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Westland residents warm in new year



Lynette Hobyak of Livonia and father Glenn Shaw Jr. of Canton.

Coats and winter gear donated by Warm Hearts

Jill Halpin Correspondent

More than 180 Westland residents were able to ring in the new year warm and snug in new winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves thanks to a local church and some very generous donors.

The coats — purchased with a substantial donation from local business owner Glenn Shaw Jr. and the Westland Community Foundation — were distributed Dec. 31 to local children at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Westland. Hats, scarves and gloves, along with a dictionary to help

with schoolwork, were donated by Westland's Warm Hearts, a nonprofit focused on helping children in need.

"All of those receiving the new coats — to a person were so happy and grateful," said the Rev. Venice C. Douglas, pastor of the church. The coats followed the

The coats followed the Christmas Eve donation of toys and food that helped brighten the holidays for more than 65 Westland families,

Douglas said.

According to Lynette Hobyak, a Livonia resident actively involved with the Westland Community Foundation, approximately \$10,000 was spent providing toys, gift cards and food vouchers for

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LOCALS ENJOY TRIP TO INAUGURATION

Brad Kadrich

Will Govan of New Hudson wasn't planning on attending President Donald Trump's inauguration last week.

But tickets became available at the last minute, so Govan and some family members were on their way to Washington, D.C., to witness the swearing in of the nation's 45th president.

Govan said being able to see multiple generations of presidents and other governing officials in one place was "an honor in and of itself." But getting to see the inauguration and hear the new president speak was great

speak was great.

"I really appreciated President Trump's inauguration speech, as it really seemed to speak directly to the people,"
Govan said. "The message was clear: He will be putting America first and working for all the people."

Carol Maynard, a retired teacher from Northville, couldn't get to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony, but did attend an inauguration party sponsored by the Macomb and Oakland Republican parties. (She and a friend did take photos standing next to a cardboard cutout of the new president — "That's as close as we got," she said.)

Maynard called Trump's

Maynard called Trump's inaugural address "eloquent" and was glad to hear him address issues such as trade immigration and violence.

"Trump's message is 'America First," Maynard said. "He will be the biggest change

See TRIP, Page A2 Stevie, Will and Dean Govan of New Hudson got last-minute tickets to the inauguration



Paula Neys of Northville (from left), Peggy McMichael of Northville, Amber Smith of Ann Arbor and Vicki Dwelley of Northville take a moment outside the Smithsonian during Saturday's Women's March on Washington.

Women put government on notice with D.C. march

Matt Jachman

People from the Detroit area joined hundreds of thousands from across the country Saturday in putting a new administration, and the entire Washington, D.C., establishment on notice

ment, on notice.

The Women's March on Washington, which drew a record crowd for an inaugural protest, was more than a reaction to the election of Donald Trump, who was sworn in Friday as president. It was about, participants say, standing up for equality for women and girls, for racial and ethnic groups and immigrants and for gay, lesbian, bisexual and

for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Yet while individual marchers were motivated by different causes — working for educational opportunity, defending abortion rights, protecting the environment, supporting the Affordable Care Act and more — rejecting many of the things Trump said on the campaign trail, and since winning the presidency,

was a unifying theme.
"I find Trump to be a bad example for my sons and a threat to my daughters," said Susan Greenlee, a nurse-midwife from Northville who helped organize a busload of

marchers.
"I don't think he's taking us into a more civilized future," but one that is "barbaric" and "rude," Greenlee added.

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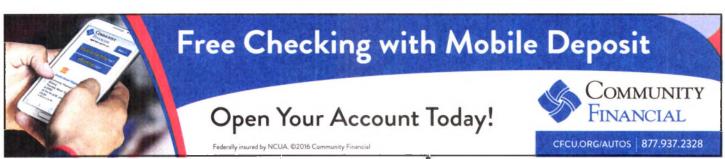
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agent in the history of the United States. He will do just fine if people give him a chance

Like many locals who actually made the trip to D.C. for the inauguration festivities, Govan said people — even those who oppose Trump — should realize Trump "is the president now ... regardless of your political views. I encourage you to the total rays him." at least give him a chance.

Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki was part of a group of some 30 people from Livonia who went down for the many festivities related to the inauguration. They couldn't get tickets to the actual ceremony, but had plenty of fun anyway.

The group hit the GOP party Jan. 19 and then the Michigan ball Friday

night. "We had an awesome time and we thought the entire weekend went well," Marecki said. There were many protesters, some were peaceful and some were foul and disgusting.
There were a ton of peo-

ple at the festivities. Which begets the question, what about the controversy over the size of the inauguration crowd? Marecki's reaction was fairly common: "Who cares?

"I have no idea if Trump had more or less attendees than Obama and, frankly, who (cares)?" Marecki said. 'In my opinion, this is another way the press is trying to make Trump less legitimate. I can't

imagine there is one Trump supporter out there who cares how big the crowd was.

Marecki believes Trump was elected because he put a voice to

the frustrated voters tired of politics as usual. "We have voted for someone who loves the United States, loves the people of the U.S. and will listen to the people of this county," she said. "During the campaign, he verbalized the frustra tion many of the voters in this country have felt the past years. There will be many people praying for him and praying he leads this county in the right direction the next four

Christine Wofford of Canton is one of them. She met her brother in Washington, D.C., and the pair went to the swearing in, inauguration concert and a ball. She believes Trump will "be a wonder ful president" and "have many people praying for his success.

Wofford went to Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, where John F. Kennedy's funeral Mass was held, to light a

candle for Trump.
"Being pro-life, I think
he's off to a terrific
start," Wofford said. "He will be a wonderful presi-dent and will have much prayer behind him."
The Michigan Repub-

lican Party invited Car-ole Layne of Livonia to the Michigan gala, which she attended with Troy attorney Jim Williams.
Once there, the pair

took in a variety of events, including a reception for education secretary nominee Betsy DeVos and parties spon-sored by Debbie Dingell and David Trott, plus the



The Livonia contingent gathers for a group photo at one of the inaugural balls.



Christine Wofford of Canton lights a candle for President Donald Trump at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle.

Freedom Ball. It was Layne's first time attending a presidential inauguration. She said it was difficult to get around because of security and crowds, but

nonetheless it gave her a "sense of pride" to be involved.

She believes Trump will be an effective lead-

er. "President Trump will,



Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki, former Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, Livonia City Council President Kathleen McIntyre and Livonia planning commission Chair Charlie Mahoney

hopefully, live true to his promises and bring back American jobs to our people," Layne said. "I am going to remain optimistic and give support,

just as I would to anyone else elected to be our president.

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local families.

Both Hobyak and her father Shaw — along with several young family members - helped

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pass out gifts and food vouchers during a Christmas Eve pizza party at the church. Around 166 children received toys and gift cards, while 67 families received food vouchers, Hobvak said.

"Ít touches your heart

to be able to participate in helping others and it is nice to see younger generations getting involved in helping others, too,"

Hobyak said. The opportunity to provide coats to help families combat the freezing temperatures and team with Warm Hearts for cold weather accessories was also rewarding, she

The new coats were purchased and delivered to the church all perfectly sized for the recipient thanks to the hard work of Con-suelo Davis, an Inkster resident and member of the church, Douglas

Davis was instrumental in organizing the coat project gathering size infor-mation during the Christmas Eve event and even personally delivering some of the coats and gifts that people were not able to pick up on their own,

he said.
Davis said her interactions in the commu-nity raised her awareness of the needs of young families in the

area.
"I knew there were so many people in need. We just all orked hard to m it happen. I thank God for Lynette and Glenn and all of the others," Davis said

LETTERS

Coach offers thanks

Thank you for all of your support that the wonderful staff at the O&E has provided South Redford and Redford Union Public Schools over the many years of my service. I have decided to retire as of Jan. 27 from South Redford Public Schools. Coaching in the Redford communi-ty as a high school and middle school coach for 25 years has blessed my life with the opportunity to mentor and guide

young student-athletes. Many times I have called upon the services of the O&E paper and staff to promote a sports team or educational project that was newswor-thy. The staff of the O&E have always gone above and beyond the call of duty to project a positive story and add another pillar to a great community. It has been my pleasure to have such a sup-portive media outlet to capture the stories that might make a difference

in a child's life.
It is time for me to move on and write another chapter of my life. Once more, thank you for providing a professional media outlet for our family of teachers and coachn tell our story. Work ing together and coming together, we can make a difference in the growth of our community

George Houttekier

physical education teacher/coach Pierce Middle School, South Redford Public Schools

Alternate facts?

Alternative Fact: Alternative (adjective) awl-tur-nuh-tiv. Fact: (noun) fakt.

Definition: 1. A lie. A lie whose sole purpose and intent is to ignore a truth that is embarrass ing. 2. A tool designed to further complete the dumbing down of repub lican America so they don't realize they've been scammed (yet again). 3. An invention of Kellvanne Conway as a way to present a piece of information that seems to have objective reality in anything but truth and

honesty. Example of alternative fact: Trump — "I kept Carrier from sending thousands of jobs to Mexico.'

Real fact: Trump pays Carrier 7 million taxpay-er dollars to send 1,300 jobs to Mexico and top Carrier executive say that the \$7 million will be spent on robots to replace whatever workers are left.

Alternative fact: Trump — "Fiat/Chrysler is bringing back thoume!"

Real fact: Sorry, com-rade, the UAW and FCA negotiated that long ago. Whether it's the small-

est inconsequential thing, like crowd size or something big like your Russian connections, a lie is a lie Trump folks, so when your spokesperson Scotty Nell Hughes states, "There's no such thing as facts anymore,

it justifies my position of "Not my president."

Mitch Dubanik

What's the point?

Randy Kniebes unlashes his tirade to support his contention that President Obama POTUS exit is a "good sign." Mr. Kniebes is certainly entitled to his opinion, but can not define his own facts to support this contention. Most of his factual dispute with President Obama is simply not true

First off, Mr. Kniebes contends that "most President Obama's policies were abject fail-ures. Let me remind Mr. Kniebes and his fellow Obama bashers, President Obama was elected and re-elected by sub-stantial plurality of votes of both the electoral

college and popular vote. Fact is, Mr. Kniebes and vour fellow Obama bashers, Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by nearly a 3 million-vote margin over Trump.

Kniebes goes on to claim President Obama was not as gracious as President Bush in the transition to President Trump. A remarkable accusation as even Trump has repeatedly ined t speech. Tweets and in writing how smooth the transition has been and

My final thought to Mr. Kniebes, is it not time to retire from demonization of President Obama? He left the presidency. What really is your point.

Gerald Maxey

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-03

January 17, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Presentation S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Presentation of the 2016 Audit. APPROVED: minutes of Regular City Council meeting of Jan. 3, 2017; minutes of the Special City Council meeting of Jan. 10, 2017; first reading of Ord. #2017-01; outright vacation of a portion of Morris St. & alleys in Clark Sub; 2017 Poverty Guidelines; Assessing Dept. guidelines; moving of 7/4/17 meeting to 7/5/17; 2nd year of mowing contract with Highland Landscape; 2nd year of streetscape maint. with Highland Landscape; Michigan Humane Society agreement for 2017; sale of former 3241 Third St.; calling a Study Session 1/24/17 @ 8:00 p.m.; consent calendar; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adiourned at 9:47 p.m. Reports. Adjourned at 9:47 p.m. Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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Greenlee and others who went to Washington say the event was exhila rating and awe-inspiring

"It was a wonderful experience for me" as an expression "of solidarity and hope for the future," said Colleen Crossey of Novi, a community vol-

unteer.
"I just didn't really understand how power-ful this would be," said Catherine Keyes, a Westland activist who traveled on a chartered bus with more than 50 other marchers. "I got off the bus and I was just liter-ally in tears already." We talked to several

people who marched Saturday. Here are their

'Very powerful experience'

When Deborah Burke, a Detroiter who teaches psychology at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, learned about plans for the march in the days after Trump's victory, "Every cell in my body told me that Schoolcraft

needed to send a bus of students," she said. Burke organized that trip, which left from Schoolcraft with a round trip fare of \$100 per participant. There were students and non-students, men and women and even a family on the bus, she said. Burke traveled with her moth-er, Ruth Rehberg. She talked to fellow

marchers about why they were making the

trip.
"The big umbrella was equality, really, and justice," she said. "Nobody really said that they have a strong dislike for our new presi-dent. For my bus, at least, it was not about

Burke and Rehberg were too far from the stage to hear the rally speakers, but heard cheering that began with people in front of the stage and traveled in waves through the mas sive crowd in and around the National Mall.



DEBORAH BURKE

A participant displays a Donald Trump puppet wearing a "pussyhat" — the hat is a reference to lewd remarks made by Trump — Saturday during the Women's March on Washington.

"You could just feel it and you could hear it and

it would just hit you like a blast," she said. Schoolcraft student Christian Sullivan of Livonia was able to hear the speakers and per-formers. "Everybody went up there, they told a story about what was important to them," he said. "Everybody was full of energy."

Later, after marching

to 12th Street and Penn sylvania Avenue, near the White House, Burke and her mother sat in bleachers, set up for Trump's inaugural pa-rade, watching fellow

marchers pass.
"It was amazing, just watching all these people," she said. "Just a very powerful experi-

Burke said the march will be a starting point for increased activism. "I think there are going to be so many opportuni-ties moving forward," she said

'Beyond a Trump thing'

Crossey, who has a background as a social worker, traveled to the capital by car with a friend

"It was really a moving and inspiring event and it encouraged women to know their power and that they can make a difference in their government and in their

lives," she said.

They were close enough to the stage to hear speakers and per formers; Crossey said she was particularly inspired by filmmaker Michael Moore, who encouraged participants to contact their elected representatives daily regarding issues of con-

cern.
"I like that he had an action-focused message,' Crossey said.

Crossey said she was heartened by the demon-strations held Saturday in cities around the world.

"This went beyond a Trump thing," she said. "This became a demonstration to fight back against the hostile environment for families and for women.

'You must be involved'

Keyes traveled on a bus with longtime friend Julie Harrison of Milford

"When we heard about this, we just decided, well this is our chance," she said.

Keyes said showing

support for women's health care and the protection of the rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual people were prime is-sues for her. She also wanted stand up for the futures of her three granddaughters, she

"I don't have the luxuof being silent, so that's what really moti-vated me," she said. Her protest sign read, "We

Since the election. Keyes said, she's spoken with friends who were scared and wondered, "Are we going to go backwards?"

"This election has proved that you can no longer be the armchair quarterback ... after the election," she said. "It proves that you must be

involved." Like Crossey, Keyes was inspired by Moore's speech and also by the anti-Trump rap poem performed by actress Ashley Judd. "Hopefully, they're on

notice that we're not taking this lying down," she said.

Though the march was a reaction to Trump's win, Keyes said the movement it has sparked is an inclusive one for anyone con-cerned about its issues. 'We don't want any

body to feel left behind,"

she said.

'People are watching'

For Jeannine Doni-gan-Hales, a moment of spontaneity illustrated Saturday's events. Donigan-Hales and

her daughter Madison were exiting the Metro station at Washington's L'Enfant Plaza on Saturday morning, part of a huge crowd on its way to the march, when some-one behind them began singing a Woody Guthrie

protest hymn.
"All of a sudden, the crowd broke out in 'This Land Is Your Land' and it was all ages and races and genders," said Doni-gan-Hales, of Farming-ton. "They were just all singing. It was very moving.

Donigan-Hales, a teacher, said she joined the march because, as a union member and a citizen, "I wanted my voice to be heard." Edu-

cation, she said, is a primary issue for her.

Madison, a high
school sophomore, is sympathetic to the LGBT community and supports marriage equality, her mother said: "She's very

compassionate."

The event was "amazing" and "inspiring" for both, Donigan-Hales

said.

Donigan-Hales said she and her family respect the peaceful transfer of power to a Trump administration, but that marchers have put the new president on notice

"People want to give him a chance, but he's got to know that people are watching," she said.

Bridges, not walls

Smiles along the march route was the start of building bridges, instead of walls, for Mi-chelle Dillon and her mother, Marianne Cam-

The pair spotted at least two Trump sup-porters during the event, Dillon said, identifiable as fans of the president by articles of clothing. They were perhaps ob-

They were perhaps ob-serving instead of marching, she said. "They didn't look happy, but when we walked by them and we smiled, they smiled back," Dillon said. "That might be the start of communication between severely divided people.

Dillon, of Salem Town-ship, and her mother were at the march in support of immigrant

rights.
"I don't want them to feel like they're not wel-come in the U.S. or that they will be profiled," Dillon said. Campagna, born in China to a Ger-man woman and a Chinese man and raised in Brazil, is herself an im-

migrant.
Dillon also said she marched in reaction to some of the remarks Trump has made about women. "That disrespect, I'm completely against," she said. "I don't think it's something we should ignore."

She was awed, she said, that so many people, motivated by many different issues, made

their voices heard. "I was proud of our country, really proud of our country at that point," she said. "I felt like I was a patriot, be cause we were able to express ourselves."

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OBSERVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Vote for Grandview

Grandview Elementary School in Livonia is looking for help to win a contest for new books for its library. The school is taking part in the Follett Challenge, an advocacy program designed to give educators a platform to share their stories of innovating ways to teach skills needed in the 21st century. Judges picked the top entries, including Grandview, and opened the competition to public voting, which is open Jan. 23-27. The grand prize is \$30,000. Find the school's entry at https://follett challenge.com/videos/781

LIFESPAN trip to Washington

Right to Life-LIFES-PAN will host a Youth Bus Trip to Washington, D.C., for the 44th March for Life at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. Buses leave from San Marino Club Parking Lot in Troy (Big Beaver and John R) and Madonna University in Livonia (Levan and Schoolcraft)

The students travel overnight to participate in the March and make their opposition to abortion heard by legislators. At the Madonna site, the bus should arrive for pickup at 7 p.m. Ask to speak to a bus captain at 248-816-1546.

Polar Bear Steak

The American Legion Riders will host its 11th annual Polar Bear Steak Dinner 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia. Dinner includes a 10-ounce New York strip steak, baked potato, hot corn, rolls and salad. Dinner tickets are \$18 and for non-dinner guests, \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the door. All proceeds are used for veteran charities. For more information, call Debbie Abraham at 734-

Redford chamber has scholarship apps

The Redford Chamber of Commerce now has applications available for high school seniors to apply for a scholarship. The high school senior does not have to attend a Redford school but must have been a resident of Redford for two years. You can pick up the application at the Chamber Office at 26050 Five Mile Road, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications will also be available in the Counselor Offices at Thurston, Redford Union and Clarenceville High Schools. Deadline for submission of applications is March 24, 2017. Any questions,

call the Redford Chamber of Commerce office at 313-535-0960.

Hopgood coffee hours

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor) invites members of the community to join him at upcoming coffee hours to discuss state and local issues of concern. Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland. The coffee hours provide opportunities for citizens to meet Hopgood and share their thoughts about current events in Lansing and the local community.

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The January Coffee Hour is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the Brownstown Township Center, 21311 Telegraph Road in Brownstown.

The February Coffee Hour will take place at noon Monday, Feb. 13, at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road in Van Buren Township.

Camera Club featured

Livonia Arts Commission announces that the Fine Arts Gallery on the

second floor of the Bob and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library will feature the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council for the month of February. GDCC is composed of

members from the
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Club. These photography
clubs meet on different
days and different times
but share a common

interest: photography.
Each club has competitions in their Electronic Imaging Divisions, including Monochrome, Color, Nature and Color Creative (altered reality). They also have competitions in the two Print Divisions: Monochrome and Color. During the year, all of these clubs will compete against each other in all of the digital division as well as print division. All of the winners from each competition go into the GDCC's End-of-the-Year Print and Digital compe-

This month they celebrate with an end-of-theyear banquet and preparation for the February exhibit.

Garden City Valentine sweetie contest

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority will host a Valentine Sweetheart Photo Contest with firstand-second-place winner announced on its Facebook at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

day, Feb. 8.

Sweet talk your Valentine into posing for a picture with Willy, the Garden City "Cupig" located in the Commons, at the northwest corner of Middlebelt and Ford, for a chance to win a free Sweetheart Date Night Gift Package. Pictures must be posted to the Downtown Garden City Facebook page at www.facebook.com/downtowngardencity by 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pictures must be from 2017; only one entry per couple/group; must be age 18 or older to win.

'Covering your Brother's Sins'

In light of the political and racial conflicts and divisive issues of this past year, Father Jerome Sanderson will preach on how Christians can think and act in a way most beneficial to all. The topic is titled "Covering Your Brother's Sins." Sanderson is a founding member of the Brotherhood of St Moses the Black, and is an Orthodox Christian priest, author, iconographer and woodcarver. The event is free and open to the public at 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-634-2650.

Pagan office hours

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

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

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

For more information,

contact her at KristyPagan@house.mi.gov or 517-373-2575.

Friday Glow Skate

The Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland hosts Glow Skate from 7-9:20 p.m. each Friday. The cost is \$8 for kids and \$9 for adults. Skate rentals are \$3. Everyone receives a free glow accessory with purchase. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood

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.

tion 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.

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.stlouiscenter.org or call 734-475-8430.

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Plymouth AAUW hosts 'Cinderella' at GC High

When the curtain rises Feb. 2-4 on the Plymouth AAUW's "Cinderella" at Garden City High School, the audience will see a different kind of woman who enchants the prince.

"It's still the Cinderel-la story, but with a twist to it," said Laurie Kempisty, who with Kathy Kish is directing the annual AAUW play. What the audience will witness is a, well, sort of

modern woman, who not only enchants the prince and fits her foot delicately into the shoe, but one whom the prince sees as needed as the strength to maintain his kingdom — the Land of Petunia. "We try to add some lines from today's world," Kempisty said.

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 2-3 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 4 at the high school, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City. Tickets are \$6 online at http://aauw-pcmi.org/ list.php

The organization (American Association of University Women) began nationally in 1881 -1952 in Plymouth - and empowers women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The nonprofit organization has more than 170,000 members nationwide and supports 1,000 local branches and 800 college/

university partners. When asked how long the Plymouth AAUW has staged the annual plays, a few thoughts were need-ed and the closest anyone could come to providing a date was at least 50 years, but maybe even

Of the club, which has more than 80 members, some 25-35 women turn out to audition either as actors or ask to work behind the scenes with costumes, sets, lighting — you name it. Only



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Cinderella (Kate Bellows) gets all gussied up for the ball with the help of the cat (Mary Anne Martin), Jac (Shirley Zaetta), Norm (Kay Paupore), mouse (Marie Mack) and Pete the cat (Becky Copenhaver).



Sharon Belobraidich and Mickey Edell, as the Evil Stepmother and Step-sister Gruesue, have acted in AAUW productions for more than 30 years.

women take the acting roles. Even a woman plays the prince, but with a lower voice.

"This is the highlight of our year," said Kish, now a retired teacher, but who taught in the same building as Kempisty, who continues to work.

What club members love is that, for the most part, everyone has long-standing roles in the whole production. "Every year, someone else di-rects," Kish said.

This year it was time for Kish and Kempitsy. "This is all volunteer," Kish said. "Everyone is a member of the AAUW."

And each year, the club stages the play at Garden City High School for kids. The effort begins with tryouts and plenty of rehearsal as actors memorize their lines. Costumes are made

bers, as well.

And "Cinderella"
wouldn't the same without a pumpkin turned royal carriage. The AAUW has a gentleman who volunteers and has created a carriage that is still under wraps. "He redoes everything for us," Kempisty said, re ferring to the props

Attendees will also have the opportunity to get up close with the AAUW actors as they come through the audience as part of "Cinderel-

"Cinderella" is one of Cinderena is one of five plays that the club rotates. Other produc-tions include "Peter Pan," "Snow White," "Alice in Wonderland" and the "Wizard of Oz" — all great fare to interest the Garden City-area kids who attend.

To add more oomph to its traditions, the Plymouth AAUW has also created a night for Boy and Girl Scouts, who attend programs on thea-ter and learn all of its facets either from club members or the Garden City High School Drama Club. For their attendance, the Scouts earn a

While the AAUW once staged the plays in the Plymouth area, Garden City High School officials offered facilities free of charge other than for utilities, such as light ing and sound, the days of the performances. What really drives

club members is that proceeds from the plays are used to provide col-lege scholarships, such as to Schoolcraft College and Madonna University Plus, members also find that they get new members from those who attend the plays. "We add new people every year,' Kish said.

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Man accused of breaking into Livonia hotel

David Veselenak

An 18-year-old man faces criminal charges after police say he broke into a hotel office and stole cash

from a safe

Livo nia po-lice say Matthew Koehler Koehlei broke

office at the Crossland Detroit-Livonia hotel at 11808 Middlebelt the afternoon of Jan. 15. Police allege Koehler, whom police say did not have a home address on file, entered the hotel's business office, which is closed on Sundays, through an unlocked window.

Police allege he found a key to the safe

and opened it. Police allege he removed cash before leaving the office. After an investigation, police located and arrested Koehler.

He is charged with breaking-and-entering and larceny in a building. He was arraigned in Livonia's 16th District Court on several charges, including breaking-and-entering and larceny in a building. He was given a \$20,000 cash or surety bond. As of Tuesday, Wayne County Jail rec-ords show he remained

in custody.

He was due to return to court Thursday for a probable cause conference, police said. A preliminary examina-tion is set for Feb. 2. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison.

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Hit-and-run accident

A motorist driving near Joy and Donna came into the police station Jan. 18 to report a hit-and-run accident.

The driver said she was going eastbound on Joy just east of Franklin High School when the car in front of her abruptly stopped. She stopped, but said the car behind her did not and hit the rear of her car. She said the car then fled eastbound, losing sight of it.

Purse, laptop stolen

Westland police were called in the early morning hours of Jan. 18 to a residence in the 3500 block of Westland Estates Drive on the report of items taken from a vehicle.

Police say the woman in the area parking lot and she told them her

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

purse and laptop were stolen from the vehicle. She told police she

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arrived earlier that morning to pick up her children and went inside, not remembering if she locked the car. When she came out

15-20 minutes later, she found her laptop and handbag missing from the car. The bag contained her driver's license, social security card and credit cars. No damage was reported.

Vehicle shot with BB

A resident who lives in the 2000 block of Venoy came into the police station Jan. 18 to report damage to his vehicle.

The victim said he heard a sound like a BB gun going off when he walked out to his vehicle. When he investigated the vehicle, he found damage to the front side

driver fender that was consistent with a BB.

License plate stolen A resident in the 1200

block of Fairwood came to the police station Monday to report his license plate was stolen.

The resident said he dropped off his van at a Mr. Muffler on South Wayne Road on Jan. 20 to have it worked on. When he picked up the van, he drove it home. He then drove it Sunday night to his work in De-troit and drove it home later. The next morning, he discovered the license plate was hanging by one screw and was not his plate. He said he did not know who would have taken the license plate.

Moped stolen

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

A resident came to the police station Monday to report his moped was stolen while parked in the 3400 block of Ha-

zelwood. He said he last saw his moped in the drive-way at the home earlier in the night. An hour later, he discovered the moped was gone. He said he had the only set of keys and the vehicle was paid off.

Package taken

A resident in the 7300 block of Wilderness Park came to the police sta-tion Friday to report the

theft of a package. He said he received notice from UPS that the package had been delivered Jan. 5. He arrived home later that night and could not locate the package. He contacted UPS, which told him the package had been delivered to the address

Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

ID theft

A resident in the 14900 block of Paderewski

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BRUCE

DOROTHY 83 of Livonia, formerly of Benton Harbor, Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday January 28, 2017 at Manns Family Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebeit, Livonia 48154. Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:30 the same day. Private Burial will be a Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. She lived in Livonia for over sixty years. Through the years she was active in various community activities and organizations. She is survived by one son, Rev. Gordon Bruce and his wife Angela of Pierce, NE. One daughter Karen Beer and husband Kevin of St. Charles, MO. Also one granddaughter Sarah Bruce of Omaha, NE and one granddson, Matthew Bruce of Pierce, NE. Melso many nieces and nephews.

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CANDACE CHRISTINE (nee WRIGHT) January 18, 2017 age 68 of Plymouth. Dear mother of William and Adam (Stephanie Lopez) Lichtenberg, Dear sister of Deborah (Renee Guilmette) Wright and John (Pat) Wright. Dear friend of Mike Lichtenberg. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Candace was a dedicated Candace was a dedicated Canadace was a dedicated iffetime employee of AT & T. Arrangements entrusted to Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Memorial Beck) Plymouth, Memorial contributions may be made to Devoted Barn or Michigan Humane Society, To share a memory, please visit vermeulanfuneralhome.com

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MICHAEL C. Age 74, January 21, 2017. Dear father of Barry (Mona). Son of the late Jack and Margaret. Cherished grandfather of Madelynne and Brendan. Brother of Maureen grandather of Madelynire and Brendan. Brother of Maureen (Robert) Giewswein, Norah Fix, Brian (Marie), Terry (Linda), Sean (Debbie), and the late Patrick. Dearest uncle of many. Wistation Wednesday 2-8 p.m. with an Evening Scripture Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Thursday 9:30 a.m. followed by the 10 a.m. Funeral Service at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.). Family suggests memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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REILLY



PHILIP 19, passed away at the University of Michigan CS Mott Hospital on January 22, 2017 after a 15 month valiant battle with leukemia. He was a proud 2015 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School who was a happy and healthy young man in his first semester of college when he was unexpectedly diagnosed with very high risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) on October 12, 2015. Over the next 15 months he was hospitalized 9 months and experienced unparalleled medical challenges yet he unceasingly fought like a stoic warrior until his death. He is survived by his parents, Glenn and Lisa and his sister AnnMarie. His wake will be held on Friday, January 27 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Rosary at 6 p.m.) at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand Riiver Ave, Novi, MI 48375. Funeral Mass will occur on Saturday, January 28 at 11 a.m. (Visitation at 10 a.m.) at Detroit Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Rd, Novi, MI 48374. A private interment will be held on a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks A private interment will be held on a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Detroit Catholic Central High School where a tuition assistance fund is being established in his name for students in need. Expressions of sympathy messages may be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



TRICK



MARGARET ELIZABETH was born in Detroit to Joseph Frank and Henrietta (Strate) Buhr on January 26, 1921. In 1925 the family moved to Ann Arbor where she attended public schools and graduated Arbor where she attended public schools and graduated from Ann Arbor High School.

After graduation, she attended Michigan State and William and Mary. She continued and Mary. She continued her education by receiving a master's degree from Wayne State University in education. Her father Joseph Frank Buhr founded the Buhr Machine Tool Company. He was an inventor and industrialist. After his death, the family donated the land that would become Buhr Park to the city. Her brother Joseph Frank took over their father's Buhr Machine Tool Company in 1946 which became an international leader in it's field. In 1953 the Buhr foundation was founded which funded community needs. Our mother restrict Cheste let 18. was founded which funded community needs. Our mother married Charles John Trick on January 30, 1943. She pursued teaching career when she finished college. After substituting from 1950 to 1951, she was hired in a permanent position as a kindergarten teacher at Jefferson School in Wayne Michigan. Many of her students were from disadvantage families so each year clothes and food would be personally be provided by her. Our mother's kindergarten career expanded over 34 years. Because of her commitment and excellence

commitment and excellence in teaching, she was awarded a special tribute from the Michigan State Legislature Michigan State Legislature on June 8, 1983 to praise her and commend her for her excellence in teaching and her many years of public service. She was an avid bridge player and PTA chairman at her children's schools. Her love for children's schools. Her love for all animals not only included the adoption of many cats but generous contributions to local and national Humane Societies. Together our mother and father were supporters and contributors to the Michigan Athletics and the U of M Hospital. She was a faithful fan of the football program and continued to attend the games until the age of 92 where you could see her doing the famous U of M wave in the stands. Her husband passed away in Her husband passed away in 2012 just short of their 69th wedding anniversary. She is survived by three children, wedding anniversary. She is survived by three children, Holly Pollock, Jacquelyn (Brian) Miller, Jeff (Clare) Trick. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Julie (John) Tulloch, Kelly (Conor) Dunston, Barret (Magan), Kristen and Flizabeth Miller, Sudan (Cindy) Bey, Lauren, Jeffery, Nicholas Trick. Great grandchildren, Oona, Sadie, Braden, Kaylie and Ayla. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at the Nie Familly Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel, 3767 W. Liberty Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. until time of the service. In memory of Margaret, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley or one's local Humane Society. To sign the guestbook and leave a memory.

came into the police sta-

tion Monday afternoon to report her identity had been stolen.
She said she was con-

tacted by her employer about unemployment forms filed in her name even though she was still working. There were no suspects and she did not know who was receiving the benefits.

Attempted larceny from auto reported

Livonia police were called by a resident in the 30000 of St. Martins on the report of individuals trying to access parked cars.

The caller said he saw the suspects trying to open car doors in the area of the 19200 block of

Purlingbrook. Police checked the parking lot in the area and discovered a vehicle that appeared to have been rummaged through. Police spoke to the vehicle's owner, who came and checked on the car to see if anything was missing. He said it did not appear that anything was miss-ing. He said the car was left unlocked because of an issue with some of the

Theft of cigarettes

Police were called Monday morning to Speedway, 31374 School craft, on the report of a theft of cigarettes. The store clerk told

police the suspect came in and asked for a pack of

cigarettes. He then opened the pack and walked out of the shop without paying for them, telling the clerk to "call the police" when he was told he needed to pay for them. Police located a man who matched the suspect's description along Schoolcraft, near Hubbell. He was stopped and questioned by police, who then arrested him for stealing the pack of cigarettes. He told police he took the cigarettes because he was homeless and didn't have money. He was issued a citation and taken to I-96 and Telegraph and released.

Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police

Suspect arrested following theft at Westland JCPenney store

David Veselenak

Westland police say they have arrested a Lincoln Park man accused in a robbery at a JC

Penney store last year. Police Rankin

say they arrested Mark Rankin, 40, last month on suspicion of stealing from the JC Penney store at the West-and Shopping Center, 35000 Warren. Rankin was a suspect in a theft from the store that took place in May. Police said he then got into a con-

frontation with a loss prevention employee before fleeing on foot. Police say Rankin was arrested last month after

he was in custody at another agency, which delayed the arrest. He was charged with armed robberv and as a habitual offender Dec. 14. He received a \$250,000 cash or surety bond. He re-mained locked up in the Wayne County Jail as of Monday afternoon.

Rankin has a lengthy criminal background, with several crimes hap pening all across south-eastern Michigan, according to Michigan Department of Corrections online records has pleaded in several

cases, including breaking and entering a building with intent and larceny in a building, among others.
A final conference in

Wayne County Circuit Court is scheduled to take place Feb. 22, with a jury trial scheduled for March 22. If convicted, he faces up to life in

"Thank you to those who shared this post on social media, and those who submitted tips leading to this arrest," West-land police said in a statement. "This would not have been possible without your assistance."

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Wayne police seek armed robbery suspect

David Veselenak

Wayne police say they continue to look for an they say injured a pedestrian Monday evening.

Police say the man attacked and injured a 48-year-old Westland woman at about 5:30 p.m. as she walked east on Glenwood near Bancroft. Police say he approached her as she walked with her phone in her hands and told her to give him the phone. She refused several times, including when the suspect tried to

grab it out of her hands. She then began punching the man The man then pulled

out a knife and slashed injuring her and leaving a 2-inch laceration on her left arm. After slashing her, police say the sus-pect then grabbed the phone and the attached portable battery pack out of her hands and ran off. The woman then got home and had her mother take her to Beaumont Hospital in Wayne, which is where police met her and interviewed her about the incident.

She told them she did not get a good look at her attacker, but described him as a man standing about 6-foot-2, wearing a light blue jeans and white

Wayne Police Lt. Ryan Strong said police con-tinue to look for the suspect as of Tuesday afternoon. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Wayne Police Det. Stephan Perez at 734-721-1414 ex. 1506.

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WAYNE POLICE REPORTS

ID stolen for Domino's order

A Pennsylvania resident filed a report with the Wayne Police Department Jan. 17 over the fraudulent use of a Domino's Pizza account.

The victim reported

that someone fraudu-lently used the account, which included an order placed on their American Express card.

The order consisted of boneless chicken with hot sauce as well as cinna stix and a chicken Caesar

BB gun fired at window

A resident in the 35400 block of Currier filed a report Jan. 16 about damage to a home window

The resident said it appeared someone used a BB gun three times into the front window of their The BBs went through

the first pane of glass but not the second pane.

Wallet taken from

rec center A patron at the HYPE Rec Center, 4635 Howe, filed a police report Jan. 12 over the theft of his wallet from the center.

He said the wallet contained his ID, bank card, cash and possibly his social security card He said the center has looked into who had taken the items, but had not found out anything. He believes he knew who took the items, and that they have taken items

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OBSERVERLAND PREVIEW

Fewer top teams going to the mat

Annual Observerland slated for Saturday at Livonia Churchill

Tim Smith

With some elite teams not attending Saturday's Observerland Wrestling Tournament at Livonia Churchill, the competition could be more wide

open than in previous seasons. But state powerhouse Novi Detroit Catholic Central - who won in 2016 with its Blue team
— is scheduled to bring its White team to the 26th annual tournament, which begins 9 a.m. Saturday in the Churchill gymnasium.

The coveted "spotlight fi-

What: The 26th annual Observerland wrestling tournament **When:** Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and continuing until the evening; spotlight finals are slated for 5 p.m.

Where: Livonia Churchill High School gymnasium. The school is located on Newburgh, between Ann Arbor Trail and Joy Road.

Admission: \$5 (\$3 for students).
Teams: Taking part will be Belleville, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Garden City, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin (IV), Livonia Stevenson, Lutheran Westland, North Farmington, Northville, Novi, Novi Detroit Catholic Central (White team), Redford Union, Salem and Wayne Memorial.

nals," when the gym lights are turned down and all the atten-tion is on one mat, will begin about 5 p.m.

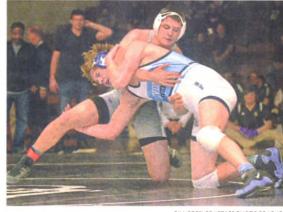
Westland John Glenn won't be there and Livonia Franklin will send only a junior varsity squad as only 15 high schools will be on hand at the Churchill-hosted event.

A key reason for some of the

no-shows is about wanting to avoid competitive over-exposure during the regular season, both for wrestlers and teams. What once was a destination

event each season for area teams now is becoming a redundancy, even an after thought, for some teams.

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Although some schools are not competing at this year's Observerland, the spotlight finals remain a highlight. In this 2014 photo, Plymouth's Hussein Youssef (top) battles Livonia Stevenson's Connor Vaughn.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Spellbinder: Eagles clip RU in 2 OTs

Thurston pulls out 66-65 squeaker over Panthers

Brad Emons

The term "barn burner" might have been an under-statement to describe Redford Thurston's 66-65 double-over-time boys basketball victory Tuesday night over host Redford Union.

Before a packed in crowd that had a Cameron Indoor Stadium-like feel to it, the visiting Eagles took home the Redford Township trophy by forcing OT at 50-all after eras-ing a five-point deficit in the final 46 seconds of regulation.

In the first four-minute extra session, Thurston took a 60-58 lead with only 6.6 seconds left when Matteo Maisano split a pair of free throws. And when RU came down for the final shot, senior guard Eric McCarter was fouled while

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THOMAS BEAUDOIN Redford Union's Christian Montgomery (left) dribbles by Thurston's Kevin Newell

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Junior guard Sarah Tanderys recently set the school's single-game record for 3-pointers.

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FANDERYS IS 'TREY' BO

Hard work pays off for Stevenson junior, who sets school mark with nine triples in game

Tim Smith

The moment Sarah Tandervs had worked all summer and fall for was just one sweet jumper away from reality Jan. 10 at South Lyon

The 16-year-old Tanderys, a junior guard for Livonia Stevenson's varsity girls basketball team, tied the school

record for treys earlier in the game's second quarter.

Tanderys had six in the books and sat down for a respite while the Spartans continued to roll.

She wanted seven, though

"I came out of the game and my teammates told me I had six and I needed one more to break it," said the soft-spoken Tanderys before a recent practice. "And

then I broke it and I cried. I was very

happy."
Oh, by the way, she added two more successful treys in the second half to give her a Stevenson record off nine by the time the game was over.

Her torrid run gave her 31 points to pace her team to a 60-29 victory.

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U-D HALL OF FAME

Titan-ic honor on the way for Ex-Franklin pitcher Kaseta

The late Tony Kaseta will be inducted into University of Detroit Hall of Fame

Brad Emons

Former Livonia Franklin High baseball standout Tony Kaseta will be among the new-est class of inductees scheduled to go into the University of Detroit Mercy Athletics Hall of Fame during ceremonies this weekend.

The U-D Hall of Fame weekend includes the induction dinner on Saturday, Jan. 28, on

campus at the Student Center Ballroom.

All 2017 Hall of Fame in ductees will be recognized the following day during the men's basketball game against Wisconsin-Green Bay. (Game time is 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 at at U-D's Calihan Hall.)

Kaseta, who passed away in 2015 at age 62, will be joined by Teresa Emery (softball), Shireese Statin (track and field), look Sacrapaniuk (track and field) Jack Szczepaniuk (track and field) and Mark Sommerfeld (golf), former women's basketball coach and women's athletic coordinator Susan Kruszew ski, along with the 2004 Detroit Mercy women's soccer team.

grad, was the ace of the Titan pitching staff during his time and holds the school record

with 25 total wins. He ranks fourth in strikeouts in school history with 218. As a sophomore, he was 9-3

As a sopnomore, ne was 9-3 with a 2.29 earned run average allowing just 65 hits with 62 strikeouts in 74.1 innings.

As a senior, he was perfect going 7-0 on the mound and whiffing 59 batters in 56 invited by the senior of the nings, while helping the Titans to a school-record 36 victories

Kaseta, who threw around

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The late Tony Kaseta, former standout pitcher at Livonia Franklin, will be inducted posthumously into the University of Detroit Mercy Athletics Hall



Livonia Stevenson's Sarah Tanderys never quits working on improving her shot.

TANDERYS

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"My teammates are giving me the ball and I have an open shot I just take what I can," Tanderys said. "If they start falling that's good. But I got to thank them because they were the ones who were behind it as well.

"Going into this year, that was my goal to beat that rec-

ord. And it happened."

The moment that mattered most for the daughter of Michele and Jeff Tanderys of Livonia came in the seconds before the halftime buzzer sounded.

It was a fast break and Brie Maas had the ball," Tanderys said. "She was going to drive and she saw me open in the (left) corner.

"I was wide open and it went in. My team all came

over and hugged me."
Tanderys added that sharing the moment with her "basketball family" was

something to cherish. "I love my team, being able to play with them every day is great," she said. "I got to thank my coach (Karen Anger) too, because she's

been amazing this year.
"She's always pushing me to be my best."

In the zone

The record-breaking 3-ball also was a big deal for Stevenson first-year head coach Anger — who was a standout player at Livonia Churchill and Erskine College (a Division II school in South Carolision if section in South Caron-na) — and for the rest of the Spartans' players. "It's just a feeling," said Anger, about what it's like for

a player to be in such a zone You get this feeling as soon as the first few go in you kind of get this head nod, you've got this feeling inside you

and the team felt it. So they

were feeding her.

"All my girls (Maas, Grace Lamerson, Diane Senkowski) were just drive and dish. were just drive and dish.
They could tell she was feeling it. My bench was huge
against South Lyon for her
momentum, as well.
"... Every time she shot
they (on the bench) all stood

up and had their hands in the air for a three and then they just went nuts."

With a smile, Anger then

said the Tanderys record meant something special to her for another reason.
"Her mom taught me at

Garfield Elementary (in the Livonia district)," said Anger a 2004 Churchill graduate. "And now to see things go full-circle where now I'm her kid's teacher, so to speak, with basketball, it's a cool moment.

Launching pad

It's not too surprising that Sarah Tanderys is a shooting star, so to speak. She comes from a hoop-

ster family, with both parents having played the sport in high school (her mom at Northville, her dad at Novi) and older brother Chris (a senior at Stevenson) a standout on the 2016-17 varsity boys team.

"We goof around in the driveway," said Sarah, about caking jumpers at home with Chris. "He's a good shooter

But don't misunderstand. Sarah is extremely serious when it comes to lining up a shot, letting the ball roll off her fingers and watching its

flight en route to the basket That's why she worked tirelessly during the off-season at Get Skillz Basketball in Livonia with trainer Jamey Petree

"It's just to shoot it the same way, not changing my shot, having the same form,' she said, about her appetite for non-stop practice.

Eager to work

And that's not all. As soon as Anger was named head coach of the Spartans, Tanderys continuously hit re-dial to find out when she could start working out with the

"When I was announced coach, she was asking 'When are we starting, when can we do stuff?'" Anger said. "Just throughout summer she didn't miss a single day, she worked everything around basketball."

Anger added that she might have nudged Tanderys into improving this season.

"It's the confidence, really," Anger said. "When I told her she needed to start shooting a step or two behind the three she was shaking her head at me, 'No way, it's too

far.'
"I go 'It's not too far, if you start doing it now I promise you come game time in the

winter it's going to pay off.'
"... The shot chart from the

South Lyon game is an example of her shooting from well off the three-point line.

And for the rest of this season and her senior year, opponents in the KLAA know who Sarah Tanderys is. That is the flip side to doing some

thing so remarkable.
"The other day I told her,
'Now they've got your number, they know who you are
and they know what you can do," Anger said. "I told her 'Now you have to start creating other things for your-self, that's what good shoot

There's no doubt she'll figure it out in the blink of an eye and a fluid roll of the

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Livonia Stevenson girls basketball coach Karen Anger (right) gives Sarah Tanderys a helpful hint on following through with her jump shot. Anger was a star prep player at Livonia Churchill

BOYS SWIMMING

Rocks fall at Rock Kilgore Invitational

Tim Smith

Home isn't always where the victories are, as the Salem varsity boys swimming and diving team recently found out.

The Rocks hosted the annual Rock Kilgore Invitational on Jan. 14 at the Charles E. Olson Natatorium, but finished sixth out of six teams with 108 points despite what Salem head coach Brandon Larkins called "plenty of good times and a lot of personal bests."

Taking first place with 290 points was Saline, followed by Northville (239), Zeeland (197), Livonia Stevenson (180), Novi Detroit Catholic Central (153) and Salem.
"This meet really pushed our

team and I would say it made us a stronger team," Larkins said. "The boys have realized that they still have half of a season left and they have to work for what they want."

Salem sophomore Eugene Li gave the Rocks something to cheer about. He finished first in a heat of the 200-yard IM with a time of 1:58.41 (a state cut performance).

Earning first for the Sham-rocks were Jacob Skwirsk and Conor Brownell, both winning different heats of the 100 butterfly with respective times of 1:00.06 and 57.02.

Stevenson sophomore Benja-min Rojewski won a heat of the 500 freestyle, finishing with a state cut of 4:51.83.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs had plenty of success, both in individual events and relays

Freshman Craig Maibach (50 free, 24.18), junior Orion Shi (100 free, 53.20), senior Taiyo Ichikawa (500 free, 5:15.83) and freshman Brian Ding (100 breaststroke, 1:08.65) took first in individual events.

Northville also won two heats of the 200 free relay and

400 free relay. In the 200 free relay, wins were chalked up: Michael Alameddine, Roman Grossi, Con-nor Hart and Jimmy Huang, 1:40.92; and Shi, Jacob Grimmer, Ding and Ichikawa, 1:36.64.

Taking first in the 400 free relay were: Shi, Arthur Greenlee, Alemeddine and Nicholas Mouaikel, 3:36.54; and Gabriel Trevino, Jonathan Kollen, Austin Mills and Connor Robertson, 3:17.21 (state cut).

PCEP Tri-Meet

Meanwhile, Jan. 5, Canton won the Plymouth-Canton Edu-cational Park Tri-Meet with 518 points, followed by Salem (494) and Plymouth (335).

Leading the way for the Chiefs with first-place finishes in individual events were junior Daniel Mullen (200 free, 1:45.86; 500 free, 4:54.13), senior Kyle Amick (50 free, 22.78) and junior Tristen Shao (100 back, 57.71).

Canton also captured the 200 and 400 free relays. In the former, Mullen, Amick and juniors Caleb Styles and Derek Goderis won with a time of 1:31.65. The quartet of Mullen, Amick, Go-deris and Shao took the top spot in the latter, finishing in 3:20.53.

Salem won the other relay event, with sophomores Ryo Hirose, Eugene Li, Nathan Budnick and Tom Cousino combining in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:41.63.

Both Li and Budnick also won a pair of individual events. Li won in the 100 free (47.95) and 100 breast (1:02.12), while Budnick captured the top spot in the 200 IM (2:05.29) and 100 fly (55.74). Plymouth's lone first-place

finisher was senior Jordan Groves in 1-meter diving, with 208.35 points.

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WRESTLING

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"We wrestle a lot of them at the Wayne County tournament at the beginning of the year," Rockets head coach Bill Polk said about skipping Observ erland this time around. "And then we see every one of them in an individual dual. We see them at Observerland and, a week later, we see them all in the KLAA meet.

'When you're wrestling Observerland and you're wres-tling league back-to-back, it just doesn't make any sense."

Tradition is fading

Concurring was Franklin head coach David Chiola, who will use Observerland as a way for junior varsity wrestlers to

gain some key experience. "With county, KLAA and districts, it's just too much of the same teams," Chiola said. "We've asked them (Chargers) to invite other teams, but it looks like the same ones and

many aren't even varsity.

"I'm not sure the tournament is necessary anymore, at least not that late in the year."

Also not attending will be Plymouth (winner in 2014) and Canton, although the Salem Rocks will be front and center to represent the Park

I see us being middle of the pack this year based on inexperience in the lineup," said Salem head coach Jeremy Henderson, who wrestled for the Rocks at Observerland a decade ago. "I will have a couple

guys contend for the finals, but we have a lot of first-year kids

in the lineup. "We graduated 10 seniors last year and a lot of kids are stepping up from JV to varsity, so this is their first year (at Observerland). I want my kids to go out and wrestle tough. If we do that, we can be success ful.

Henderson said the KLAA's loss of 10 teams in 2017-18 might turn out to be a positive for the future of the Observerland tourney.

"Ultimately, we go to this tournament because it is what we have always done," Henderson said. "It is tradition, but we might change it in the future unless teams start coming back

"The KLAA league change might be a good thing for this tournament, it just depends on how the cards fall."

Polk emphasized that, all things being equal, he'd have the Rockets at Churchill on

Saturday because he's always valued Observerland. "I love the Observerland tournament," Polk said. "I've always enjoyed it, it's right down the street from us. Chur-chill's always done a great job hosting, the spotlight finals, it's a big tournament for the area. So everybody gets into it.

"It's a shame that it's kind of turned into what it's turned into. And it's not necessarily Observerland's fault, it's what's formed around Observerland."

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90 mph with exquisite control of his pitches, had tryouts with the Detroit Tigers, Chicago White Sox and Kansas City

Royals.

He ultimately accepted a job as a buyer for J.L. Hudson before moving to Atlanta more than 30 years ago. He was involved in the wholesale end of the men's apparel industry

at the time of his death. Former longtime U-D base-ball coach Bob Miller has fond memories of Kaseta, who he referred to as "one of my alltime best players."

Tony had a great arm, he

threw hard and he had a good breaking ball," Miller told the Livonia Observer. "Why he never got drafted (by Major League Baseball), I'll never understand.

"On Saturdays, we'd play doubleheaders sometimes against Division II or III teams like Hillsdale. When it was Tony's turn to start, he'd throw the first game and we'd win 10-0 in five innings. I'd go up to him and say, 'Tony, it looks like you haven't even broken a sweat. Do you want to throw the second game, too?' And he'd say, 'Sure.' Then he'd go out and shut them out in the second game as well."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans push pace to top Chargers

A balanced attack and uptempo pace proved to be an impressive combination Tues day for Livonia Stevenson's varsity boys basketball team, earning a 86-65 victory over host Livonia Churchill.

The Spartans (10-1 overall) took control of the crossover contest relatively early, jumping out to a 24-18 edge after one quarter. The Chargers had a solid second quarter to pull to within 37-32 at halftime, but a 28-point third quarter gave Stevenson enough of a push to sustain any Churchill rally attempt.

attempt.
Four players reached double digits in scoring for Stevenson, led by Ian Knoph (14 points) and Chris Tanderys (13 points). Contributing 12 points

was Spencer Eddings while George Ferguson scored 10. Churchill (2-9) was led by Trajan Stinson (17 points) and Genesis Barnes (16 points), with Evan Cummins adding 12.

"Spencer Eddings played a a complete all-around game today," Stevenson assistant coach Chris Haldane said. "Spencer was in the right posi-tion almost all game on defense, but he made a huge impact by pushing the pace and running basket to basket

on face breaks. "Spencer beat everybody down the floor three or four times and that really helped open up opportunities for everyone else on the floor. Chris Tanderys was the benefactor of this pushed pace, as he was able to knock down three three pointers as Churchill's defend-

ers scrambled back."
A strong point for the Chargers was the strong work in the paint by Avery Anderson, who Haldane said hurt the Spartans "on the offensive

Warriors stopped

Lutheran Westland senior forward Zach Burk went off for 27 points and nine rebounds Tuesday night, but the Warriors fell short 74-54 to host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Warriors dropped to 6-2 overall and 1-2 in the MIAC Red Division with the defeat while the hosts improved to

In addition to Burk, senior Luke Smith registered 16 points and pulled down seven rebounds for the Warriors while senior Kory Barikmo tallied eight points, six re-bounds and five assists. The Warriors were hurt at the free-throw line, making just 52 percent of their attempts (12-

23).
The teams were tied 16-16 after one frame, but Lutheran Westland trailed 35-31 at halftime and 53-43 after three.

Clarenceville falls

Rickey Scott's 29 points went in vain Tuesday as Livo-nia Clarenceville (0-12) lost 64-56 in a non-league game against host Novi Franklin

Road Christian (2-8). Scott connected on six 3pointers, while teammate Armen Andelija added 11 points for the Trojans, who couldn't overcome a 36-18 halftime

Rahmon Scruggs and Maxwell Holleman paced the victo-rious Warriors with 22 and 19 points, respectively. Joshua Beck also added a doubledouble with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Franklin Road was 24-of-36 from the free throw line (66.6 percent), while Clarenceville was 14-of-21 (66.6 percent).

Salem drops one

Livonia Stevenson scored 25 points in the fourth quarter Friday to pull out a 65-54 win over Salem in a KLAA Central Division matchup. Salem (5-6) was led by sen-

ior Cameron Grace (19 points, 10 rebounds) and senior Camren Barden (11 points).

Ian Knoph and Devin Dunn scored 15 points each for the

Double OT

Friday's KLAA South Division boys basketball game between host Livonia Franklin and Livonia Churchill went a bit longer than usual, double overtime.

But thanks to a 25-point

game by Mark Mettie, the Patriots prevailed 74-69.

Scoring 21 points for Frank-lin (5-5, 1-3) was Keyon Brown while Kemauri Heard chipped in with 11. Johnny Cantrell added nine. For the Chargers (2-8, 0-5),

registering 25 points was Alan Hammett, while Evan Cummins tallied 22. Helping the Churchill cause was Trajan Stinson, with seven points. Each team enjoyed offen-

sive runs in the first half. The Chargers built a 24-16 lead after one quarter, but Franklin bounced back in the second with a 25-14 edge to make it a 41-38 halftime edge for the Patriots.

The second half was close throughout, ending with the teams deadlocked at 62-62 to send the game to overtime.

GC trips Trojans

Eian Castonguay led a balanced scoring attack with 12

points as Garden City (2-7, 1-3) earned a 62-45 WWAC Red Division triumph Friday at Livonia Clarenceville (0-11,

0-4).
Rickey Scott scored a gamehigh 16 points for the Trojans, who trailed 28-19 at halftime

and 47-33 after three quarters. Garden City was 13-of-20 from the foul line (65 percent), while Clarenceville was 9-of-17

(52.9 percent).
"It was a nice team win," Cougars head coach Rick Morton said. "We earned our first in the league. We had four guys in double digits."

Eian Castonguay scored 12 points for Garden City, with Cameron Walter (11), Jake Sadowski (10) and Brad Russell (10) providing some offense

Eagles prevail

Matt Malcolm scored 30 points Friday night to spark Plymouth Christian Academy to a 73-69 win over MIAC Red Division rival Oakland Chris-

Jayme Fadden also had a strong night for the Eagles with 17 points, while Max Okolo chipped in 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Plymouth Christian im-proved to 7-2 overall and 5-0 in the division, while Oakland Christian dropped to 5-2, 2-2.



Thurston's Malik Walker (left) takes the ball to the basket against RU's Amir Huston

HOOPS

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hoisting a three-pointer at the top of the key with only 0.09 seconds left on

McCarter, who led the Panthers with 19 points, calmly swished the first of his two free throws and had the game in his hands if he could make the third.

"It did not look good," said Thur-ston senior guard Malik Hill, who led the Eagles with a game-high 20 points 'My head was spinning. I couldn't

Fortunately for the Eagles, McCarter's shot rimmed off forcing a second OT at 60-all

Hill was clutch in the second OT scoring all of Thurston's six points in the first 1:34 to give the Eagles a 66-62 advantage, but RU refused to fold getting two free throws by McCarter and a triple by Christian Montgomery to close the gap to 66-65.

The Panthers got one more possession with 40 seconds left and worked the ball around, but missing a

worked the ball around, but missing a pair of triples in the waning seconds.

"It was real special, especially for my senior year, I like to take it home it's hard work," Hill said of the Township trophy. "They have some tough guys. They played very aggressive with he. They just didn't let us run. with us. They just didn't let us run them over and they had a good de-

Malik Walker and Maisano each added 11 points, while Kevin Moore chipped in with nine for the victorious Eagles, who improved to 4-6 overall.
"It ranks right up there, really

high," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "Great game, back and forth. But we dug in when we needed to. We were down five at the end and got the tie, and somehow got to overtime. We finally started to pressure a little bit and rotate."

Bates admitted afterward he had a helpless feeling on the bench watching McCarter go to the line with the game

on the line at the end of the first OT.
"I thought he had it," the Thurston coach said. "He made the two and I thought he'd make the third one, but it just rimmed out. It was a gut check and we needed it. We needed a hardfought game and we needed to come out on top of one.

In addition to McCarter's 19, the Panthers had four other players score in double figures: Jacob Gagon (12), Marcus Evans (11), Montgomery (11) and Amir Huston (11).

RU struggled mightily shooting the ball from the field going 10-of-44 through the first three quarters be fore making 7-of-13 in the fourth quar-

But it wasn't the offense, it was the defense, or lack of, according to RU coach Randall Taylor, that led to the Panthers' undoing.

"The defense down the stretch was not great," he said. "Even at the start of the first overtime, you think about

it, they just scored easily, scored easily, scored easily without us actually putting in an effort on the defensive end. We don't talk well right now. We don't rotate well. We don't block out. All these things it takes to win and we're not doing it well right now. We're going to make the adjustment to get better, though.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 6-5 overall.

"These last two games have been a challenge on our defense and just guys understanding the importance of playing defense on a high level," Taylor said. "So hopefully after tonight they know. A real emotional game and an emotional loss because we always want to beat them and they always want to beat us."

Free throws were also key in the game with RU going 10-for-18 (55.5 percent), while Thurston was 16-of-27 (59.2 percent).

"The game goes that way," Taylor said. "He (McCarter) hit the first two, fell nicely, then the last one you get an opportunity to hit the last one and it just fell short. We should have gotten it done in the overtime and we didn't. so we'll learn from it and get better

Hill had seven points through three quarters as Thurston led 34-30, but then he came alive scoring his final 13 points in the fourth quarter and two

overtimes. was thinking we've got to win and I've got to take the game over," the senior guard said. "I knew I could do it to take the trophy home.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mustangs sting Blazers; Warriors earn victory

Olivia Moore scored 12 points and Olivia Moore scored 12 points and Uche Ike added eight Tuesday as host Birmingham Marian (7-4, 6-3) rolled to a 45-14 Catholic League Central Division victory over Livonia Ladywood (2-11, 1-9). The Mustangs led 23-6 at halftime and 27-8 after three quarters before putting it away with an 18-6 fourth quarter run.

Brianne Rogers scored six points for the Blagers

the Blazers.

Warriors clip C'ville

Rachel Bause scored 20 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead Novi Franklin Road Christian (9-2) to a 53-6 non-league win Tuesday at Livonia Clarenceville (1-10).

Danielle Fusco chipped in with 14

points, 11 steals and three assists for the victorious Warriors, who led 29-5 at halfwhich four war fors, who led 29-3 at half-time and 45-5 after three quarters. Myla Hoskins-King scored four of Clarenceville's six points. The Trojans were 1-of-6 from the foul line, while Franklin Road was 14-of-20.

Cougars rout Trojans

On Friday at Garden City, the Cougars built a 30-6 halftime lead and never looked back in a varsity girls basketball

matchup.
The Cougars (5-6 overall) were led by Aleea Montgomery (14 points), Brittany Radtke (12 points) and Haleigh Maszatics (seven points).

Helping the GC cause with five points each were Kayley Hewer and Alex Leleniewski.

For the Trojans, now 1-9, scoring eight points was Myla Hoskins-King.

Eagles hang on

Plymouth Christian Academy moved into third place in the MIAC with Friday's

46-41 girls basketball triumph over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The Eagles (7-3) led 29-21 at halftime and padded that edge to 38-27 after three frames, enough to offset a late rally by

the Crusaders.

"We did a great job of moving the ball in our offense," PCA head coach Rod Windle said.

Seniors Taylor Mistele (six points, 10 rebounds) and Aliyah Pries (eight points, five boards) "stood tall in the paint grabbing rebounds and frustrating Lutheran Northwest forwards all night," Windle said.

Lydia Chapel led the Eagles with 10 points while Robin Albert (eight points, eight rebounds) and Harlee Collins (six points) also helped the cause.

Harrison stymied

Farmington Harrison's girls basketball team certainly has been tested in its last two OAA White Division outings. Playing the division's two top teams, the Hawks struggled through tough defeats.

Bloomfield Hills, the undefeated OAA

White leader, rolled past Harrison, 61-24 last Friday. Tuesday evening, playing Royal Oak, the only White team which has enjoyed a lead on Bloomfield Hills this season, the Hawks suffered a 48-31 de-

The loss left Harrison at 4-5 overall, including a 2-2 OAA White Division record for first-year head coach Shavon

"We've lost two in a row now," Caldwell said. "But I don't think it's anything that's going to suffer for too long," she said. "I think we've bonded together as a team."

COLLEGE GOLF

Spartans duo to golf for Crusaders

Stevenson seniors Maurier, Szabelski thrilled to choose Madonna University

Tim Smith

For Livonia Stevenson seniors Madison Maurier and Kristen Szabelski, the choice where to play college golf was as clear as a billowing flag at the end of a short straight-

away.

Both have committed to play in 2017-18 at Madonna
University, just a couple miles down the road from their high

But even more importantly, they are going to a university featuring the academic programs they wanted to pursue

"Madonna has a remarkable academic program," Maurier said. "So being able to play golf is just an added bonus. College golf was one of the goals for my golf career and I cannot wait to see where Madonna takes me in achieving more."

Concurring was Szabelski,



Livonia Stevenson seniors (front, from left) Madison Maurier and Kristen Szabelski recently made it official — they will golf at Madonna University. Standing (from left) are coaches Matt Maurier, Scott Marzolino and Curt Hay.

noting that she received several offers but chose MU over Olivet College in order to earn a degree in forensic science

"Madonna sealed the deal when they had the program I've been looking for," Szabelski said. "I think I made the right decision and I'm excited for the next four years.

Of course, both student athletes bring plenty of golfing ability to the Madonna mix. In the 2016 season, Szabelski

registered averages of 41 strokes for nine holes and 83 for 18. Maurier averaged 43 and 86 strokes for nine and 18, respectively

Szabelski is a three-time

all-KLAA performer and Stevenson record holder. She also earned MVP honors two seasons in a row.

"It has always been my dream to play college golf," Szabelski said. "I've been working hard every year and I continue to do so going into college. I've had great coaches to help me along the way and my parents are very suppor-

Stevenson head girls golf coach Curt Hay was at a recent signing ceremony for both Spartans, as were coaches Matt Maurier and Scott Mar-

According to Madison Mau-rier, having the opportunity to attend Madonna and golf for the Crusaders caps a sevenyear quest.

"It's been a dream of mine since I was 10 years old to be a college athlete, and now it's possible," she said. "Seven years later I earned my chance to play college golf at Madonna University, and I couldn't be more excited.
"I know I wouldn't have this

opportunity without the help of my amazing coaches and my family who have never failed to push me to go out and take some extra swings, whether it's at the range or in the ga-

"The continuous support from them and my Stevenson teammates put me in this position and I couldn't be more

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BOYS HOCKEY

Area teams gear up for annual MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase

Marty Budner

Several teams from the hometownlife.com coverage area will participate in the prestigious MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase

The 17th annual Showcase features 40 teams — many top-ranked in their respective divi sions — which will play two games during the three-day event. Games are scheduled Feb. 2-4 at the Kennedy Recrea tion Center in Trenton. The event attracts scouts

from some of the highest levels of hockey, including Junior A and college. The idea is to gain exposure for some of the area's top play and an action between the state of the state. top players and provide highly competitive games between highly regarded teams for fans to enjoy.

Local participating teams include Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice, Novi Catholic Central and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, representing the host MIHL, plus at-large squads Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Salem. Churchill and Novi are among a group of teams returning to the Showcase after an absence of a few years.

All six teams that played in

All six teams that played in the MHSAA's three state championship games last year are participating, including Novi Catholic Central and Brighton (Division 1), Romeo and Livonia Stevenson (Division 2) and Hancock and Grand Rapids Catholic



Catholic Central's Ethan Ervin (17) and Brother Rice's Joe Gammicchia (4) will ead their respective teams to action in the upcoming MIHL Showcase.

Central (Division 3). Novi CC, Romeo and Hancock are defending state champions. Scheduled games for home

townlife.com teams include

CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD: Feb. 3 vs. G.R. Catholic Central (4 p.m. at McInerney's Arena) and Feb. 4 vs. Notre Dame Academy (12:40 p.m. at McInerney's

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United (7:20 p.m. at Teifer Rink); Feb. 4 vs. Muskegon Mona Shores (12 p.m. at Practice

PREP BOWLING

RU boys bowlers runner-up in County

Brad Emons

The Redford Union boys bowling team turned in a strong effort Saturday finishing runner-up to Canton in the 12th annual Wayne County Tournament held at Inkster's Cherry Hill Lanes

The Panthers, coached by David Battistelli and Roy Biggs, reached the elimination round as the seventh seed after games of 1,133, 956 and 934 in traditional match play followed by Baker games of 163, 213, 194 and 161 for a total of 3,754.

RU knocked off second

seed Salem in the quarterfi-nals and third seed Wyandotte in the semifinals to reach the championship match before falling to Can-

Individually, Brendan Kerkof and Jon Havier posted high games of 267 and

243, respectively, to lead RU. On Friday, RU improved to 7-1 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference with a 25.5-4.5 win over Livonia Clarenceville at Cherry Hill

The Panthers took the first two Baker games, 239-115 and 211-136, while also winning both regular games, 898-824 and 897-842. Posting high games for RU were Kerkhoff (232) and Kyle Keating (209).

RU girls 14th

Meanwhile, the Redford Union girls were 14th in the Wayne County Tournament bowling games of 666, 67, and 693 in the traditional format followed by Baker games of 118, 148, 113 and 116 for a 2,531 series. Brianna Clapham and

Alissa Elliott led RU individ-ually with 161 high games

On Friday, the RU girls improved to 6-1-1 in the WWAC with a 28-2 win ove Clarenceville at Cherry Hills

The Panthers won both Baker games, 150-107 and 149-120, along with both reg-ular games, 728-604 and 753-606. Brianna Clapham paced

RU with a 203 high game, while Sara and Lizzie Pigeon each added a 162. The RU girls and boys

teams were set to return to action at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, to face host Belleville at Lodge Lanes

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YOUTH BASEBALL

Livonia Franklin is holding camp Feb. 25

Tim Smith

Livonia Franklin is holding a

spring baseball camp for boys or girls in grades 2-6 on 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 From 9-11:30 a.m. coaches will help participants work on hitting, base-running 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, including pitcher fielding practice, catching drills and outfield approach Between morning and after-

noon sessions, there will be a supervised lunch in the field 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 and will be instructed on

a wide variety of skills For more information, contact Fournier at mfournie2@li vonia.k12.mi.us or 734-968-0499

Livonia City Tournament

The schedule is out for the 2017 Livonia City Baseball Tour-nament, which will take place May 6 at various high school

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/Clarence-ville, respectively.

PREP WRESTLING

Clarenceville grapplers runner-up at Almont

Winning four of five matches on Saturday, Livonia Clarenceville's wrestling team made it all the way to the finals of the Almont tournament before falling to Gladwin in the finals, 42-33.

The Trojans, who improved to 17-11 overall, also defeated

Brown City, 57-24; the host Raiders, 44-26, Vassar, 37-34 and Ferndale, 4430.

Top performers on the day for the Trojans included Justin Field (125), Joseph Sanchez (130) and Max Woodcock (189). On Jan. 17, Clarenceville split a pair of Western Wayne

Athletic Conference matches in quad meet held at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Trojans, who stand 4-1 in the WWAC's Red Division, defeated Redford Thurston, 60-12, while falling to Belle ville, 57-13.

Posting 2-0 records for Clarenceville included Jacob Weiss (119), Justin Fields (125) and Greg Lutz (145).

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Patriots Day: Franklin girls end 32-game losing skid

Brad Emons

While one Patriots team booked another ticket to another Super Bowl on Sunday, another Patriots team was just more than happy to get a victory on Monday

There were lots of happy faces to go around as Livonia Franklin roared out to a 26-5 first quarter lead and never looked back to end a 32-game losing streak dating back to the 2014-15 season with a convincing 57-30 girls basketball victory at Redford Thurston.

Sophomore guards Olivia Napier and Hannah Strasser led Franklin with 17 points and 12 points, respectively. and 12 points, respectively.
The two combined for 20
first period points staking
the Patriots, who came out
pressing full court, to the
21-point advantage.
"We really did a lot of
good things that up had be

good things that we had been working on in practice and it finally came together," said Franklin coach Jim Milican, whose team is 1-10 overall. "We came up with a game

plan and did a good job of playing defense and caused some confusion. We got quite a few steals and it led to some easy baskets."

Senior guard Brooke Gar-barino contributed 10 points for Franklin, which made 7-of-10 free throws.

Senior center Sarah Chawho helped spearhead the defense, added six points, seven rebounds, four blocks and two steals for the Patriots, who last won in the Class A district semifinals on March 4, 2015 against Gar den City, 55-49.

And following a 22-turnover performance in a loss last Friday at home against Livonia Churchill, the Patriots took better care of the basketball committing just six in the win over Thurston

Bryanna Burton and Megan Abela paced the Eagles (5-6), who dropped their fourth straight, with 10 and eight points, respectively. Thurston was only 5-of-16 from the foul line (31.2 per-

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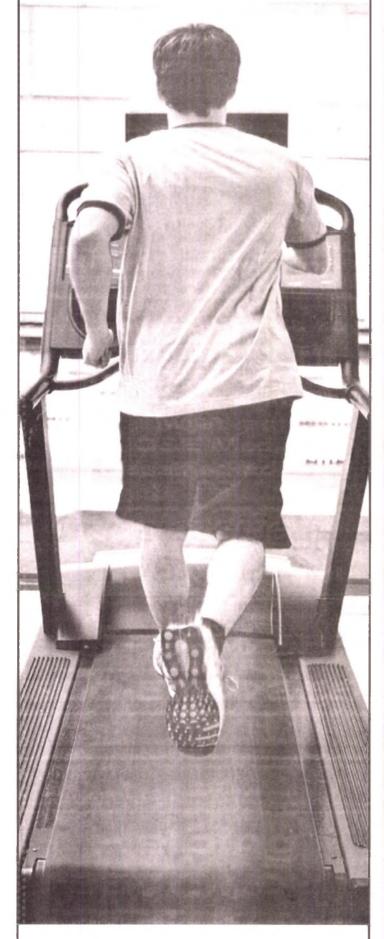
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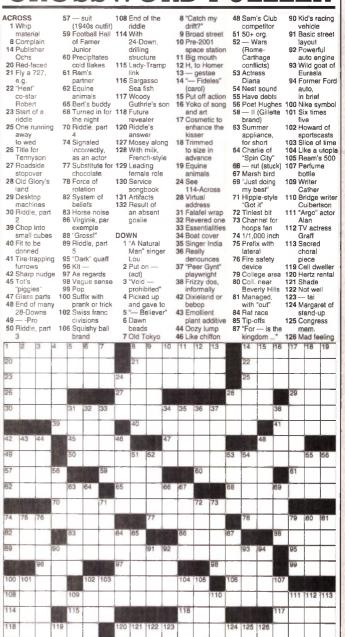
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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	ADRENALINE	PERSPIRATION
	ARMS	PILATES
Н	BUDDY	POSTURE
S	CALORIES	PROTEIN
	CARBOHYDRATES	
G	CARDIOVASCULA	R RLININDING
Е	CLASSES	SETS
_	EUPHORIA	SPORTS
L	EXERCISE	SPOT
0	FITNESS	SQUAT
C	FORM	STAIRS
	FREQUENCY	STRETCHING
P	INJURY	WALKEING
D	LEGS	WEIGHT
D	LIFTING	WINDED
_	MARATHON	WORKOUT
R	NEMBERSHIP	YOGA
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