories while making scarves for homeless women in Detroit. Bring a pair of good cutting scissors (if available) and new/gently used ladies turtle necks. Cost: \$5 donation. For more information, go to [www.crossroadsnow.org](http://www.crossroadsnow.org) or call 734-338-5149.

**Wayne Memorial Parent Night**

Wayne Memorial High School will host an eighth-grade parent night for those transitioning to ninth grade or interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2016-17 school year.

Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Wayne Memorial High

School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extracurricular activities and much more.

All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For more information, call the Counseling Department at 734-419-2215.

**St. Edith open house**

The public is invited to an open house set for 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29.

St. Edith Catholic School is a MANS accredited Catholic School for 4-year-old preschool and kindergarten through eighth grade.

For more information, go to [stedithschool.com](http://stedithschool.com).

**Secondhand Prose closes for renovations**

Canton Public Library's Secondhand Prose Bookstore will be closed for renovations through Feb 1. Friends of the Canton Public Library support the library through advocacy and fundraising for resources beyond the scope of the operating budget.

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**CLIFFORD**



**IRIS M.** Age 84 of Redford, passed away January 12, 2017. Loving mother of Linda (Ed) Landess, Julie Gentry, Joanne (Rob) Hendricks, and David Clifford. Chenshed grandmother of Jennifer (Brian) Bauman, Stephanie (James) Quinn, Jeffrey Miracle, Jessie (Bodie) Drake, Brenna Gentry, Sean (Patrick) Clifford, and Ryan (Cody) Hendricks; great-grandmother of ten. Sadly, Iris is predeceased by her husband, George; granddaughter, Christina (Bill) Thomson; and sister, Kathleen Sundin. Iris will be interred at Glen Eden Memorial Park, in Livonia, Michigan, at a later date. Memorial contributions suggested to the Disabled American Veterans Charity ([www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)).

**SILVER**



**RALPH G.** age 78, of Livonia passed away peacefully on January 8, 2017 surrounded by his family and close friends. Beloved husband of Ida Cucinella Silver for 51 years. Loving father of Rachel (Jeff) Blanchard and Erin (John) Wagner. Adoring grandfather of Nora, Mae, Audrey, Alice, John, and Vincent. Brother of Gary (Gen) Silver and Gordon (Liz) Silver. Brother in law to Tony (Alina) Cucinella, Cathy Cucinella, and Peter (Nancy) Cucinella. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Cousin to Tapp, Hindson, Kraft, and Tuttle families. Ralph was born in Detroit Michigan to Harold Spencer Silver and Virginia Hindson Silver on August 8, 1938. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy and worked for Ford Motor Company for 36 years. A memorial gathering will be held at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. 44045 Five Mile Rd.

**KUCHERENKO**



**ELIZABETH A.** January 5, 2017. Elizabeth Alice Kucherenko, age 81 of Plymouth, passed away peacefully January 5, 2017. Elizabeth was the beloved daughter of the late Olga (Michael) Kucherenko, and dear sister of Shirley (Jack) Armstrong, Janie (Dale) Bigelow, Gerald Kucherenko, the late Katherine (Lloyd) Whetter, and Andrew Kucherenko. She was loved by several nieces and nephews, Cindy (Gary) Hunter, Stephanie (Bill) Borr, David Shimmons, Laurie Shimmons, Eric (Angela) Armstrong, Matthew (Vicky) Armstrong, Ila and Natasha Kucherenko, and the late Ramon (Barb) Shimmons. Elizabeth loved her profession as a Nurse Anesthetist. Her favorite 'duty' was delivering babies. She encouraged other young women interested in the field to pursue it as a career. When she wasn't working, she was traveling on some new adventure, sailing, scuba diving, flying and learning more about history. Elizabeth will be dearly missed by her family and many friends at Independence Village of Plymouth. The family has entrusted Elizabeth's care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel in Northville, (248) 348-1233. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at [www.griffinfuneralhome.com](http://www.griffinfuneralhome.com).

**WEISENBURG**



**ELIZABETH "BETTY"** Age 91. Died January 6, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Martin. Dear mother of Gary (Barbara) and Keith (deceased). She is also survived by her sister Helen (Ray) Zanini, Sam (Jessie) Pastrovich, step grandchildren Mandy (Garrett) White, Chase (Lindsay) Cicchelli, great grandchild Chloe Cicchelli, many nieces and nephews and devoted friends. Memorial Service Sunday, January 22, 2 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial Visitation Sunday, January 22, from 12-2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a contribution in her name to Farmington Public Schools Foundation would be much appreciated. She will always be remembered in our hearts as "The Lady in Pink." [www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)



# Contesting a will is usually ineffective

**Q: I have a problem I hope you can help me with. Last year after an extended illness, my older brother passed away. At the time of his death, he was divorced. My brother was married three different times. He had two adult children at the time of his death, but he had no relationship with them. My brother had always told me that, upon his death, I would inherit everything. At the time of his death, I was informed by his attorney that the bulk of his estate went to his two children, along with his first wife. My inheritance was about 15 percent of the estate. My friends tell me that since I was the one who helped my brother through his illness, I should be entitled to**



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**more. I have met with two attorneys on this topic. The first attorney told me that I had no case and all I would be doing is putting good money after bad. He said that since my brother's will was done about two years ago, before he became ill, there would be very little that I can contest. I met with another attorney who said it is possible to sue and he estimated that it would cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to pursue the lawsuit. He wanted a \$10,000 retainer. My question is, do you think I should sue? It's**

**not necessarily about the money I would inherit, but rather the principle. What do you think?**

**A:** First, I am sorry for the loss of your brother. I can only imagine how difficult it is when a sibling passes.

In reviewing your situation, I agree with what the first attorney told you. From the information you have provided, I do not believe you have a case. Yes, it probably was unfair how your brother chose to divide his estate, but it's not an issue of fairness — it's an issue of law. I believe if you pursued the case in court, you would lose and it would end up costing you a substantial amount of money.

In most will contest situations, the issue is

whether the person who executed the will had the legal capacity to do so. For example, if a beneficiary created an atmosphere of intimidation and pressure where the individual was not of clear mind when they did their will, that potentially could create an issue where the will could be overturned. Another example is if someone was heavily medicated; their state of mind could be contested and, potentially, a will could be overturned. In the case at hand, there are no issues that deal with the mental capacity of your brother. The bottom line, your brother was of clear mind when he had his will done and that is going to be the controlling issue.

When it comes to our deaths, we generally are

free to leave our money and property to whomever we choose. There is some protection in the law for spouses, but that is about it. In fact, it is relatively easy to disinherit a child. In the case at hand, the issue seems to be that the brother said that his sister was going to inherit money and there seems to be a fairness issue. Unfortunately, in the law, these things do not hold up. Just because someone tells you that you will inherit upon their death doesn't create a legal obligation; there needs to be significantly more. The fact that she helped her brother during his illness, once again, did not create a legal obligation. After reading her letter, I have no doubt that the reason she did assist her brother was

not because she expected some financial remuneration, but because of love and affection for her brother.

Contesting wills is not easy; it can be very expensive and take a toll on a family. However, there are situations where a will contest is appropriate. In those situations, make sure you deal with an attorney who specializes in these areas. Will contests are specialized cases and having someone who is familiar with the court rules can be extremely valuable.

Good luck!

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DAVID VESELENAK

A proposal to build onto the Woodhaven Retirement Community on Wentworth west of Middlebelt went before the Livonia Planning Commission on Tuesday.

## Livonia retirement community proposes additions

**David Veselenak**  
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Several retirement communities along and just off Middlebelt Road in Livonia have seen major development or improvements. One more hopes to join them in making additions to its property.

Woodhaven Retirement Community, 29667 Wentworth, wants to construct additions to its property just west of Middlebelt in the coming months in order to increase the number of private rooms at the facility, as well as physical and occupational therapy facilities on the property. Two additions are planned, including one on

the western portion of the property and another more in the central portion. Another small addition would add to a current dining area as well.

"Altogether, these additions total about 14,790 square feet," said Mark Taormina, the city's planning director. "It would enlarge the total facility to just under 70,000 square feet."

The proposal went Tuesday before the Livonia Planning Commission and received a unanimous recommendation for approval.

The additions would be constructed on property currently owned by Woodhaven Retirement Community, with no additional land being ac-

quired.

Randy Gasser, executive director of the community, said the project comes after hearing from the public that the former model, which included shared rooms for care, was not desired anymore.

"An organization needs to continually change to meet the changing business and consumer-directed environment and that's what we're facing today. And the change that we're facing is, consumers no longer want to receive care in a shared room," he said. "They don't want to be in a bedroom with an unrelated person. All this project is designed to do is provide additional rooms so that our current

rooms can be used as private rooms."

He said the number of residents at the community will not increase.

### Just the most recent in the area

The improvements come as several other retirement communities in the area have made major improvements. Those include Parkside of Livonia, 28815 Jamison, which recently put \$1.6 million into renovations at its facility; and Marycrest Manor, which continues work and opened a new building last summer. That facility, located at 15475 Middlebelt, opened 72 private rooms and improved areas for dining and

physical therapy.

Gasser said Woodhaven Retirement Community wants to replicate the type of success Marycrest Manor has already seen in that area.

"We are simply doing what they have already done with great success," he said.

Several residents who live nearby on Wentworth and Oporto came to the planning commission meeting to share concerns over additional work at the property.

Tom Carey, who lives on Oporto, said his biggest concern was the potential to see more

water end up on his property with more construction and man-made structures in the area.

"I've got more and more and more water. It's not because it's rained more, it's because of buildings," he said. "Let's not put it in my backyard."

After the recommendation for approval, the project will go onto the city council for its final approval.

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Adam Hammons	25	24	96%
Peter Herzberg	25	24	96%
Bill Johnson	25	22	88%
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## Madonna hosts MLK Day service project

On Monday, Jan. 16, some 13 Madonna University students will host a group of 25-30 middle school and high school students from Alternatives for Girls. They have planned an afternoon that will provide an opportunity for the girls to learn about college life.

Thousands of volunteers throughout Michigan will devote themselves that day to service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and the day of service named in his honor. These residents will make this national holiday a "day on, not a day off" as they look to reaffirm King's teachings of nonviolence and social justice.

Madonna University has received support from the Michigan Community Service Commission to help fund a project to aid Alternatives for Girls, a Detroit-based nonprofit serving homeless and high-risk girls and young women.

Activities include a tour of Madonna University, a demonstration of the nursing simulation lab, chemistry and biology laboratory fun. At 5 p.m., the girls will work with 13 Madonna students to make blankets for low-income families. The blankets will be donated to Redford Interfaith Relief, a nonprofit organization that provides emergency food, clothing and shelter for families in need. To close the MLK celebration, the girls will join more Madonna students, faculty and staff in a candlelight vigil.

This project is designed to impact the students from Alternatives for Girls in the following ways:

- » Strengthen their awareness and understanding of college life
- » Inform them about how to apply for college
- » Increase their exposure to various fields of study
- » Show them the powerful impact of community service.
- » MCSC, along with the Michigan Nonprofit Association, will support 22 volunteer projects across Michigan that will address hunger and homelessness, education and other critical community needs.

## Wish you were here!



The Kinney family recently visited Costa Maya, Mexico, and brought their Livonia Observer with them.

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## Jefferson Barns activities scheduled

Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center has a number of free activities and programming available during the week. Jefferson Barns is at 32150 Dorsey in Westland.

» Library hours — Monday, noon to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, 4:30-8 p.m.; Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

» Learning Center hours — Monday through Thursday 4-7 p.m.

» Boxing gym hours — Monday through Friday 4:30-7:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

» Youth Assistance Program Tutoring — Wednesdays 3-5 p.m.

» LifeCare Pathway to Success/Computer Literacy — Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

» Beaumont Hospital Diabetes Nutrition — Wednesday 12:30-2:30 p.m.

» Pickle Ball — Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pickle Ball is easy to learn and fun to play



Jefferson Barns is at 32150 Dorsey in Westland.

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for individuals of all ages. It is traditionally played on a badminton-sized court with special pickle ball paddles,

made of wood or high-tech aerospace materials. The ball is similar to a wiffle ball, but is

slightly smaller. The lower net and wiffle ball allow the game to be enjoyed by people of all

ages and abilities, while still allowing more competitive players to test their skills.

## 'Forgotten presidents' presentation Feb. 12 in Livonia

The Friends of the Livonia Civic Center Library will present Annette and Jim McConnell on the Forgotten Presidents at 2 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library on Five Mile in Livonia.

Some of our presidents such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt are very well-known and are praised for what they have achieved, while others between 1841 and 1897 are unfamiliar with exception of Polk, Lincoln and Grant. The speakers will present unique trivia, key achievements and failures of the leaders we often forget or perhaps never knew in the 19th century.

Annette and Jim McConnell, were both born in Detroit, raised Downriver and graduated from Wyandotte Roosevelt High School. They have visited the birthplaces, homes and grave sites of every American president of the 18th, 19th, and 20 centuries.

State Of Michigan In The Circuit Court For The County Of Wayne Case No. 16-013231-NO; Present Hon. Sheila Ann Gibson Bert Haguewood, Plaintiff, Vs. JAMES Hasenau, Florence Hasenau, and Jim Hasenau Defendants.

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**Exparte Order For Service Of Process By Substituted Means.** At a session of said Court, held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne State of Michigan on 12/27/2016 . This matter having come to be heard pursuant to Plaintiff's Ex Parte Motion for Substituted Service, and the Court being fully advised in the premises; **Now Therefore It Is Ordered And Adjudged** that service of process in this action may be made upon Defendants, James Hasenau, Florence Hasenau And Jim Hasenau, by mailing a copy of the Amended Complaint, Summons, Demand for Trial and this Order to Defendants, JAMES HASENAU, FLORENCE HASENAU and JIM HASENAU, at their last known address by way of regular mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to wit: 34437 Cowan Road, Westland, Michigan 48185-2344. Proof of Service for these mailings shall be filed with the court by The Sam Bernstein Law Firm. **It Is Further Ordered** that notice be given by posting, for a period of three weeks, this Order in the Wayne County Circuit Court by Plaintiff who shall file a proof of said posting with the Court. **It Is Further Ordered** That this Order shall be published in the Westland Observer newspaper once each week for a period of three consecutive weeks with proof of said publication to be filed with the Court by the Sam Bernstein Law Firm. **Notice is hereby given:** a. That this matter is pending in the Wayne County Circuit Court before the Hon. Sheila Ann Gibson. b. That the names of the parties to this Litigation Bert Haguewood, James Hasenau, Florence Hasenau, Jim Hasenau. c. That the nature of these proceedings arise from the careless, reckless, and negligent maintenance of property owned by Defendants, James Hasenau, Florence Hasenau and Jim Hasenau, on April 20, 2015, causing injuries and damages to Plaintiff, Bert Haguewood, and that Defendants were the owners of the said premises. d. That Defendants, having been served by substituted means, as set forth in this Order, must file an Answer or an Appearance within twenty-one (21) days of the service upon them with the Clerk of the Wayne County Circuit Court. e. If the Defendants served by substituted means fail to file an Answer or Appearance within twenty-one (21) days a default may be entered with the court. A default is a legal document declaring that the facts alleged by Plaintiff in the Complaint are admitted. Defendants may not proceed in the action unless and until the Default is lifted or set aside. After the Entry of a Default the Court, upon the filing of a Motion by Plaintiffs' may assess and award damages for the Plaintiffs and against the Defendants. Circuit Court Judge /s/ Sheila A. Gibson

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Clegg beats Chiefs with trey

Clemson-bound guard secures Wayne win

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The Canton Chiefs knew what was coming. In the final minute of a 43-43 girls basketball contest, Wayne Memorial's Camree Clegg had the ball behind the three-point arc.

Clegg, a junior point guard who is verbally committed to playing Division I basketball at Clemson, took a feed from Jeanne Terry and waited until the clock ticked down to small numbers.

Finally, with Canton senior Shama Butler closely defending her, Clegg launched a majestic shot that swished

through the cords with 1.8 seconds remaining — ultimately giving the Zebras a thrilling, 46-43 win.

"I just had to have confidence in my shot," said Clegg, who led all scorers with 23 points. "My coach (Jarvis Mitchell) trusted me and I just had to be confident and win the game.

"With it being a tie game, either it was going to go or it didn't, either we were going to go to overtime or we were going to win it. We knew we couldn't give them another possession."

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Wayne Memorial's Maikala Griggs-Zeigler (33) tries to put the defensive clamps on Canton's Brianna Finn (23) during Friday's game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## Patriots baseball camp

Livonia Franklin is holding a spring baseball camp for boys or girls in grades 2-6, Saturday, Feb. 25, at the high school (31000 Joy Road).

The camp will consist of two sessions focusing on sport-specific skills. Campers must bring a glove, bat and athletic shoes.

» From 9-11:30 a.m. coaches will help participants work on hitting, baserunning and infield work. Key aspects will include drills on how to take the extra base, hitting for average and proper infield approach.

» From noon to 2:15 p.m. the session will focus on defensive work. That means pitchers fielding practice, catching drills and outfield approach.

Between morning and afternoon sessions there will be supervised lunch in the field house. Campers must bring his/her own sack lunch.

The Franklin staff, led by head coach Matt Fournier, has extensive experience at the high school and college levels. Each camper will be assigned to groups according to age and ability.

For more information, contact Fournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us or 734-968-0499. Cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both (T-shirts for those who sign up for both).

## Livonia city tourney dates

The schedule is out for the 2017 Livonia City Baseball Tournament, which will take place May 6 at various high school fields.

The varsity schedule is: 10 a.m. Stevenson vs. Churchill at Franklin; 12:30 p.m. Franklin vs. Clarenceville at Franklin; 3 p.m. Championship/Consolation games at Franklin/Clarenceville, respectively.

The JV schedule is: 10 a.m. Franklin vs. Clarenceville at Churchill; 12:30 p.m. Stevenson vs. Churchill at Churchill; 3 p.m. Championship/Consolation games at Stevenson/Churchill, respectively.

## Pitch count limit

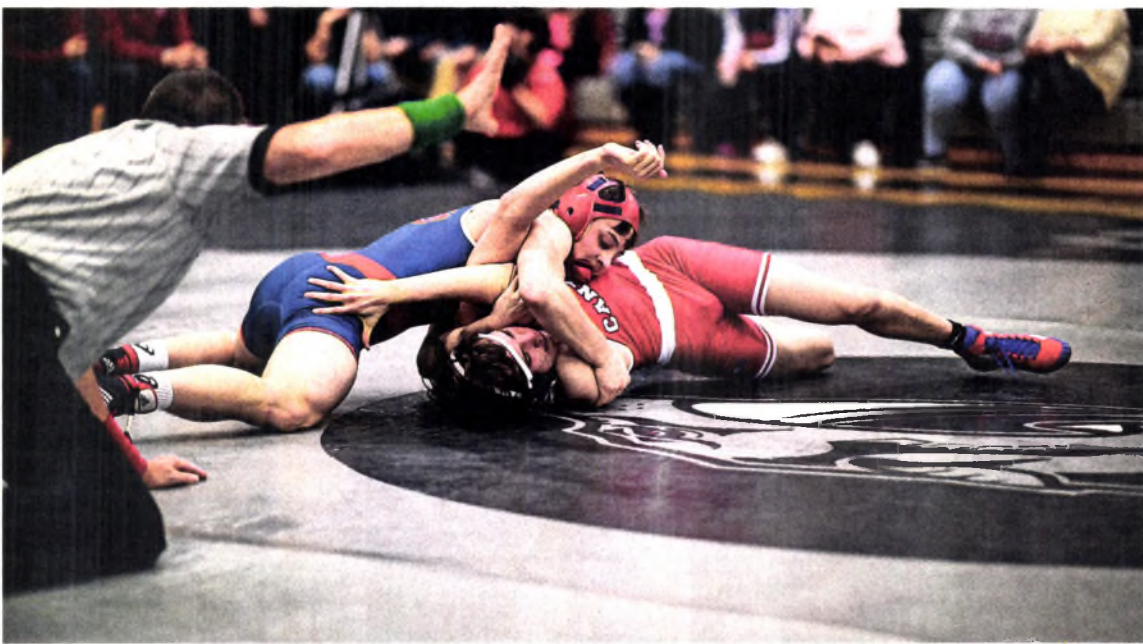
A recent ruling by the Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association will affect prep pitchers this spring.

As its fall meeting held Dec. 2 in East Lansing, the Representative Council voted to adopt a baseball rules change adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations, which must start prior to the spring 2016 season.

The rule change requires the pitchers follow a pitch count limit instead of the previous rule that limited innings based on the numbers of outs thrown.

Pitchers will be allowed to throw a maximum of 105 pitches in one day and be required to rest three days if they throw more than 75. Pitchers must rest two days after throwing 51-75 pitches, one day after throwing 26-50, and will not be required to rest if they throw 25 or fewer pitches in one day.

PREP WRESTLING



Westland John Glenn's John Siemacz battles Canton's Zack Dehnke during Wednesday's KLA South quad meet at Plymouth. TOM BEAUDOIN

# ROCKET FUEL

Deep, powerful John Glenn lineup too much for division foes

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With top-ranked guys up and down the lineup, veteran Westland John Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk knows opponents always will be gunning for his squad.

And Polk also knows that, even when the competition heats up — such as it will at the upcoming Bay City Western Duals — the Rockets will more than meet the challenge.

Wednesday's KLA South

quad meet at Plymouth High School went a little more easily for the Rockets, at least on the score sheet. John Glenn earned 69-9 and 67-9 wins over Canton and the host Wildcats in the first division action of the season.

"It is what it is. I expect to win the division," said Polk, whose team is off to a 13-3 start overall and 2-0 in the KLA South. "I know Plymouth's a little bit younger, Canton's a lot

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Plymouth senior Ethan Shulaw (right) grinds out a close decision against Westland John Glenn's Lionel Cornish despite suffering from a leg injury. TOM BEAUDOIN

PREP HOCKEY

# 3-goal first period lifts Churchill past Plymouth

Tim Smith  
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In the days before Livonia Churchill faced Plymouth in Wednesday night's KLA South Division boys hockey match-up, the Chargers practiced getting into the tough areas of the rink.

That's because Chargers

KLA South test at Eddie Edgar Arena goes to Chargers

head coach Jason Reynolds knew his team would be in for a grueling contest, where finding room to roam might be tough — let alone getting the puck past Plymouth standout junior goalie Brendan Olepa.

Churchill players followed the game plan, scoring three

first-period goals and going on to post a 4-1 win at Eddie Edgar Arena. The Chargers improved to 9-2 overall and 4-0 in the KLA South. Plymouth dropped to 10-2 overall and 4-1 in the division.

"Practice tends to be a little higher tempo when we're

about to play Plymouth," Reynolds said. "They're a tenacious, well-coached team, so we came in with a lot of respect. We expected to be a battle and it certainly delivered, regardless of the score."

Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento lamented his team's slow

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## HOOPS

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Canton senior Erin Hult (eight points) gave credit to Clegg for connecting on the winning shot. But Hult gave props to how well the team defended Clegg and the Zebras all night.

"Shamya was on her, there's a hand in her face," Hult said. "She just made a good shot. I think we did good guarding her tonight, we didn't let her get to the basket for her little and-one that she likes to get.

"We did a good job on her drives, she was just making her (outside) shots."

Mitchell shook his head and smiled about Clegg's ability to deliver when the stakes are the highest.

"Cam is definitely one of the best players in the state," Mitchell said. "And sometimes with that, comes along the responsibility. Not everything I draw up is going to work. But having her is a great insurance card.

"That was the play, we were going to run some time off the clock and get it in her hands."

Wayne took the lead in the KLAASouth with the win, improving to 6-2 overall and 3-0 in the division. Canton dropped to 6-3, 2-1.

But the Chiefs walked away proud of how they battled in a game that stayed close throughout.

"From our perspective, we could feel the game tipping in our favor," Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "We grabbed the lead, they tied it. We grabbed the lead back, they tied it. I thought we defended well. They have a knack of getting to the rim.

"... I think we owned the boards in the second half, brought us back from five-point deficit at halftime to a two-point lead in the fourth quarter."

### Five for Finn

A main reason the Chiefs hung around was the great long-distance shooting of senior guard Brianna Finn, who drained five treys and tallied 17 points.

Early in the fourth quarter, Finn sandwiched two triples around a Clegg trey. Most of Finn's damage was done from along the left wing, where she would flick her high floaters to the dismay of Mitchell and the Zebras.

Wayne had the early lead, going up 15-11 after one frame and maintaining a 25-20 halftime edge.

The Zebras, however, lost senior small forward Amara Chikwe, who fell and aggravated a knee injury. She did not return.

But the Chiefs came out strong in the third quarter, enjoying a 12-6 edge to go up 32-31 on a Finn trey with a minute left in the frame.

The fourth began with the game tied 32-32 and the lead went back and forth much of the quarter.

Canton did go up 43-41 with 1:15 left when Butler (six points) tallied a put-back.

Then came two free throws by Terry (nine points) to tie it up with 1:05 to go.

The Chiefs had the ball in Wayne's end of the floor with a chance to take the lead, but a traveling call gave Clegg and the Zebras the opening they needed.

Another Canton standout was senior Madison Wolfbauer, with eight points and 10 rebounds. Contributing five points for the Zebras was Mya Garrett.

**PLYMOUTH 47, CHURCHILL 44:** Chantal LeDoux and Gabby Chouinard scored 21 and 13 points, respectively, as the Wildcats roared back from an early deficit against Livonia Churchill.

**PLYMOUTH IMPROVED TO 3-6 OVERALL AND 2-1 IN THE KLAASOUTH.**

**NORTHVILLE 45, STEVENSON 34:** Sarah Tandens scored nine points and Grace Iarnson tallied eight along with five steals and five blocks for Livonia Stevenson. But the Spartans fell short in a battle for first in the KLAASouth.

**LADYWOOD 48, DIVINE CHILD 36:** Bri Rogers paced a balanced scoring attack with 14 points as Livonia Ladywood (2-9, 1-6) notched its first Catholic League Central Division win Friday at Dearborn Divine Child (4-6, 1-5).

**Abbey Reppen and Maggie Shirk each chipped in with 12 points, while Amy Babon added five points and nine rebounds as the Blazers led 25-15 at halftime. Courtney Smithson paced Divine Child with 13.**

**GARDEN CITY 27, REDFORD UNION 11:** Allea Montgomery scored a game-high 10 points Friday as the host Cougars (3-7, 1-1) earned a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division victory over cold-shooting Redford Union (5-3, 1-1).

**Haley Heber tallied five for the Panthers, who trailed 11-4 at halftime and 21-8 after three quarters.**

**FORDSON 73, THURSTON 36:** On Friday, Kiki Darwiche poured in a game-high 29 points as Dearborn Fordson (6-5, 2-0) pulled away in the third quarter. Thurston, which got into early foul trouble, lost starter Bryana Burton with her fifth in the second half. Naudia Jackson scored 13 points in a losing cause.



Canton's Shamya Butler (15) puts up a shot despite defense from Wayne Memorial's Amara Chikwe (2). At left for the Zebras is Jayah Hicks (12).

## WRESTLING

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younger this year. They're all road blocks for us to get to Hartland."

In the other duals, Wayne Memorial dropped a 60-19 decision to Plymouth before falling to Canton, 49-15.

Injuries marred the double win for Polk's squad, however.

"Couple guys got hurt, which I'm not real happy with because it really didn't mean anything," Polk said. "I didn't even have to wrestle them; hopefully, they're OK. They are too pretty good wrestlers."

At the end of his 112-pound bout against Plymouth's Tyler Campbell, Ethan Collins injured his rib cage. Campbell pinned Collins in 52 seconds.

The Wildcats also dealt with an injury, although it did not cost them on the scoreboard.

In perhaps the most-competitive bout in the John Glenn-Plymouth match-up, at 189, Plymouth senior Ethan Shulaw held on 13-8 in a grueling, three-round tilt against Rockets freshman Lionel Cornish.

But Shulaw clutched his right knee during the last two periods, battling Cornish and the clock at the same time.

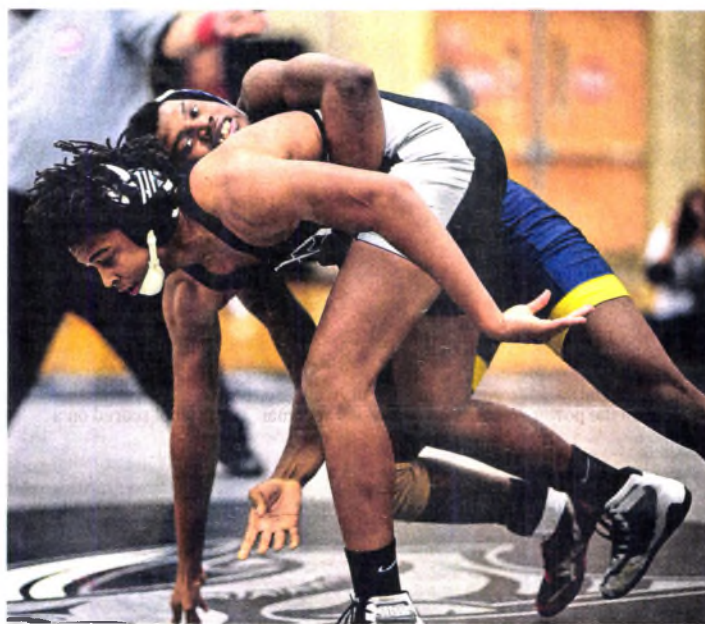
"My leg was cramping. I previously hurt my right knee, so I had to fight through the match and try to get the dub," said Shulaw, who went 2-0 Wednesday and is 18-1 overall this season. "It's a complete mental battle (when in pain). I just got to keep thinking my family's watching, my friends are watching.

"I'm trying to go to states this year and I'm trying to be a better wrestler. ... He's very strong. I just had to out-skill him and have my experience against him."

Even though the Rockets enjoyed a massive lead at that point, Shulaw said he wanted to show his teammates that "you can compete your best against a good team. You get a few points, getting some points on the board is better than no points."

**Rockets on roll**

A string of pins put the Rockets — looking to at least return to the Division 1 regional final — in a comfortable lead from the get-go.



Artis Jackson of Plymouth (left) wards off a challenge from Wayne Memorial's Kevagh Henderson during their bout at 171 pounds.

Heavyweight Brandon Carreathers needed 5:05 to finally subdue Plymouth's Ricky Burke in the opening bout, but he did to make it 6-0.

Another pin at 103 by John Glenn's Dezmund Blair (over Ian Udell) opened up a 12-0 edge. Then came Campbell's win.

But the Rockets reeled off nine wins in a row, including six by pins. Among the victors were two-time state champion Mike Mars (in 1:23 at 125 over Pritpal Sihota), Isaac Lefler (in 1:59 at 130 over Jezen Sukhadia), John Siemasz (in 1:40 at 145 over Hayden Clark) and Jawuan Peete (in 1:40 at 215).

Mars is ranked No. 1 according to TrackWrestling.com, while Lefler, Siemasz and Peete are in the top five.

"Typically, I don't like it at all," Polk said when asked about the rankings. "In years past, usually we have a lot of guys that are barely mentioned that wind up on the podium (at The Palace of Auburn Hills, where state finals take

place).

"Or if they are mentioned, they're mentioned low and they end up finishing high on the podium. I'd rather be in that spot than where we're at."

Other John Glenn pins were registered by Caleb Meekins (119), Anthony Gibson (140), E.J. Figueroa (160) and Chase Kersten (171).

Remaining Rockets points were secured by Brandon McCollum (5-0 at 135 over Zach Lundberg) and Brenten Polk (12-4 at 152 over Calvin Vos).

**'Cats make strides**

Despite the loss against John Glenn, Plymouth first-year head coach Josh Leege saw plenty of good things out of his young squad — particularly in the opening win over the Zebras.

The Wildcats took advantage of four voids. But victories were tallied by Lundberg (135), Hunter LeForge (140), Joey Ahearn (160), Shulaw (189), Andrew Atallah (215) and heavyweight

"Austin Rosenau came out and was very aggressive, he shined today. Hats off to him."

BILLY TAYLOR, Canton head coach.

Zach Lohrmann.

"There were quite a few pins (against Wayne)," Leege said. "I think they're definitely wrestling very strong. This is a good dual, representing what they've learned in the practice room."

Wayne earned pins by Collin Powers and Nick Daniels at 125 and 130, respectively. Also prevailing were Jalen Adams (152) and Kevagh Henderson (171).

### Chiefs respond

Canton head coach Billy Taylor said his wrestlers weren't aggressive enough in the opening loss to John Glenn and expected them to pick up the intensity in the second dual of the night against Wayne.

That turned out to be the case as the Chiefs won handily.

Victories included pins by Mitch Winnie (125), Alex Nesovski (130) and Austin Rosenau (189).

Winning decisions for Canton were Zack Dehnke (145), Dylan Slowik, Chris Little and Noah Van Berkel.

"The first match wasn't aggressive, this time we were more aggressive and it paid off for us," Taylor said. "Austin Rosenau came out and was very aggressive, he shined today. Hats off to him."

**TRJANS SPLIT MEET:** On Wednesday, Livonia Clarenceville (12-9) split a pair of Western Wayne Athletic Conference matches defeating Red Division foe Garden City, 66-12, while losing in a crossover despite winning seven of 14 weight classes against host Dearborn Edsel Ford, 38-34.

Among those going 2-0 on the night for the Trojans included Jacob Wess (119 pounds), Justin Fields (125), Greg Lutz (145), Zack Richards (160), David Means (171) and Max Woodcock (189).

**RU TOPPLES WARRIORS:** Redford Union earned a 60-11 dual meet victory over Lutheran Westland.

Victorious for Lutheran Westland were Christian Zimmerman at 119 (with a 15-0 technical fall over Shakaleb Nicholson) and 140-pounder Andy Faith, who pinned Eli Boyar in 1:20.

For the Panthers, wins were tallied by Gabriel Mendez (112), Sean Rankin (125, pin in 5:34), Lary Elliott (130), Clifford Stafford (135), Kenny Vadnais (145), Taz-Dor Moore (152), Tavian Groves (160), Ismael Oliva (171), Brandon Hartfield (189), Isaac Grant (215, pin in 1:20), Bobby Dixon (285) and Tabias Sykes (103, pin in 2:53).

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## HOCKEY

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start.

"We have fallen into the habit of starting slow and it caught up to us in the Stevenson game and again with Churchill," Vento said. "As soon as we learn that winning hockey is as much about mental preparation as it is about physical preparation, we can then start focusing on winning these types of games.

"Churchill is far too talented and too well-coached to take a period off against them and expect to win."

Churchill opened the scoring at 6:16, when Tyler Haydu scored from John Doyle (one goal, two assists) and Seth Kucharczyk.

Before the opening period ended, it was 3-0 thanks to an unassisted goal by Doyle, followed by Jordan Venegoni's goal, with 1:07 to go in the period. Assisting on Venegoni's goal were Doyle and Haydu.

Olepa (24 saves) then was victimized at 11:36 of the second period. Conor



Livonia Churchill's John Doyle (right), shown from earlier this season, had a goal and two assists against Plymouth.

Burnette converted a feed from Josh Friend for the goal.

It took the Wildcats just 11 seconds to answer, when Jacob Back finally put Plymouth on the scoreboard. Assisting

were Scott Deal and Luke Kaledas.

But Churchill goalie Drew Broyles, who had 29 saves, made sure that lead held up.

"Competing in games like these

requires a lot of mental toughness," Reynolds said. "Three periods can be grueling against tough teams and Plymouth is always relentless in their team effort. I'm proud of our boys for finishing the job and not panicking under pressure."

### Hayward leads Blazers

Senior Katie Hayward enjoyed a seven-point night with two goals and five assists as unbeaten Livonia Ladywood (8-0, 7-0) skated to an 8-0 Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League victory Thursday over host Grosse Pointe North (3-9, 3-3) at the Grosse Pointe Woods Civic Arena.

Sisters Victoria and Sydney Pilut both added two goals and two assists for the Blazers, who led 3-0 after one period and 6-0 after two.

Also getting into the scoring act was Devon Kelly (one goal, one assist), Brooke Spiegel (goal), MiKayla Pearson (assist) and Colleen Lynch (assist).

Goalie Isabella Lorelli made 14 saves to post the shutout.

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## COLLEGE HOCKEY

# Ocelots fall short vs. U-M club team at Yost

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The American Collegiate Hockey Association game Jan. 6 at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor turned out to be a see-saw affair for Schoolcraft College.

Schoolcraft forward Owen Hund of Garden City scored twice early in the third period to give the Ocelots a 5-4 lead against University of Michigan's men's club team.

Unfortunately for the visitors, the lead did not stand up. Michigan's Matt Saia ripped a shot past Schoolcraft goalie Matt Monendo at the 9-minute mark to even things up at 5-5 and the Wolverines finished their 6-5 victory when Max Schwein scored about 15 minutes into the frame.

"Very happy with our team's performance," Schoolcraft head coach Rob Lindsay said. "Everybody was positive on the bench and worked hard at both ends of the ice."

But Lindsay said his team fell short in part because of some missed defensive assignments in front of Monendo, a



Schoolcraft's Tanner Sweitzer (21), of Garden City, carries the puck ahead of a Michigan club hockey player during Friday's game at Yost Arena.

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"Three of Michigan's goals were scored out of the slot because our wingers didn't stay with their man and the defense didn't pick up the shooter in front of the net and at the back door," he explained.

The Wolverines opened the scoring

late in the first period on a goal by Schwein.

But Schoolcraft forward Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson) evened things up less than a minute into the second period.

Glenn would re-tie the game at 2-2 with a "snipe" with about 11 minutes

remaining in the stanza.

And Schoolcraft enjoyed its first "up" on the see-saw when Zach Nichols scored a few minutes later, putting the Ocelots into a 3-2 edge.

That lead did not last long, however. Michigan's Tim Wilson quickly answered the make it 3-3.

Brent Boudreau gave the Wolverines another lead, 4-3, late in the period. The Ocelots, in the final game in the career of forward and captain Andrew Lindsay, would not go quietly.

Hund scored unassisted to even the contest yet again (4-4) and found the mark again to put Schoolcraft in front. Setting up the go-ahead goal was Lindsay. That merely set the stage for Michigan's ultimate rally.

Upcoming Schoolcraft home games at Redford Arena include 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 against the Fighting Irish Jr. team and 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 against University of Toledo. Games are subject to change.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

## Spartans trip to Adrian winner on, off ice

Franklin blanks Canton in KLAAs South tilt

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Livonia Stevenson's varsity boys hockey team soaked it all in last weekend at Adrian College, learning about campus life and then going out to earn a 4-1 win Jan. 7 over Salem at Arrington Arena.

"It was such a great all-around trip," Spartans head coach David Mitchell said. "Adrian College, NCAA Hockey and head coach Adam Krug could not have been more hospitable. We can't thank them enough for setting up such an informational and memorable weekend.

"It was a great experience for our players to expose them to the opportunities that exist to be a student-athlete at a smaller-type college."

During an orientation session earlier in the weekend, Krug talked to Stevenson players in the Adrian locker room about what playing for a NCAA Division III hockey program might entail for them. He also had the same discussion with Salem players.

The game started on a down note for the Spartans, however, trailing 1-0 on Jake Saunders' power-play goal at 8:07 of the opening period. Assisting for the Rocks were Marty Mills and Shawn Weldon.

But the Spartans tied things in the final minute of the period, with Jake Beaune scoring from Julian Decina and Sam Judd. It was the first of two Stevenson goals with the extra man.

Breaking the tie about six minutes into the middle period was Jack Williamson (from Vinny Vecina) and Seth Lause made it 3-1 with 59 seconds remaining. Logan Dunham and Julian Decina set it up.



Adrian College hockey coach Adam Krug talks to Livonia Stevenson players about what life playing for a NCAA Division III program is like.

Closing out the scoring was Kevin Stefanick, on the power play, from Beaune.

Stopping 15 of 16 Salem shots for the win was goalie Will Tragg.

Taking the loss for the Rocks was Austin Goleniak, who turned aside 23 of 27 Stevenson shots.

"I was very proud of the effort of our players," Mitchell said. "We are starting to learn that details matter, our youth is starting to understand the process and what it takes to compete and succeed at this level.

"We must continue to improve as our schedule does not let up. We are looking forward to improving each and every day as part of our process."

### Franklin blanks Chiefs

Behind an outstanding, 42-save showing by goalie Jacob Penny, Livonia Franklin blanked host Canton 2-0 Jan. 7

at Arctic Edge.

Freshman Trey Ziebol scored on a rebound eight minutes into the third to break a scoreless tie and give the Patriots all the offense they needed.

Ziebol recorded an empty netter in the final minute to give Franklin some insurance. Setting up both goals was Trevor Van Vliet.

"We have been playing short-handed since before the holiday, and (that) has put us ... behind the eight ball," Franklin head coach Dan Phelps said. "For a team with as much inexperience as we have, I am extremely proud of our guys taking the adversity that this brought and playing through it with great effort."

"From a development standpoint, we played a full game for the first time this season to the end, both defensively and offensively creating opportunities."

## BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Unbeaten Stevenson corrals Mustangs, 65-62

Spartans fend off late rally from Northville to improve to 8-0

Tom Morelli  
Correspondent

For the superstitious type, Friday the 13th is the day where if you're not careful, your luck runs out and things go sideways very fast.

With the Livonia Stevenson boys basketball team currently atop the KLAAs Central Division, the target on their back has only gotten bigger as the season has come along, as every opponent wants to be the first to knock them off their pedestal.

Needless to say, that moment will have to occur some other time as the visiting Spartans (8-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAs Central) were able to fend off a late rally from Northville on Friday night to secure a 65-62 win.

Oddly, the win was Stevenson's first over the Mustangs in two years, down to the exact date.

"Stevenson plays a nice match-up zone," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We felt pretty good and that we would get scoring opportunities against it. We missed a lot in the first half, but we were able to convert many of those opportunities in the second half."

Tied 48-48 to begin the fourth quarter, Spartans guard Devin Dunn stole the ball at half court before setting-up classmate George Ferguson for a reverse lay-in to take back the lead. Dunn (19 points) then scored on three consecutive possessions in the next two minutes as Stevenson initiated an 8-0 run.

Northville (5-4, 1-2) responded courtesy of senior guard Jake Justice, who

buried a pair of jumpers to shrink the deficit to four points.

A baseline drive by Justice with 31 seconds remaining put the Mustangs within three, 63-60, with Justice earning a trip to the foul line. Although he missed on the attempt, he charged into the lane for the rebound before adding a put-back.

Northville intentionally fouled on the ensuing possession, but the Spartans failed to connect at the free throw line. The Mustangs called timeout with the opportunity to pull off the upset with six seconds remaining.

The inbound pass went to the corner, where a shot off the baseline fell short and into the hands of Stevenson's Ian Knoph, who was fouled with less than a second remaining. Knoph, a senior, made both free throw attempts to keep the Spartans' unbeaten streak alive.

"That's one thing we try to work on in practice is fighting for every basket and playing always until the end," Stevenson coach Kareem Smart said. "Ian is pretty good when it comes to free throws and is probably one of the best on our team. I'm glad he got the rebound at the end."

Stevenson pushed the pace from the beginning of the contest, rattling off a 12-2 run and forcing Sander to burn a timeout with 4:54 remaining. Baskets by Justice, Kevin Morrissey (10 points) and Robert Johnson III allowed the Mustangs to regain their composure and cut it to 24-10 to end the period.

The ensuing quarter is where Northville began to heat up, thanks to Justice netting 14 of his game-high 33 points.

Down by a 33-28 margin last in the second, Justice nailed back-to-back

shots, followed by a triple from junior Niko Barach to give the Mustangs their first lead of the game.

"Jake is a special player," Sander said. "He's a little bit old school in how he plays and how he plays around the rim. He'll go rebound his miss two or three times and he just never stops."

The lead was short-lived as Dunn hit a game-tying jumper before senior guard Jeremiah Eason (14 points) added a three-pointer at the buzzer.

Coming back from intermission, Justice remained in "beast mode" by netting nine points in a third quarter that featured both teams tie the score on five different occasions.

Nader Kandalaf and Knoph each added nine points.

### Fordson clips Eagles

Three players scored in double figures Friday as host Redford Thurston (3-4, 1-1) earned a 57-49 Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division victory over visiting Dearborn Fordson (3-8, 2-2).

Malik Walker scored a team-high 15 points for the victorious Eagles, who led 29-15 at halftime. Malik Hill and Dorian Naylor each added 10 points.

Yousuf Farhat led Fordson with a game-high 29 points.

Thurston was 15-of-26 from the foul line, while Fordson was only 8-of-16.

"We played better tonight," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "We are getting better each game. The kids played hard and executed tonight. I'm proud of them."

### RU fends off GC

Christian Montgomery scored a game-high 18 points Friday as host

## BOYS SWIMMING

## Redford Union dunks Cougars

Jackson Allison notches three first-place finishes

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Jackson Allison figured in three first-place finishes as Redford Union improved its boys swim record to 3-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference with an 89-78 win Thursday night at Garden City.

Allison captured the 100-yard freestyle (1:02.68) and 100 breaststroke (1:24.48), while also teaming up with Mack Kewandwy, Jamison Ortiz and Xavier Walters for a victory in the 200 medley relay (2:08.69).

Ray Samuel also added firsts for the Panthers in the 50 and 500 freestyles with times of 26.50 and 6:03.45, respectively, while Ortiz captured the 200 individual medley (2:37.15) and 100 butterfly (1:13.70).

Kewandwy also won the 100 backstroke (1:07.0), while Bryan Bertagnoli added seconds in the 200 and 500 freestyles with times of 2:30.53 and 7:09.21, respectively.

"Our younger swimmers are starting to come along and figure out how to compete," RU coach Shelly Helwig said. "Some of the boys had a hard time at the beginning of the season finishing a 50 freestyle, but are now posting personal bests each time out. It is encouraging to see their hard work pay off."

Garden City got individual seconds from Roman Deren, 200 individual medley (2:49.70); Dominic Tomasi, 100 freestyle (1:07.90); Joe Fuchs, 100 backstroke (1:19.09); and Kyle Hubbard, 100 breaststroke (1:28.86).

The Panthers return to action at 6 p.m. Thursday when they travel to face rival Redford Thurston.

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Redford Union (6-2, 2-0) held on for a 53-49 WWAC Red Division victory over Garden City (1-6, 0-2).

The Panthers, who led 24-14 at halftime, also got 11 points from Eric McCarter and 10 from Marcus Evans.

RU made only 11-of-23 free throws, including just 8-of-20 in the final period. Jacob Sadowski paced Garden City with 12 points, while Cameron Walter and Avery Emerson added 11 and 10, respectively.

### Clarenceville falls

On Friday, Alex Ismail scored 15 points and Cameron Johnson added 13 leading host Dearborn Heights Annapolis (4-3, 1-2) to a 69-20 WWAC Red Division triumph over Livonia Clarenceville (0-8, 0-2).

Logan Calimazzo scored five points for the Trojans, who couldn't overcome a 39-13 halftime deficit.

Annapolis was 14-of-17 from the foul line, while Clarenceville was 4-for-9.

### Plymouth earns win

Strong performances by Tariq Woody (18 points, 15 rebounds), Anthony Crump (16 points) and Connor Bush (six points, 12 rebounds) lifted Plymouth to a 62-48 KLAAs South Division boys basketball win against visiting Livonia Churchill.

Top scorers for the Chargers (2-6, 0-3) were Trajan Stinson and Alan Hammett, with 11 points each.

The 5-4 Wildcats will travel to Westland John Glenn for a Tuesday meeting. **HVL 58, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 19:** Nathan Hamilton scored 14 points, while Nick Dolezky (11 points) and Matthew Baker (nine points) had solid offensive nights as Huron Valley Lutheran won in lopsided fashion Friday night.

Each scoring seven points for the Hawks were Nick Vanderveen, Jacob Hodgson and Troy Last.



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## Balancing work and school can be a challenge

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As the world and economy continue to change, many workers are going back to school and furthering their education. While this is often a great way to create new career opportunities, balancing school and a job simultaneously is no easy task.

Not easy — but not impossible. Here are essential steps to successfully manage work and school at the same time.

### Start with a time inventory.

Time is the most precious resource for anyone hoping to manage a job and schoolwork. To make the best use of your time, you need to first evaluate how you currently spend your time.

"Start by taking a time inventory of your week by looking at your day. Write down the activity, and write down the value (high, medium, low)," says Tom Dowd, executive director of the Muhlenberg College Career Center in Allentown, Pa. "This inventory will give you pockets of time you didn't realize you had and give you a true picture of how busy you are. From there, it'll be much easier to assess how you want to effectively use your time each week, which



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will help you to realize that it is manageable and you may not have as much to do as you thought."

### Pace yourself.

Working while pursuing an education is stressful, and you're probably eager to get it done. But it's important not to rush the process; work at a pace that you can manage.

"I took one class at a time, because that was what was manageable for my family and me," says Holly Rodriguez, who recently completed a Master of Liberal Arts degree while working full time. "I went to school with classmates who took two courses each semester, instead of one, and worked full time to get their degree done more quickly — quite a heavy load for graduate-level coursework. Although I sometimes felt like a tortoise in a world of hares, I kept my perspective in check, reminding myself that I had my set of priorities in day-to-day living, and they had theirs. The important thing was to get to semester's end and get the grade I wanted."

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is the first step in balancing going to school while working."

### Set your manager's expectations.

Communication is essential to make this balancing act work. Before classes begin, have a frank and open conversation with your manager about your priorities and how your schoolwork may potentially affect your hours and availability. It can help inform your decisions regarding course load and will make it easier to navigate conflicts when they arise.

"Employers want their employees to continue learning and will generally be supportive," says Karen Gorbach, a recently retired community college dean who specialized in career education and workforce development.

"Students should ask about the possibility of flextime to help accommodate school schedules or (about) scholarship support for books or tuition. In exchange, students should offer to share what they are learning with management and/or other employees via 'brown bag' seminars at lunch or through short, written reports."

### Write it all down.

Balancing multiple commitments can make it feel as though your obligations, assignments and deadlines are piling up fast. Trying to keep it all straight in your head is only going to cause more stress. It's much easier and more reliable to organize your schedule on paper.

"When this stress starts to take over — and it will from time to time — sit down and write down everything you feel you need to do," Dowd says. "It is common to build things up in our heads bigger than they are. Writing down this list

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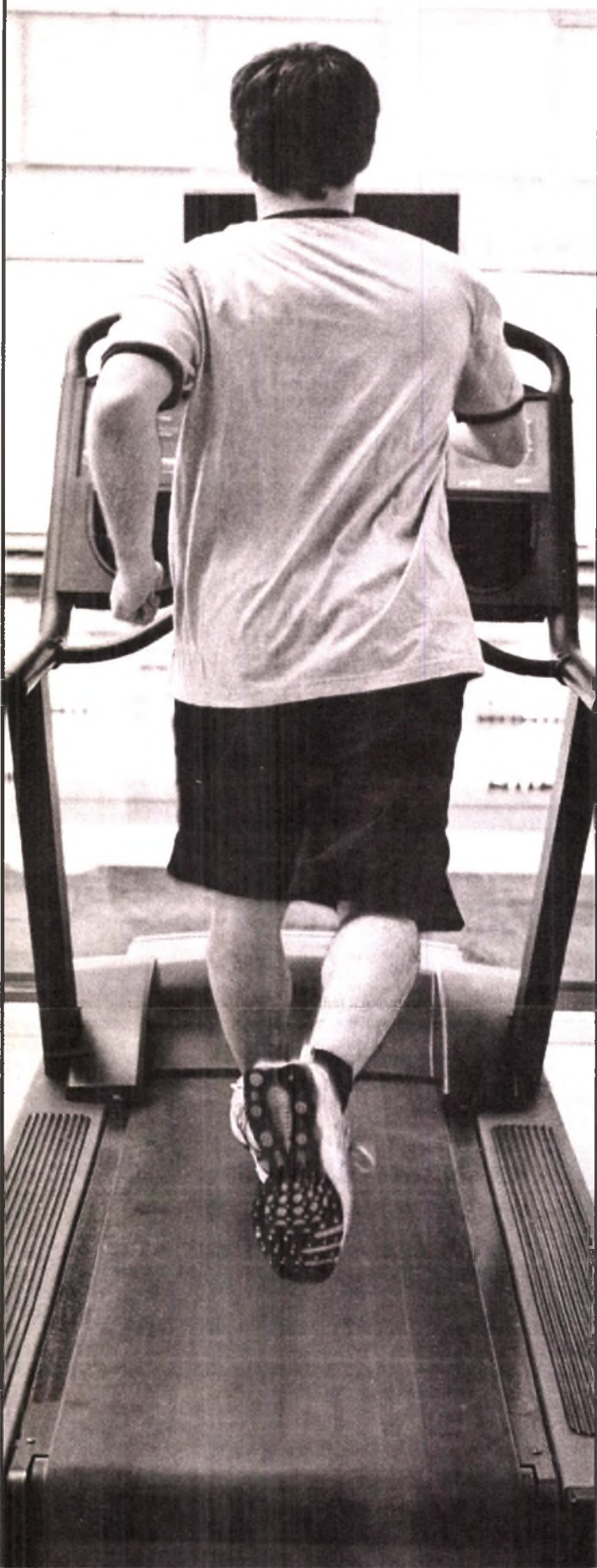
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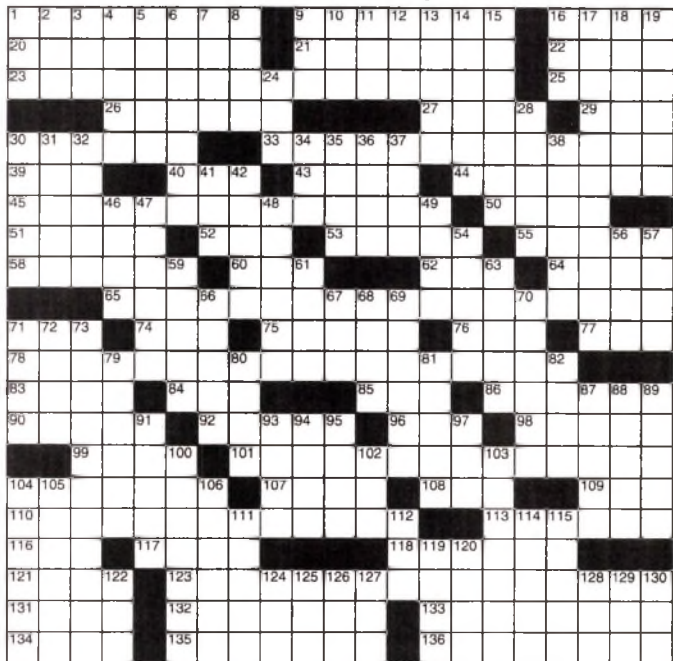
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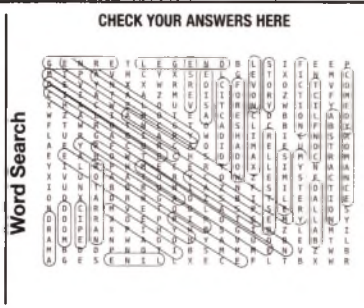
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# Car Report

## FORD AND FLAT ROCK PLANT WILL GAIN AS COMPANY PIVOTS TO SELF-DRIVEN, EV FUTURE – EVEN WHILE NODDING TO TRUMP



By Dale Buss

Say all you want about how Donald Trump is making ad hoc industrial policy 140 characters at a time, even before occupying the White House. It's sticking. Just ask Ford CEO

Mark Fields, who appeared to knuckle under to Trump's famous charges against Ford over its Mexican production strategy.

Fields' recent decision to forego construction of a new small-car plant in Mexico may create the ultimate win-win situation. Long ago, with Ford serving as a perpetual punching bag during Trump's campaign stops in Flyover Country, he insisted that

the company's decision to remove small-car production from the U.S. entirely, and build the new facility south of the border, was irreversible in strictly business terms.

But now, suddenly, it became a reversible decision indeed. By at least seeming to accede to Trump's demand on what was portrayed as a very difficult dilemma for the company, the Ford CEO buys tremendous goodwill from the new administration in Washington as well as from millions of Americans who believed Trump when he called Ford a bad player.

In a highly competitive U.S. auto market where sales aren't likely to grow much this year, if at all, the impact of that vilification may have played a significant role in Fields' decision.

Plus, Fields got to say what should be obvious: Trump's pro-growth orientation, and the stirrings of greater business and consumer confidence that his election already has created, are potentially very good for Ford as well as for the country.

"This is a vote of confidence in President-Elect Trump and some of the policies he may be pursuing," Fields told reporters, according to Forbes.com. "We see a more positive U.S. business environment under Trump."

At the same time, Fields also was able to insist that Ford would have

made the same decision about the new plant in Mexico regardless of who the president would be. Small-car sales have been fading for some time, he said, making it perhaps wiser for Ford to forego construction of an entire new plant — anywhere — to make them.

Neither will Ford have to risk that much against the other big news it announced at the same time: the identities of some of its future electric vehicles, and the investment of \$700 million at its plant in Flat Rock to make the new EVs and also some of Ford's first autonomous vehicles that will be out in a few years.

The 700 direct "new" jobs that Ford plans to create at the plant probably will simply bring back many of the same idled Ford employees who have lost their jobs over the years as the plant has been sub-optimized.

Currently, Flat Rock makes the Mustang, whose sales have flagged lately despite the introduction of a highly praised new 50th-anniversary edition a couple of years ago, and the new flagship sedan of the Lincoln fleet, Continental, which hasn't exactly burst out of the gate.

Until February, Ford also built another small car at the plant, the Fusion mid-sized sedan. But sales of Fusion have flagged as well. And now where does Ford make the car? In Hermosillo, Mexico, at the



A Ford Transit Hybrid taxi.

same plant that soon will produce Focus as well.

Overall, Trump's success at influencing production decisions isn't because the president-elect is so good at tweeting. It's because the pressure he's bringing to bear on CEOs stems — in a very pixelated, concentrated way — from one of the most important planks of his winning electoral platform: protecting American manufacturing jobs.

Thus, what appears to be a random collection of spontaneous eruptions by Trump has begun shaping, in a very real way, important aspects of the future of the U.S. economy.

Right before Fields acted, General Motors CEO Mary Barra surely wasn't happy to see Trump criticizing the company's production of the hatchback version of its Chevrolet

Cruze small car in Mexico, a derivative that is mostly exported to non-U.S. destinations.

Trump's calling out CEOs has put many company leaders on notice that future actions might be subject to the potentially explosive interpretive effect of Trump's singular lens.

As Wall Street Journal columnist Gerald Seib has noted, the method to Trump's tweeting "madness" includes "three likely goals." One is "positioning himself for a negotiation or a deal"; that certainly seems to have come into play in how he has treated Ford. Another goal, Seib said, is that Trump "is seeking to control the agenda." The third type of goal "is creating rabbits for others to chase" — but in the case of CEOs, they seem to be the ones chasing Trump's rabbits.



UAW official Jimmy Settles talks about new jobs at Flat Rock.

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