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New name

and new

leaders for

ordinance

department

The department that handles ordinance enforce-ment in Westland has a new name and new leadership. The former Ordinance Department is now referred to as the Department of Neighborhood Services and is led by Hassan Saab, the city's construction and maintenance superinten



Khadega Mohammed (left) and Julia Wicker of Canton protest at Detroit Metropolitan Airport

city for two years and has 23 years of experience with Wayne County Department of Public Service. He also

The new Department of

dent for the Department of Public Service. The changes became effective Jan. 1. Saab has been with the

possesses a Ph.D. in struc-turing engineering and a master's degree in civil engineering. Neighborhood Services will encompass all ser-vices that were previ-ously handled

under the Ordinance

Department.
"The city worked hard to ensure this transition was seamless and without interruption of services to residents," May-or William Wild said. "Under Saab's new leadership, I am confident that residents will begin to see improved services through the Department of Neighborhood

Services. The fire department was assigned commercial ordinance enforcement in 2009 as it was already in the business of conducting fire inspections. In 2011, the fire department began to tackle residential ordinance enforcement.

The main focus at that time was vacant homes, with a concentration on addressing blight through-out the city. Additional re-sponsibilities with building enforcement and increased proactive approaches dra-matically increased the matically increased the ordinance workload, which ultimately led to hiring subcontractors. On a daily basis, the fire marshal division had a dramatically increased workload taking and receiving complaints. and receiving complaints and handing dispute of

charges. Wild said this new transition "puts the focus back on critical ordinance issues," e-branded with a new v sion and new processes will go into effect to streamline operations and promote pro-activity. This will allow the fire marshal division to focus on the life and safety of business owners and residents

Residents who need to contact the Department of Neighborhood Service can

www.cityofwestland.com or call 734-713-3733.

Trump executive order on travel stirs intense emotions

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Khadega Mohammed of Canton was only 8 years old when her father, a pharmacist, moved his family to the United States.

"We came to fulfill the American dream," she said. "We really wanted a better life."

They found it, far from Sudan, where she was born, and Saudi Arabia, where her Muslim family later lived. They risked everything to ctort energy. start anew.

Mohammed, 17, now finds herself in a country she said seems less welcoming after President Donald Trump signed an executive order temporarily suspending refu gees from coming to the Unit-ed States. It also bars im-



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Mike DiClaudio of Birmingham joined the protest Sunday at Detroit

migrants from traveling here from seven Muslim-majority nations — Syria, Iraq, Sudan, Iran, Libya, Somalia and Ye-

men.
"I don't even know what it means anymore to be American," said Mohammed, who plans to study international relations in college and possibly seek a law degree to

shelp with human rights.
She joined thousands of protesters Sunday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport to rally against Trump's orders. The protest came two days after she was among nearly 200 people who gathered at the Canton Mosque, discussing the latest developments and ways to fight back

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Open house focuses on tech programs

Technical Center hosted its annual open house Jan. 25 and put the focus on the 19 technical training programs the

center features. Among those programs are Auto Body Repair, Computer Aided Design-Drafting, Automotive Technology, Construc-tion Technology, Culinary Arts/ Hospitality, Digital Media Technology, Early Childhood/ Teacher Education, Electronics/Robotics Technology, Alternative Energies, Emergency er, Game Design and Programming, Graphic Design, Printing Communications, Health Occupations, HVAC, Media Produc-tion, Medical Assisting and

Welding Technology. Each program has state-ofthe-art equipment, technology and instruction to prepare high school learners to gain skills directly related to the goal of employment.
Students also have the op-

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COURTESY WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS Robotics students William Norman and Tori Batko show off the dancing robots they built.

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Darius Williams, culinary arts student, prepares bananas

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portunity to participate in competitions in their training area that can lead to competition at the state and national level, or for prizes and scholarships

changing employment market and exploding technologies our country will experience into the 21st century, it is essential that schools and industry work cooperatively toward the common goal of preparing educated, critical thinking, skilled work-ers," the district said in

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10 ways to survive a Michigan winter

Kathleen Lavey Lansing State Journal

Stay in, go out, get out of town, dress warmly.

A Michigan winter can

be the best of times, with snow sports, snowmen and sleeping in on snow

A Michigan winter can be the worst of times, with bone-chilling winds, drifts and dangerous

driving.
We've got most of January, all of February and much of unpredictable March to go. That means we could get 18 inches of snow (or equivalent rain), a flash of brilliant sunlight or days on end made dark by

It's predictably unpre-dictable. But there are ways you can make it easier. From better mit-tens to an escape plan,

here are 10 ways to cope.

1. Winter is not the time to be fashion-forward. Those high-heeled boots and those dainty little gloves that you wear scampering from your car to the office most days aren't going to cut it if you have to be outdoors for more than a minute. And do we need to even tell you that soccer san-dals are no match for icy sidewalks? Give in to the weather. One word: layers. Save cotton for warmer months. Michigan State University Extension recommends wearing wool or synthetic materials that wick moisture away from your skin. Long underwear, a sweater or fleece gar-ment and outer layers that will repel snow are important. Comfortable, insulated boots and wool or synthetic socks will help. Once you're suited up, walk the dog or build a snowman with the kids a snowman with Visit the toboggan run at

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A City of Lansing snow plow runs down Allegan Street last

Burchfield Park or the tubing hill at Hawk Is-land. Ski or snowshoe on any trail (or through your neighborhood if you can't get the car out of the driveway). Dress right and you'll even be warm enough to create a snow angel or two.

2. Own the best snow

shovel. And what is that, exactly? "Shovels are really a personal thing to people," said Mike Lockhart, manager at Vet's Ace Hardware in north Lansing. Even if you have a snow blower, you're going to need a shovel for tight spots or backup. You might want a shovel you push in front of you like a Yooper Scooper or a Snowplow. They're both top sellers. He recommends spending \$30 to \$70 on a shovel that suits your needs. One in that price range can last for years. If you're only do-ing light duty or if theft is an issue in your neighborhood, you might want a \$15 plastic shovel. Just make sure you under-stand its limits. "The first stand its films. The first thing people try to do is to chop the ice off their sidewalk, and it breaks," Lockhart said. That's partly because it's plastic and partly because plas-tic gets more brittle when it's cold. (Winter is full of science lessons.) If you don't have a shovel, buy one soon. Many big-box stores and mass-merchandisers have moved on to lawn and garden

stuff by February.

3. Stay in when it's awful out. If you don't want your slide-off announced for the whole county to hear on the police scanner, just stay home when roads are snowy and icy. Laptops and cell phones make it easier to stay in touch with colleagues while

working out of the office Wait for plows to do their work and for salt to sink

4. Get your car weather-ready. The very last thing you want to do is sit on the side of the road third you want to do is sit on the side of the road third ling your thumbs. twiddling your thumbs Have a good battery? Good. Tires with tread left? Great. Full tank of gas? Good again. Now, think about what you put in the car. "We usually just start with basics like gloves and a hat," said Rob Dale of Ingham County's emergency management office. A warm coat, if you're not already wearing one, and boots are a must. If you're traveling in rural areas where you're more likely to get stuck, you might want to put a bag of kitty litter or play sand in the trunk to help provide traction if needed. If you're traveling a longer distance, bring a couple of bottles of water and

some snacks.

5. Suffer accurately. Why say, "Dang, it's cold!" when you can say, "Guess what? It's 31 below zero in my back yard?" Get yourself a vard thermometer and a snow gauge, just for fun If you just can't go me-chanical, download a weather app such as Weather Underground, RainAware or the NOAA

Snow Forecast app.
6. **Get away.** There's no shame in spending a week in sunny Florida or Arizona, if you can swing it. You can book weekly charters from Lansing to Cancun or Puerto Vallarta Mexico or Punta Cana in the Dominican Repub lic through Apple Vaca-tions. Or pick Florida, California, even Georgia or the Carolinas. Make sure you spend just a couple of minutes too

long in the sun, so every-one will be jealous of your tan when you get back.

Stock the pantry.We're not talking about running to the store and buying all the bread and milk you see. Just make sure you have some food and water on hand pasta, sauce, canned goods, etc. — as well as essential medicines and pet food. "Whatever it takes to keep you surviv-ing for three days. That's the primary concern," Dale said. If power goes out, remember you can put frozen food in coolers outside.

8. Turn on the lights. Even though we're inching closer to the March equinox with a little extra light each day, mid-Michigan's gray days can be gains gray days can be depressing. Getting out in daylight – even if it's dim – can help. Seasonal Af-fective Disorder — getting depressed when it's too dim - is a real thing. Some people sit for a half-hour or more in front of a specially designed light box to help them cope. Now is the time to pretend you're a flower and turn your face to the

sun every chance you get.

9. Have some indoor
fun. If you don't want to play outside, that's OK Roast marshmallows in the fireplace, invite friends over for an indoor board game tournament, trivia night or a sporting event. Don't worry. If you answer the door wearing one of those Snuggie blankets and bunny slippers, we will never tell.

10. Remember: It's always worse somewhere else. Metro De troit averages about 50 inches snow each winter. That's nothing for the Upper Peninsula, where three or four times that is the norm. Various spots on the Keewenaw Peninsula have logged an average snowfall of 200 inches or more over the past 30 years. Up to 10 feet of snow (yes, 10 FEET) fell in California's Sierra Nevada mountains last week. (In case you didn't know, "Nevada" is Span-ish for "snowy.") And the unincorporated burgh of Alta, Utah, gets more than 450 inches a year. See? We don't have it so

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City of Livonia - 12/05/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Meakin, Kritzman, Jolly, White, Bahr, and McIntyre Absent: Brosnan

Items were received and filed

#441-16 Approving minutes of the 1,813th Regular Meeting of the Council on November 14,

#442-16 Recognizing Clarenceville Education Foundation as a non-profit organization.

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execute an amendment to the Engineering Contract, between the City of Livonia and Spalding Dedecker Associates, Inc. (SDA), to provide design services for the Hubbard Road Bike Lanes Project from Buchanan Elementary to Six Mile Road.

rroject from Buchanan Elementary to Six Mile Road.

#447-16 Accepting a \$71,176.00 grant from DTE; FURTHER, appropriating and authorizing an additional expenditure not to exceed \$505,958.00 to be paid to the DTE Company, Community Lighting Group, and included with the agreement with DTE, with the understanding that the Energy Optimization (EO) Rebate in the amount of \$109,786.52 will be reimbursed to the City upon completion of the work; FURTHER, authorizing the use of these grant funds and City funds to retrofit 1,329 Mercury Vapor Streetlights to LED along the major roads, which is estimated to produce an energy cost savings of \$281,768.21 annually, with a payback of 1.41 years.

#448-16 Authorizing an additional appropriation and expenditure to D'Angelo Brothers from liquidated damages withheld from Rohl Networks for failing to meet their contractual obligation for the water main improvements which are part of the DWRF Project No. 7356-01,

#449-16 Approving Petition 2016-10-SN-05 submitted by Graph-X Lettering, Inc., requesting approval for a wall sign at DFCU Financial located at 37373 Seven Mile Road, subject to #450-16 Approving Petition 2016-08-08-09 submitted by N.C. Designers & Contracting, on

behalf of Michigan Fuels, in connection with a proposal to renovate the existing Mobil gas station, including demolition of the existing building and construction of a new gas station located at 33430 Schoolcraft Road, subject to conditions.

#451-16 Approving the 2017 City Council Meeting Schedules, subject to change with notice.

#452-16 Approving Petition 2016-04-02-07 submitted by Laurel Park Retail Properties,

L.L.C., requesting waiver use approval to construct and operate a freestanding full service restaurant with drive-up window facilities (Panera Bread), subject to conditions.

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 30 of the Zoning Map and amending Article III of Ordinance 543, as amended, known and cited as the City of Livonia

Zoning Ordinance. (Petition 2016-08-01-05)

First Reading was given to an ordinance amending Section 1 of the Zoning Map and amending Article III of Ordinance 543, as amended, known and cited as the City of Livonia coning Ordinance. (Petition 2016-08-01-05) #453-16 Concurring with the recommendation of the Department of Parks and Recreation

and approving its request to establish a location for a dog park.

#454-16 Referring the request to establish a location for a dog park, to the Infrastructure and Community Transit Committee for its report and recommendation regarding the subject of the

way that the City catalogs its infrastructure.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

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Emotions on both

Trump's orders have fueled intense emotions on both sides of the issue. Lena Epstein, a Bloomfield Hills resident and former Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign, said the order has brought challenges.

"We can all acknowledge that," she said,
"however, we can also
agree that our current
policies do not have the fortitude to safely pro-

tect American citizens."
Epstein said it's a tough balancing act to provide a safe haven for people facing persecu-tion in their homelands while trying not to "hand over the keys to our own safety to those who wish to do us harm." She said Trump's temporary orders provide time to work out a more permanent solution.

Karen Zyczynski, who chairs the Democrats of Western Oakland County, blasted Trump's orders.

"My initial reaction was that this reminds me of the 1930s, when the U.S. would not admit the Jewish refugees who were fleeing Europe,' she said, also referencing concentration camps and the Holocaust. "We know that Muslims in Svria are currently under attack and fleeing for their lives. It seems ironic that we would prevent immigrants from entering our coun-try when, in fact, we are a nation of immigrants."

Sarah Lusn, one of the airport protesters from Farmington Hills, said Trump "hasn't banned the countries he does business with. The ban is not going to keep us safer in any way. It's unethical, not really helping us in any way.

'Stand for human rights'

Sommer Foster, a Sommer Foster, a Canton Township trus-tee, was among the pub-lic officials attending the airport protest. She also chairs a group, The Be-loved Community, that organized the Canton organized the Canton Mosque forum, which had been planned even before Trump signed his

"I believe it's important to stand for human rights for all people. I see my friends and neighbors and people I care deeply about being affected by these is-sues," Foster said. The mosque forum,

she said, encouraged attendees to strike back against Trump's actions by contacting federal lawmakers, registering voters and writing letters to newspapers,

among other measures. Mohammed said she is worried for people such as a cousin, who is in America with a green card. She fears the relative could be banned if she travels abroad. Mohammed said her par-ents, Bashir Mohammed never wanted her to join protests — until now, with the situation so

dire.
"I see that people are really fearful and it just makes me so sad to see that our community is so sad and so heartbroken by these executive or-ders," she said. "I want us to stand together and

combat this. Mohammed said Muslims have received some strong support from people of other faiths

and backgrounds. There's a lot of fear, but there is a lot of hope, as well," she said, adding later, "Through this hate, we are building so much units." unity.'

'Keep America safe'

Former Canton Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, a Republican, has made her support of Trump's orders known on Facebook. Reached by telephone Monday, she said it is the responsibility of the president and Congress "to keep Amer-ica safe." She said terrorist acts are non-discriminatory because they can kill innocent people of all faiths in airports, shop-ping centers, schools,

malls and other places.
"Terrorism is the purest form of anti-discrimination because terrorists kill everybody indiscriminately, McLaughlin said, adding later, "All we have to do is look at Germany and France and see some of the horrible things that have happened over there when they have just had wide-open doors

to immigration." Still, she said Trump was "clumsy and heavy-handed" in the way he rolled out his orders. saying he was "like a bull in a china shop." She also criticized Democrats for what she called an "unparalleled, hyster-

ical response."
"It's all about manipulating the masses for politics and it's not about good policy," McLaugh-lin said. "It's not about trying to unite the coun-

ry."
R. Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club, said he remembers listening to conservative talk radio during Barack Obama's term and him being chastised over the use of executive orders. He and others wonder how much opposition will grow to Trump's orders.

"It looks like he's almost running the entire legislative process out of the Oval Office," Burnett said. "So I don't know how it's going to

Airport protest

At the airport, 16year-old Emelia Ratliff of Plymouth protested Trump's orders and said. "No matter what your religion is, you should be





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Taosif Alam of Farmington Hills protests at Detroit Metropolitan Airport

Sarah Lusn and her fiancee Paul Sewick, both of Farmington Hills, protest Sunday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport

allowed to live in this

country. "
Another Plymouth resident, Eric Travis, carried a sign that read "This Christian Says No

Muslim Ban."
"I am called by my faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves," h said. "And there's no reason to ban a specific type, whether it's reli-

gion or nationality."
Meanwhile, U.S. Rep.
David Trott, R-Michigan, issued a statement calling scenes of fleeing refugees in Syria "abso lutely heartbreaking," but said "our first and foremost priority must

be to ensure the safety of American families our children and loved ones." He said he sup-ports Trump's measures until a way to "adequately vet these refugees" can be found.

Phillip Collingwood of Canton, attending the airport protest, blasted Trump's "racist ban" and said it "has nothing to do with national security. This has nothing to do with terrorism. This has to do with straight up racism and xenophobia."

Mike DiClaudio of Birmingham said he protested at the airport "because I am the child of an immigrant."

The Arab American Civil Rights League, meanwhile, released a statement saying it will "lock elbows with all other civil rights groups and lovers of freedom in a stance of demonstra-tion and unity against the incrimination and discrimination of a group of people on the basis of their religion."

The ACRL called on Trump to be "a commander-in-chief for all Americans, regardless of their faith. If you don't stand up and fight for the values of our nation, then we will.

"While other nations may choose to live in fear of that which is different, we in America celebrate our differ-ences and reveal to the world the beautiful kalei-doscope of human di-versity," the ACRL said.

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One Goodyear opens, another closes

David Veselenak

The opening of one new Goodyear shop in Livonia has meant the closure of another one.
The newest Goodyear

Auto Service Center opened several weeks ago at 12661 Middlebelt, south of Interstate 96, on an out lot in front of Menards in an area that has seen massive growth over the last several

But despite what offi-cials said several years ago, when the project first went before the planning commission, the opening of the new center has resulted in the closure of the store at 19424 Middlebelt, located north of Seven Mile across from Sears

"We moved to a new location. Still in Livonia, a sign reads in the win-dow of the shop north of Seven Mile. "New loca-



DAVID VESELENAK
The former Goodyear shop on Middlebelt north of Seven Mile. This shop closed after the one on Middlebelt south of I-96

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tion now open."

Another sign on the door says the store south of the freeway opened Jan. 3 and lists the store's phone number.
During a planning

commission meeting in April 2015, when the project went before the

commission for approval, a district manager for Goodyear said at that time the company did not plan to close the shop north of Seven Mile. "We're not looking to

close the other one," Adam Pusateri, a district manager with Goodyear,

said at that meeting in 2015. "This is to add."

In a statement sent by Goodyear to the Observ er, the company said it decided to simply relo-cate the shop instead of keeping both of them

open. "After carefully eval-

uating our options, Goodyear relocated its Livo-nia-based store to a nearby facility at 12661 Mid-dlebelt Road," the company said. "We be-lieve this new location will allow us to better serve customers with upgraded features.3

Program on Idlewild taking place Feb. 15 in Livonia

The Livonia Civic Center Library welcomes Coy Davis, executive producer of the docu-mentary film "Whatever Happened to Idlewild?" Davis will introduce his film and answer ques-tions regarding the history, fate and significance of the Idlewild resort community.
The event will take

place at 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Livonia library audi-torium, 32777 Five Mile. Once known as "The Black Eden," Idlewild, Mich., was a vacation dectination for thousand

destination for thousands of African Americans seeking fun, culture and community during the segregated Jim Crow

The program is free and registration is not required.

Super talk

The public is invited to coffee with Plymouth Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica Merritt from 10-11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3 She will be at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road in Canton. There will be a short presentation fol-lowed by a meet and

Seeking a job?

Schoolcraft College Job Seekers Workshop is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednes-day, Feb. 8, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road. Discover how and

where to search for local employment opportunities with the help of staff from Schoolcraft College's Career Services. Learn tips for creating or polishing your resume, preparing for interviews

and more.
Register in advance at the Adult Services Desk or by calling 734-721-7832.

Raggle Taggle

The Raggle Taggle Band will play Irish and Scottish music at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge on Thursday, Feb. 2, in a free concert from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for Burger Night. These lively musicians are Franklin Dohonyos on guitar/fiddle/vocals, Jean Dohonyos on percussion/ vocals, Ron Karvonen on mandolin, Bob Ervin on banjo/vocals and Kim Dominick on bass. Burgers and other food items and beverages will be available for purchase The kitchen will be open from 5:30-7 p.m. The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, email jazzattheelks@ gmail.com or visit www.plyaa325.com.

Be a Miracle League volunteer

The Miracle League in Plymouth is in need of two coaches for the 2017 season. Teams will consist of players ages 5-11. If interested, contact Shari Bilkie, shari@ miracleleague plymouth.org Miracle League player

registration also begins Feb. 6 and ends at 4 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Livonia pavilion reservations

Picnic pavilion reservations for the 2017 season will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis for Livonia residents beginning at 7 a.m Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Beginning Feb. 8, open dates will be available at the Kirksey Recreation Center or at www.ci.livonia.mi.us Payment in full is due at

e time of reservation. In 2016, approximately 377 pavilion reservations were made at six park locations providing a

total of 10 pavilions with an estimated attendance of over 25,000. Livonia boasts pavilions for groups ranging in size from 20-150. It is recom-mended that reservations be obtained for groups of 20 or more at least a week in advance. Applications, guidelines and online reservations for picnic permits may be obtained from at the Kirksey Rec-reation Center or at www.ci.livonia.mi.us. For more information, call 734-466-2900

Railroadiana

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers' Club will sponsor a buy-and-swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer Road, between Merriman and Venoy Roads, Westland. There will be approxi-

mately 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer set up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and compli-mentary coffee and doughnuts will be availfor dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food will also be available to the public. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free. For more information or table resurration and Bob et ervations, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

3D Photography

Club meeting The February meeting will feature a workshop by special guest speaker George "Dr. T" Themelis on making and using a top-quality digital stereo camera system. The club will also have another 'Freebie' drawing for free 3D items. It will conclude with its monthly club 3D image competition. Time/date:7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Far-mington Road, just south of Five Mile. Meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras. 3D movies, and educa tional videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org or call Dennis at 248-398-

Hayden's outreach Hayden's Grill & Bar of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to raise funds for community outreach programs. Hayden's will donate 15 per-cent of total bills back to the community. The event will run from 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 10, Guests must present a flier to donate the 15 percent back to Plymouth Community United Way. Fliers can be downloaded directly from www.plymouth unitedway.org, or shown on your mobile device. For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 5 or randi.williams@pcuw.org

Hayden's is at 39895

Ford Road, Canton.

Meet Joe

All residents of Wayne County are invited to come and meet Joe Bar-one, Wayne County Commissioner. He will speak at the Plymouth Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. The library is at 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Bring any questions you may have. Plymouth Concerned Citizens hosts the evening..

Wine, beer tasting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's second annual Wine & Beer Tast-ing is set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. The event features wine, beer and delicious hors d'oeuvres compliments of Holiday Market. This event is hosted by Holiday Mar-ket along with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Beaumont & Jack Dem-mer Ford Inc.

Fifty percent of pro-ceeds will benefit the LiveLikeMax Foundation. This foundation was created after the passing of Max Pardington. The purpose is to bring awareness to the importance of healthy heart checks and to provide them free to all high school students.

Tickets may be purchased at Holiday Market for \$35 per person and \$40 at the door. This event will be held at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, 46000 Summit Pkwy., Canton, MI. Must be 21 to attend. Sponsorships and a limited number of tickets are available. Call the Chamber office at 734-453-4040 for more information or purchase online at www.cantonchamber.com.

Spaghetti dinner

The Plymouth VFW No. 6695 will host a spaghetti dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the VFW, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Karaoke wil follow at 9 p.m. in the lounge Sponsored by the VFW Aux. 4th Dist. Pool League proceeds will benefit Camp Trotter for Children, Newaygo, MI.

How to De-stress

The Citizens for Peace will welcome Counselor Judy Lipson to their Tuesday, Feb. 14 meeting at 7 pm. at Unity of



Lipson

Judy Lip-son will share her tools and practices on how to remain calm, focused and relaxed de spite the ups and downs

Livonia (28660

Road).

Five Mile

we are facing and will face in 2017. Lipson is a Licensed Professional Counselor with over 30 years of

experience. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 734-425-0079 or visit

www.citizens4peace.com Scrapbooking

SS. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, West-land, will host scrapbooking 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Feb. 18. The cost is \$35 for a full day, \$20 for a half-day. Vendors will be on site. A light breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus snacks, will be provided.

For more information,

contact 734-721-4867 Yooper pastie

dinner The Moose Lodge of Garden City will host a homemade Yooper Pastie dinner 5-7 p.m. Feb 18, at the Moose Lodge, 29122 Ford Road. Dinner is \$6 and includes pastie of your choice, salad and homemade cobbler. Also the Moose Lodge is taking orders for beef, chicken or vegetarian pasties that are filled with potatoes, onion, rutabaga and carrots all in a flaky crust. Prices are one for \$3.50, six for \$20 or a baker's dozen (13) for \$40. These are made fresh and are frozen and ready for pick up after 5 p.m. Feb 18. To order, call Kim Dowidait at 734-564-5777 or see the Moose Lodge bar staff. Orders must be placed by Feb 13. Proceeds from this dinner will help ben-efit Mooseheart and Moo-sehaven.

'Finding Dory' shows

The Clarenceville Church will host the movie "Finding Dory" on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the church 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Admission is free. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available. For more information or to pre-register, call 248-474-3444 or email the church at clarencevillechurch@ gmail.com.

Birthday party

luncheon The Livonia Historical Commission at Green-mead Historical Park will host a Birthday Party Luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Advance tickets only for \$20 are available at the Greenmead Office. The luncheon will include a pasta lunch, party games, cupcakes and birthday singing. Each guest is asked to bring a \$1 gift to share. Dress in your birthday best. For more information, contact 734-477-7375.

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 Counsel-

or 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 Coun-ty communities of Belle-ville, Brownstown Town-ship, 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.
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.

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 Face-book at 3 p.m. Wednes-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. Pictures must be from 2017; only one entry per couple/group; must be age 18 or older to win.

Camera Club featured

Livonia Arts Commis sion 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 Grosse Pointe Camera Club, Livonia Camera Club, the Motor City Camera Club located in Bloomfield, the Oakland Camera Club located in Waterford, The Photographic Guild located in Southfield, the Seven Ponds Nature Center Camera Club located in Dryden, the Shutterbug Camera Club located in Detroit, the Toledo Camera Club, the West Oakland Camera Club located

in New Hudson and the

Windsor Camera Club. These photography clubs meet on different days and different times but share a common interest: photography.
Each club has compe-

titions 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 competi-tion go into the GDCC's End-of-the-Year Print and Digital competition.

This month they cele-brate with an end-of-theyear banquet and prep-aration for the February exhibit.

'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 Brother-hood 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. Chi-cago, Redford. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-634-2650.

Friday Night 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 accesory with nur arena is at 6210 Wild-

Used book sale

The Friends of Livonia Civic Center Library will sponsor a three-day Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. There will be many history books, children's books, plus general books as well as religious and humor books. There will be a designated room for collectibles and all good prices on the books. On Sunday, Feb. 5, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries The Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2495.

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 noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Both days are \$4 Bag Day only.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Noise from liberals

Wowie zowie, it looks like there's no end in sight to the incessant tizzy-fit fire that liberals are directing at Mr. Trump. It's as annoying as living in a neighborhood filled with big mouthed barking brutes who are committed to making an unending cacophony of noise. One almost feels like shouting

"Will you just shut up!" Forget the honeymoon period, the liberals have been spewing their anti-Trump bile all during the election cycle and they've never paused to "put a sock in it." They seem to forget that the Democrats lost the election and the losers don't get to call the shots. The Democrats shed cried baby tears on election night, but they and the liberal media have transformed into sore losers who are consumed with an unreasoning, apoplec tic rage, foaming at the mouth like rabid troglodytes.

There are a lot of people in America who despised Obama for his liberal policies, yet they didn't take to the streets like lawless mobs. Such people ridiculously com-pare Trump to Hitler, but Hitler would've sent the Brownshirts out into the streets to quell these idiots. Maybe a few busted heads would make them think twice!

People who insult Trump are also telling Trumpsters via association that they made a mistake. There were more than 60 million people who voted for Trump and many nonvoters are probably aligned closer to Trump, so not everyone is buying all this liberal pap. Liberals who talk glibly of Civil War should be care ful for what they wish. I say, bring it on! Trump has the military on his side. It's silly to talk about middle ground, compromise or bipartisanship with people who'll be your enemies

for life. The liberals are ranting and raving at the reality that the GOP has all the power, but rail though they may, they're as impotent as an old man without Viagra.

Stealing Trump signs; displaying life-size, plastic statues of a nude Trump in public; rioting in the streets; hot-heads, like Madonna and Katie Rich. Trump should sign an executive order that demands that all the liberals be loaded up into cargo ships and sent on a one-way, shake-down cruise to Antarctica.

Leo Weber

School boards

should act I am writing in response to the article that was published on Jan. 27, 2017, in the Hometown in the Hometown section of the "Canton Observer," regarding the motion passed by the East Lansing Board of Education to oppose the confirmation of Betsy Vos as the secretary of

education.
I would like to commend the East Lansing Board of Education for putting the needs of students first, and making a powerful statement against this wholly unprepared and unqualified candidate. As residents of Michigan we are more familiar than most with Ms. Devos' disregard for public education, and affinity for charter and religious schools and voucher systems.

The article went on to state that "no other local districts are considering a motion opposing De-Vos's appointment,' named specifically Ply-mouth-Canton, Livonia and Farmington school boards as having no

plans to voice opposition.

Now is the time for educational leaders to lead, and, as advocates for our students, exploit the relationship they already have with legislators. It is not enough to say that local school boards have "too much on their plates" to take time to deal with an im-

portant national issue that will have district level implications. Betsy DeVos is wrong for edu-cation, and our local school boards should speak up and say so.

Sharon Kramer
Farmington

Ego driven

President Trump seems so thin-skinned and ego-driven, he can-not accept the fact that Hillary Clinton got near-ly three million more votes than him. He called for an investigation of massive voter fraud which resulted, according to Trump, of three-to-five million more votes more for Hillary. Investigate what and by

who? States run elections and in order for some massive conspiracy to have millions of illegals and dead people vote, would require the active conspiratorial collusion of all 50 governors and 50 Secretaries of State. Literally thousands would be in on the conspiracy. All states have already certified the election results with no mention of any fraud in

any states.
President Trump's ego-driven pettiness, with elation fraud, and the media misrepre-senting his inaugural crowd as one-third-one-half the size of Obama, are insecurities that Trump just can not let go

This would be,some, "so what and who cares first days in office" were it not so diversionary distraction to the real business of government.

Dysfunctional but mostly really sad and, as Nancy Pelosi says, she prayed for Trump's tattered political soul..

Gerald Maxey Farmington I

Thrilling experience

You printed a well written, honest article on the Woman's March in the Jan. 26, 2017, paper. I attended the march in Ann Arbor with friends and relatives, including two grandchildren and a son. It was positive, pow-erful and peaceful. My first march (at 75 years of age) and it was a thrilling experience! Thanks for your article.

Linda Bolam

Trott unresponsive to constituents

There is a new web site: wheresdavetrott.com. I don't know who put it together. But I think I know why. Some of his constituents, including me, have not been able to reach him. I have left messages in his offices month after month since well before the November election, spoken to staffers, sent emails, all on various issues, and always including a meet ing request. I have heard nothing back. Neither have several of my associates.

David Trott is the representative to the U.S. House from Michigan District 11 which is one of the most gerrymandered districts in the nation. Shaped like a birdhouse on a pole, the district lines are drawn to include Northville, Novi, Livonia, Troy and Farmington Hills, but contorted to exclude the city of Farmington and the entire area around Pontiac.

Trott, a Republican, is an attorney from Birmingham, whose firm, Trott & Trott, has represented banks and lenders to foreclose on tens of thousands of families in Michigan. He opposes common sense gun reform laws. He supports the Trump agenda, in-cluding the new policy on immigration.

He does not respond to requests for communication in any form, whether written, phone, face-toface appointment or town hall meetings. His last town hall meeting was in April 2015.

Rep. Trott is being paid \$174,000 per year by my tax dollars and yours. He has health care and retirement benefits, and

generous reimbursement for expenses, according to the Congressional Research Service. His net worth has been estimated to be in excess of \$100 million. He was elected to represent the interests of our district, including those south of Eight Mile. But he is not responding to his constituents and will not engage in dialogue with those of us who disagree with

him.
Trott was first elected in 2014. Let's get him replaced with someone who cares about the families of this district. If you are opposed to Trump, then let's get Trott out in 2018. Mean-while, we need to have him answer to us, his constituents.

Email Rep. Trott via his website: trott.house.gov. Call his staffers in his only Michigan office in Troy at 248-528-0711. Or call his

DC office at 202-225-8171.
If you think you could do better than Rep. Trott, please consider a run for his seat in the House

Susan Greenlee Northville

Need mutual solutions

President Trump's administration plans to pay for the proposed border wall with a 20 percent tariff on \$316 billion in Mexican imports, and noting a \$49 billion trade deficit with Mexico. Not mentioned is \$267 billion of U.S. exports to Mexico and the U.S. jobs supported by those exports. Mexico is likely to retaliate to any U.S. import tax with their own tariff on U.S. products, putting those American jobs at risk.

Instead of taking the sound bite solutions of "build the wall" and "20 percent import tax," we need to look at mutually beneficial solutions to the complex trade and hu-manitarian issues that affect both counties.

Brian Smith

Defining Trump administration

Since Trump's inauguration, I have heard and read various comments about two of his top lieutenants, Kellyanne Con-way and Sean Spicer.

Some of the remarks seemed a little harsh. After all, these two are just starting to hone their trade. Very shortly, they will have the example set by Joseph Goebbels. Hitler's propaganda minister, down pat.Goebbels once preached, "If you tell the same lie enough times the people will believe it — and the big

ger the lie, the better."

That quip will come to define Trump's entire administration and all its apologists

James Huddleston

Political bias

The "Novi News" needs to re-evaluate its journalistic integrity and commitment to the community. In two consecutive issues (Jan. 12 and three articles an peared on the front page of the paper about local women traveling to the Women's March in Washington, D.C. The articles were filled with typical liberal grievances more commonly found on the editorial page than in the news. Novi is generally a Republican-leaning community. Yet, the staff made no attempt to bring balance by reporting on the many Novi-area residents, including one prominent one, who were present at the inaugura

All I can conclude is that the "Novi News" staff doesn't know any local Republicans and, even more concerning, apparently didn't think it was necessary to balance out three very prominently placed and slanted articles. The paper and its front-page editor should be disappointed that they allowed their own political bias to completely overshadow their journalistic professional-

Scott Horsburgh

Be wary

I participated in The Women's March on Washington with other elderly seniors like me. I have given that wondrous occasion two other names: "The Make America Kind Again Move-ment" and "The First Save Our Country Move-ment." On Jan. 23, 2017, the first official work day of the Trump era, Trump's main news aide. reacting to criticism from a leading television host, tried to defend the team's lies by using the term "alternative fact" No! A fact is a fact is a fact

Citizens must remember George Orwell's book "1984" and the word "doublespeak." Often called double talk, the word is used to describe words that say one thing yet mean something different. Doublespeak is the ability to hold two separated and completely contradictory statements in your head and believe both are true. One example is when George W. Bush re-marked, "We're bringing democracy to Iraq (while bringing a dicta-torship to the U.S. via the "Patriot Act"). Be wary, vigilant, involved, active.

Hannah Provence Doni-Commerce Township

Support move to

clean energy The technology to solve the United States' energy problems already exists, but it will take a considerable amount of time for such a large nation to make transition of this magnitude. People will have to fit their houses with solar panels. The existing grid will be deemed more or less useless, and the list goes on. However, eventually, the U.S will have to go through this transition, and the process has to be gradual. In other words,

as possible.

The problem is that this transition is being hindered by powerful utility companies, which use their power to influ-

we need to start as soon

ence lawmaking toward their own interests ones that don't tend to align with the imminent transition to another energy source. For example, in Nevada, these companies can charge solar users extra, and this is permitted by a recently passed law with the argument that the other users should not have to pay extra to maintain the grid the solar users are connected

to. Whether the utility companies have a fair point is debatable; however, the effects of the recently passed laws are not: while Nevada generates approximately 6.4 percent of the nation's solar energy, California, where the laws favor solar users, generates nearly half the nation's

energy. Evidently, laws are the driving force behind the adoption of solar energy or lack thereof. Fortunately, our lawmaking system is dynamic, and with our support, it can be molded to create a nurturing environment for solar energy and smoothly guide the nation through the transition to clean energy Mayukh Nath

Authority to detain, arrest

As a Detroit police officer, years ago, I was told by the United States Border Patrol that as a city police officer that I had no legal authority to ask anyone about their U.S. citizenship or to detain or arrest them for

I would check with United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara McQuade and Detroit Police Chief James Craig to see if it is legal for any non-federal police au-thority to inquire or detain or arrest a person or not being a U.S. citizen.

Donald Trump doesn't know more than the generals, US attorneys or anybody.

David Malhalab

Rep. Love holds hours in Redford

State Rep. Leslie Love, D-Detroit, has announced her month-Coffee Hours and After Work with the Rep events for 2017. With a new year,

there will be a new location for the monthly cof-

hours. The coffee hours will still be held

9-10 a.m. Love the

second Monday of each month in Detroit and from 11 a.m. to noon in Redford Township.
However, the De-

troit coffee hours will now be held at McDonald's, 14204 W. Seven Mile Road.

The Redford location will now be the McDonald's at 25830 Plymouth Road.

The 2017 coffee hours will be a mix of themed events, with a guest to talk about a specific subject, and open events, where constituents have an opportunity to share their thoughts regarding state issues directly with Love in a more informal setting.

Below are the dates and themes of the 2017 coffee hours: » Feb. 13 — Open

- » March 13 Open » April 10 Hyper-tension and heart dis-
- » May 8 Michigan Education Savings
- Program
 » June 12 After Work with the Rep

 » Sept. 11 — Open

 » Oct. 9 — Kids
- safety » Nov. 13 Michigan Works!
- » Dec. 11 Afte Work with the Rep – After

City of Livonia - 12/19/2016 Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: White, Bahr, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan Jolly, and McIntyre

Items were received and filed. #456-16 Approving minutes Approving minutes of the 1,814th Regular Meeting of the Council on December 5

#467-16 Approving request waiving the sidewalk requirement for the newly constructed home at 32570 Pembroke Avenue.
#458-16 Approving request waiving the sidewalk requirement for the newly constructed home at 18041 Deering Street.

#459-16 Accepting the unit price bids of Express Press, All American Embroidery, and Municipal Supply Solutions, for supplying the Parks and Recreation Department with various items of clothing for the 2017 departmental needs.

#460-16 Accepting the unit price bid of Allie Brothers, Inc., for the purchase of police uniforms

for a period of three (3) years.

#461-16 Accepting the unit price bid of The Bogdahn Group, to perform ongoing fiduciary consulting services for the City's Defined Contribution (401) and Deferred Compensation (457) Retirement Plans.

#462-16 Accepting the quote of Presidio Infrastructure Solutions L.L.C., to install and

configure new equipment, migrate existing virtual servers, migrate licensing and decommission existing equipment and includes five years of hardware and software support.

#463-16 Authorizing an additional appropriation and expenditure not to exceed \$43,489.15, payable to various vendors listed in communication provided to Council, for services rendered in connection with the actual final cost for the utility relocation in connection with the relocation of the historical Perrinville School.

#464-16 Approving the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission for the proposed

salary and fringe benefits adjustments, as extended to the Livonia Fire Fighters in their December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2018 Contract, to establish the Fire Command Executive Classification of Deputy Fire Chief, as a permanent full-time unrepresented classification.

classification.
#465-16 Approving the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission for the proposed salary and fringe benefits adjustments for the period December 1, 2015 through November 30, 2018, for the Classification of Fire Chief, as set forth in the memorandum dated November 16, 2016 from the Human Resources Director.

#466-16 Authorizing an appropriation and expenditure not to exceed \$22,599.00 payable to Nagle Paving Company for performing all work required in connection with the emergency repairs at Levan and Newburgh Road, north of Plymouth Road, and other miscellaneous items; FURTHER, authorizing a transfer of \$22,599.00 from Local Roads Account Maintenance Account for this purpose; and authorizing a transfer of \$19,717.00 from Local Roads Account to Major Roads Account in order to close out the Joint and Crack Sealing Project Contract 16-D #467-16 Authorizing an appropriation and expenditure not to exceed \$18,152.75 payable to Hard Rock Concrete, Inc., for performing all work required in connection with the Newburgh Road Emergency Water Main Break Repair; FURTHER, authorizing an expenditure not to exceed \$18,152.75 from the Water and Sewer Construction-In-Progress Account (592) for this

purpose. #468-16 Determining to take no further action with regard to the matter of signage of medical $^{\prime\prime}$

#469-16 Determining to take no further action with regard to the subject matter of Section

11.03 (Waiver Use) of the Zoning Ordinance.
#470-16 Determining to take no further action with regard to the subject matter of MLCC (Michigan Liquor Control Commission).

Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 30 of the Zoning Map and amending Article III of Ordinance 543, as amended, known and cited as the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance. (Petition 2016-08-01-05)

#471-16 Approving Petition 2016-10-02-19 submitted by Animal Care Clinic of Livonia, in connection with a proposal to operate a veterinary clinic located at 28450 Joy Road, subject to

conditions

At the direction of the Chair, Item #15 was moved to the end of the Agenda.
#472-16 Suspending the rules for procedure.
#473-16 Accepting the quote submitted by Faro Technologies, Inc., for the purchase of a Faro 3D Laser Scanner, to include training and certification of four (4) Livonia Police Officers.

Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0) was given to an ordinance amending Section 21 of the Zoning Map and amending Article III of Ordinance 543, as amended, known and cited as the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance.

#474-16 Approving Petition 2016-10-08-13 submitted by Dave Phipps, in connection with a

proposal to develop a senior apartment complex (Aletha Apartments), located at (14851 and 14931 Farmington Road), subject to conditions. Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.
Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

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Meet a real-life Miss Manners

Jay Grossman

Poise, polish and presence - those are the keys to climbing the corporate ladder.

And the best way to climb those steps is by working with a certified etiquette instructor like Birmingham's Danielle Kovachevich. Pardon the cliche, but Kovachevich is a real-life Miss Man-

ners.
"Contrary to popular belief, office etiquette is not extinct," Kovachev-ich said. "It has only evolved."

The former school teacher is certified in etiquette instruction by The Etiquette Institute of St. Louis. She joined Bluestone Executive Communications last December. The Birmingham-based company specializes in helping corporate leaders deliver

a message with impact. "We often work with

the CEO, the CFO, the company president or other very high-level executives," Bluestone president Christina Mc-Kenna said. "Companies also bring us in to work with the entire organization, helping to cultivate a culture of excellence. We've worked with top executives at General Motors, Magna, La-Z-Boy and Shinola.

Here's what Kova-chevich has to say about good manners in the workplace:

Q: Where do you start with a client? Kovachevich: It de-

pends on whether we're doing a group training to elevate the culture across an entire department or organization or one-on-one coaching to help one executive fine-tune his or her "professional brand." For groups, we ask the su-pervisor what they think is working and what is not. With individuals, we ask their professional goals and what they see as the behavioral obstacles to those goals. They're not always the best at identifying their liabilities, but it's a starting point.

Q: How much does it cost for these services?

Kovachevich: I'm not prepared to talk about pricing here ... that wouldn't be polite, would it? But I can tell you this: When our clients add up all the money they spend getting key meetings, preparing for key meet-ings, flying to key meetings and actually meet-ing, they realize they cannot afford to blow it once they're in the room. They quickly see our programs pay for them-

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JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Danielle Kovachevich is a certified etiquette instructor for

Bluestone Executive Communications in Birmingham

selves.

Q: What about online etiquette? Kovachevich: This is a

huge issue and our big-gest area of interest right now. The work world is increasingly digital, but digital communication is very easily misunderstood and that can lead to all sorts of hurt feelings and other trouble. One of our highest demand programs is Email Etiquette. Email is not new, but we're getting worse, not better, at using it effectively. We've becoming increasingly casual on our communication and that doesn't always read well on a screen. Brevity is fine, so long as the tone is friendly and professional.

Q: Any advice on using cellphones in the office?

Kovachevich: What we're finding is that people tend to be too casual with their cellphones, when they need to keep it more professional. Being on a cellphone, especially during a meeting, is sending a message to co-workers and supervisors that your work isn't important to you. Put it away and make the people and job a priority.

Q: What's the most common faux pas?

Kovachevich: The most common misstep is putting oneself before others. Manners are a sensitivity and awareness of how we make

people feel. Etiquette is not about being perfect or uptight. It simply defines the rules and guidelines of how we should handle social and professional situations. So long as we're being kind, respectful and considerate, we're usually on

solid ground.

But if you're looking for one specific example, here's one that's especially relevant in the Michigan winter. While it's OK to wipe your nose at the table, step away from the table if you need to blow your nose. Also, if you must sneeze or cough, do so into the crook of your arm, not your hand, which your dining part-ner will likely have to shake at the end of the

Q: Is it ever OK to be rude to someone?

Kovachevich: Never! I think you take the higher road — ultimately what can someone say when you come back with a kind remark? I think it's definitely OK to be direct in a situation, but there's always a way to handle it with grace and class that serves you and the people around you.

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MOON



BENNY GLENN 88, of Livonia. Born 1928 October 1 in Detroit, Michigan became deceased human being 2016 December 27 inside St. Mary Mercy Hospital room 4408. Married 65 years since 1951 March 27 to his wife Claire he left sons Brian, Glenn, Marc, Paul, and four grandchildren. Benny's siblings include four sisters. Mr. Moon was elementary 5th and 6th grade instrumental music teacher with Livonia Public Schools from 1956 until 1986. Benny performed as musician rumpet player with band Melody at Livonia senior center Wednesday afternoon dance from 1992 until his medical treatment for cancer started 2015 October. He served as Melody bandleader from 2007 to 2015. Heavenly Father Almighty God in name Your Son Jesus Christ Lord Savior Messiah we pray. Amen.

ROTH



VIOLET ESTER BEEBE 93, of Howell, Michigan, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family and friends on January 6, 2017. Violet was born on December 3, 1923 in Lewes, Delaware. Her parents were, Dr. Richard C. Beebe, one of the founding brothers of Beebe Hospital, and Edna Cox Thomson Beebe. Violet was affectionately called Beeb by her family and friends. She attended Lewes School were she played the clarinet in the marching band. Upon **VIOLET ESTER BEEBE** 93 in the marching band. Upo graduation, she attended the University of Maryland and omiversity of mixing into an interest of the control of the contro

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PATRICIA DOLORES passed away January 28, 2017 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of Francis. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Carolyn), John (Heather), and Helene (Don) Mowry. Dear grandmother of Gabriel, Kateri, Kyra, Emma, Noah, and Caleb. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her. Visitation Thursday, February 2 from 4-8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Funeral Mass Friday, February 3 at 11 a.m. (in state at 10:30 a.m.) at St. Colette Catholic Church 17600 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Memorials can be made to the Knights of Columbus. PATRICIA DOLORES passed

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LEROY F. "LEE" age 88 of Livonia. January 29, 2017. Beloved husband of Kathryn; loving dad of Michael (Tamara) and James Stachecki; dear grandpa of Elizabeth, Jacob, loving dad of Michael (Tamara) and James Stachecki; dear grandpa of Elizabeth, Jacob, and Abigaii; brother of Arthur (Gail) Stachecki, Lorraine (Frank) Baccala, and the late Raymond Stachecki; brother-in-law of Raymond Senko. Lee was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. He was a Sergeant with the Detroit Police Department retiring after 31 years of service. Lee enjoyed hunting, bowling, golfing, and his family. Funeral Mass Friday, February 3. 2017 – 10:30 a.m. with in-state at 10:00 a.m. at St. Kenneth Church. 14951 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth. The family will receive friends Thursday 2 – 8 p.m. at Modetz Funeral Home, 100 E. Silverbell Rd., Orion Interment Monday, February 5. 2017. Interment Monday, February 6, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Suggested memorials to Leader Dogs for the Blind or Paws with a Cause.

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THOMAS L. SR. and SHIRLEY E. Thomas Lee Sweeney, Sr. age 78 and Shirley Eleanor Sweeney age 77 passed away January 25, 2017 in an automobile accident while vacationing in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They were soul mates that spent 58 years together. Loving parents of Thomas L. Sweeney, Jr. (Donna). Deborah E. (Randall) Baxter, Steven J. Sweeney, and Kathleen E. (Randall) Baxter, Steven J. Sweeney, and Kathleen A. (Jeffrey) Sangster. Devoted grandparents of 17 and great-grandparents of six. They also leave siblings Barbara Talbot, Allan Darish, Ken Darish, Sandra Toxell, and Nancy Gizzi and extended family. Visitation Saturday 1–8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. Time of Sharing and 7 p.m. Rosary at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Both will lile instate Monday 10:30 a.m. until time of Feace Catholic Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Rd, West Bloomfield Township. Memorial Contributions may be made to Michigan Right to Life, Alzheimer's Association, and the Cure Multiple Myeloma Corporation in their names. and the Cure Multiple Myeloma Corporation in their names. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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BETTY JANE Age 87, January 28, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Maurice. Dearest mother of the late Randall (Benjawan) Miller, Sandy Miller, and Bill (Shirley) Miller. Loving grandmother of Randall, Steve, Chutima, Danny, Adam; and great grandmother of two. Cherished sister of Richard (Marge) Bartrop and Lani Fletcher. Dear friend of Ed, Judi, and her loved Westie, Gussie. Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd, Canton. Funeral Service Monday 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. BETTY JANE Age 87, January 28, 2017. Beloved wife of

WILLIAMS



PATRICIA ANN of Wayne PATRICIA ANN of Wayne passed away January 30 at age 82. Dear wife of the late Bill. Loving mother of the late William, Linda Pintar, John (Amy) and Carol Johnson. Proud grandma of 13 and great-grandma of 10. Funeral Mass today, Thursday 11 a.m., in state 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave in Wayne. Services entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

Townsend named best in state

Whether it's the Egyptian cotton sheets or world-class Rugby Grille restaurant, everything about the Townsend Hotel stands out.

Now, it can claim to be the best of the best.

Located in downtown Birmingham, the fivestar Townsend has been named the top hotel in Michigan, according to a survey of Travel + Lei-sure readers.

"It's always an honor to receive industry accolades, but customerawarded recognition is especially gratifying," said Steven Kalczynski. managing director of the Townsend. "Customer satisfaction is job No. 1 for our team, so to know that well-informed trav-elers, such as the readers of T+L magazine, find the Townsend to be the 'best of the best' confirms that we're doing something right."

As part of its annual "World's Best" travel awards program, T+L magazine each year asks



Travel + Leisure magazine readers rank the Townsend Hotel as

readers to share opinions on top hotels, resorts, cities, islands, spas, airlines, cruise lines and more. Readers taking the survey ranked U.S. hotels for value, service, location, amenities and attention to detail.

According to survey results, one reader described the Townsend as, "A five-star hotel on the outskirts of Detroit that offers the best service, accommodations, restaurant and surroundings in Michigan." Another respondent is quoted as more concisely saying, The best place to stay in Michigan, period!"

Swanky is the best way to describe the Townsend, which opened in 1988. The rooms (complete

with marble bathrooms and deep-soaking tubs) start out at \$309 a night, while the top burger at Rugby — the Foie Burger — is priced at a sizzling \$55. Kalczynski said the

hotel prides itself on impeccable customer service that's provided by a top-notch staff. Of the 200 or so employees at the Townsend, more than half have worked there longer than 10 years.

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Money taken during online transaction meetup

Police were dispatched to the 100 block of South Venoy on Jan. 26 on the report of a larceny during the meeting of an

online transaction.

The victim said he went to that location to meet with someone to ell his iPhone to h When they met, the suspect asked to inspect the phone before they exchanged the money. After he had the phone, he then ran off. No suspect information was avail-

Modem taken from porch

A resident in the 8100 block of Wayne Road came to the Westland police station Jan. 24 to report the theft of a cable modem that had been delivered to her resi-

She told police she ordered the modem from AT&T as a part of her subscription for services earlier in the month. She checked with the company later in the month on the status of her delivery, though they said it had been delivered Jan. 16. She was told to file a police report over the missing equipment or she would be charged for

Vehicle damaged

A motorist called police to the 37700 block of

of Oakview on Jan. 25 to report damage to his vehicle.

The caller said his son had driven his vehicle to a friend's residence and was told he could park his vehicle under any carport there. His son went to leave that morning and found the registration plate was miss-ing, as well as all four his father to the location, who then called police. An officer could not locate the registration plate in the area.

Car theft reported

Police were called the morning of Jan. 25 to a home in the 7500 block of Donna on the report of a stolen vehicle.

The caller said his truck had been stolen and was last seen headed toward App Arbor Trail Before police arrived, the caller said he had located his missing truck at Louise and Henry Ruff. The truck was still running and the ignition had been punched. Police checked the area for suspects but did not locate any. The victim said he awoke to a "banging" noise outside, as well as his dog barking. While up, he heard his truck start up. He looked out-side and found it missing. He then got into another vehicle and began searching the area for the truck before he found it. He said a pair of hunt-

ing boots and a folding

knife were missing from the truck

Vehicle window shattered

Police were called the afternoon of Jan. 24 to a residence in the 200 block of Apple on the report of damage to a vehicle.

The resident told police she was leaving me today wh noticed the listed vehicle had its window damaged. She said the vehicle was parked in a driveway at a lot across the street. She checked the vehicle today and noticed it was damaged. Police noticed the window had been shot about a dozen times by a BB gun. There are also small dents on the driver side. No suspect information is available

Tools taken

A resident in the 7200 block of Wilderness Park Drive came to the police station Jan. 26 to report damage to his work van.

He said his van was parked near his home overnight from Jan. 25-26. He came out and found someone had broken into his work van and taken several items including his tool belt and tool bag. Police ob-served the passenger rear window was busted

-Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

Robbery reported during meet-up to buy iPhone

David Veselenak

Livonia police are looking for a man they say robbed a woman when she met him to purchase an iPhone he listed as for sale online. Police were called

Monday evening to COPE, located at 33505 Schoolcraft, after a 55-year-old West Bloomfield woman who works at the center called them to report the robbery. She said she was looking for an iPhone for her mother and found one on the app OfferUp, a service designed to connect buyers and sellers looking to exchange merchandise.

She located an iPhone for \$400 and contacted the seller. They arranged to meet in the parking lot of COPE, as that was where the victim works.

She received a phone call from the suspect before they were sched-uled to meet, saying he was running late. She received a text from the suspect when he arrived and she said it did not appear he was the same person who had called her earlier. He was in the parking lot holding an iPhone box when she came outside.

She approached him with the money in her hand, but said she wanted to see the phone to

make sure it worked. He then grabbed the money out of her hand and ran toward Farmington Road. She tried to catch him, but couldn't. That's when she called 9-1-1. Police arrived and a K9 unit tried to track the suspect, but could not locate him. Police spoke to an employee at the nearby KFC restaurant on the corner of School craft and Farmington, who later called and said its security footage showed the suspect running toward a parked white Ford Fusion. He signaled to someone inside, who opened the door for him. He was then seen getting in and

driving away from the restaurant in an unknown direction.

Police say the suspect was described as a male between 18-20, standing about 5 feet, 7 inches, and 130 pounds. He was thin and had fair skin and was wearing a black hat, black iscket, black tennis black jacket, black tennis shoes and black pants. Anyone with information is encouraged to call Livonia police at 734-466-

Safety encouraged

Livonia police encourage those city residents who are purchasing items online through services such as OfferUp or Craigslist to complete the transactions in the department's parking lot, 15050 Farmington, just south of Five Mile.

Livonia residents can also take advantage of a service police offer that will check if an item with a serial number is en-tered in as stolen. That service is free and is offered to Livonia residents only.
Other services also

encourage safety when meeting with buyers and sellers. OfferUp lists several safety tips on its website, including pos sibly meeting at a local police station.
"Whenever possible,

meet at a public location such as a cafe or shop-

ping mall. Take extra caution when meeting for a high-value item and consider meeting at your local police station," the services tells users. "We understand that people occasionally meet at a residence to purchase larger items. If this is necessary, we strongly recommend having a friend or family member with you. If you are purchasing a large item, bring a friend to help lift or load the item into your vehicle."

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

When police spoke to a store employee, they said

an SD card and concealing them in his jacket. He

the suspect was seen selecting batteries and

Chase launched over stolen underwear

Livonia police were called Friday afternoon to Von Maur, 37500 Six Mile, on the report of a suspect who had taken some clothing items from the store and later took polce on a high-speed chase to Interstate 96.

A loss prevention employee at the store told police they saw the suspect in the men's apparel section concealing underwear. He was then seen going and se-lecting a pair of boots. He then tried to leave the store without paying for the items when he was approached by an employee, who tried to stop him. He dropped the boots and fled the store, still with the stolen underwear, the employee said. Police located the suspect driving at a high rate of speed near New-burgh and Lyndon. Police turned on their lights and activated their sirens to try to pull over the vehicle, though it turned without stopping at the traffic light onto west-bound Schoolcraft and then did a turnaround on a bridge onto eastbound Schoolcraft before getting onto I-96. Police continued to follow the suspect traveling more than 70 mph, but terminated the pursuit near I-96 and Yale.

Retail fraud

Police were called Monday afternoon to Walmart, 29574 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud suspect who had fled the store.

Suspect information was relayed to police, who located the suspect getting into a vehicle that began driving toward Middlebelt. Police pulled the vehicle over and detained the man inside.

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> Decedent's Estate

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later went to the deli counter, picked up food and paid for that at a self-scan checkout area. He did not offer payment for the items in his pocket, the employee said. He was stopped trying to leave the store, but did not stop for the employees. The suspect was released at the scene and issued a citation. Laptop, iPad missing Livonia police were called Thursday evening to Mason's, 13490 Far-

mington, on the report of several items missing from a car.
The victim said she parked her car there and came out less than an hour later. When she did, she discovered her laptop computer and iPad were missing and that the center console and

glove box had been rum-

maged through. There was no damage to the

vehicle, and the victim

said it's possible the car may have been unlocked. **Retail fraud suspect** flees

Police were called Thursday evening to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect that had left the store.

Police located a vehicle that matched the suspect's vehicle on Plymouth Road and pulled it over and made an arrest. Police at the store spoke to an employee, who said they were doing surveil-

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lance and saw a suspect select jeans off a hanger. The suspect was then seen selecting several more items and concealing them, according to the report. She reportedly then walked toward the exit and did not pay for them. When ap-proached by an employ-ee, she left the store and got into a vehicle that drove eastbound on Plymouth Road. The items taken were recovered in the cart she left at the store, as well as a boots she had on that were also reported as missing, police said.

Merchandise taken

An employee at Kohl's, 29578 Seven Mile, came to the police station Thursday evening to report a retail fraud.

The employee said a male ran out of the store with several pieces of merchandise without paying for them. The employee said he was also accompanied by a female. Both of them were seen taking items to a register and having them scanned and bagged. After the items were all together, one of the two distracted the cashier by asking them to look up some informa-tion for them. While the employee was doing that, one suspect left the store with the items, and the second one followed, according to the report. Items taken included clothing, a kitchen blender, cologne and bed

Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police

Major Credit Cards

TAX PROBLEMS

No one hurt in robbery at McDonald's on Five Mile

Cash was stolen from the McDonald's restaurant on Telegraph at Five Mile during a Sat-urday night holdup by a man carrying a pistol. No one was hurt.

An employee told police the robber entered through the res-taurant's west-side doors and, with a pistol, jumped over the counter and yelled for everyone to get in the back. He demanded money and a cashier opened a cash register and put the money in a bag, accord-ing to a Redford Town-ship Police Department

report. The incident oc-curred just after 9:30

Several employees described the robbery for police, saying they were told to go to the back of the restaurant and sit down. One witness said the gunman's face was covered, while another said he was wearing a black mask the police report said.

The robber left, with the money, in an un-known direction.

Home burglaries

» Cash was reported stolen from a house on Beech Daly south of Plymouth Road after a daytime burglary Jan. 23.

The complainant told police she arrived home from work to find the front door unlocked. Police said the burglar or burglars appeared to have entered the house through a window.

Jewelry and a video-disc player from the house had been pack-aged up in bags, police said, but left behind. » A laptop computer

was reported stolen from a house on Marion, south of Plymouth Road, after a burglary there last month

Parts of the house had been ransacked, police said, but the complainant said the laptop was the only thing miss-

The house appeared to have been entered through a bathroom window that may have been unlocked, police said. The rear door was found unlocked, but the complainant said she had locked it before leaving. The break-in occurred between Jan. 20-22.

» A stove and a water heater were stolen from a house on Leona, near Puritan, during a bur-glary last weekend.

The complainant told police she arrived at the home Sunday morning to see a screen door open and the deadbolt on the front door, which she doesn't normally use, locked. Inside, she said, she noticed the stove was missing and heard water running in the basement. Downstairs, the water heater was missing.

Police said it ap-peared the heater and the stove had been taken out the back door.



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PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

At the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the Redford Township Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance #344.

ORDINANCE NO. 344

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-258 AND 2-259 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DEFINE ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TOWNSHIP'S GROUP INSURANCE PLAN AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN

The ordinance can be viewed in its entirety either on-line at www.redfordtwp.com on the home page under the section "Ordinances Links" or at the Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

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HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

Pats unable to hold off Plymouth, 66-42

John Glenn girls fall short but Spartans prevail

Tim Smith

Tuesday was senior night for Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team, but younger players really stepped up as the Wildcats earned a 66-42 win over visiting Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats were sparked by junior Chantal LeDoux (13 points), freshman Sydney McCaig (13 points) and senior Mikayla Rose (11 points), while chipping in points), while chipping in with six each were freshmen Elle

each were Freshmen Elle McCaslin, Audrey Kananen and junior Gabby Chouinard. Plymouth jumped out to a 29-11 lead and never looked back, improving to 5-8 overall and 4-3 in the KLAA South Division. Franklin was led by Brooke Garbarino, who scored nine points.

"I liked our effort and intensity in the first quarter," Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said. "We are still battling being consistent at all times."

According to Rose, who shared senior night honors with teammate Alexa Ebeling, noted that "we play for each other and that's a concept we need to grasp more

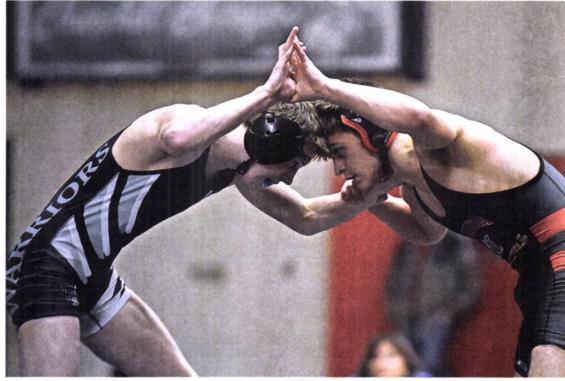
each game."
CANTON 54, JOHN GLENN 30: On Tuesday

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Plymouth's Gabby Chouinard eyes the rim while Sydney Strasser (20) of Livonia Franklin defends

OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT



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Squaring off in the final at 119 during Saturday's Observerland tournament are Lutheran Westland's Christian Zimmerman (left) and Livonia Churchill's Ethan Englehart.

CREAM OF THE CROP

Catholic Central's White squad romps to victory by wide margin over Salem, Plymouth

Tim Smith

From one year to the next, Novi Detroit Catholic Central seemingly has a headlock on

opponents at the Observer-land Wrestling Tournament. Last year, the Shamrocks' top-flight squad (Blue) prevailed and Saturday it was the White team — considered just



JUNEU HAN ISTAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Celebrating after taking first place at Observerland is Novi Detroit Catholic Central's White team

a notch below the A team - to wreak havoc at Livonia Chur-chill High School.

Catholic Central registered 304.5 points, far ahead of run-ner-up Salem's 132.5, for another championship trophy.

"Their E team is good," Wayne Memorial co-coach Jason Crothers said. "Every (Catholic Central) team is good, you go there for a reason. Those kids are welltrained, you can't take any thing away from a B team, a C team, it doesn't matter.

They're all tough."

In third place was Plymouth (130), a last-minute addition to the tournament, with Farmington (124.5), Wayne Memorial (124), Canton

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Blazers scorch Penguins, remain undefeated

Ladywood improves to 14-0 with 6-3 win

Tim Smith

Livonia Ladywood's Blazers continued their scorching hot season with Tuesday's 6-3 victory against the Plymouth-

Canton-Salem Penguins. Ladywood improved to 14-0-0 with the win, led by two-goal performances from senior forward Katie Hay-

ward, junior forwards Brooke Spiegel and Sydney Pilut.

But even though the host Penguins fell short in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League contest at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, the team might have found a capable backup goalie in sophomore Grace Balch.

That's because the flu struck down sophomore start-ing goalie Savina Osann with just under nine minutes left in the second period, with Ladywood up 4-1. The second intermission began at that point so that Balch — who started the game on defense — could put on goalie gear and take over from Osann.

"I was already really pumped for this game, I prepped all day," said Balch, who made several solid stops and was a catalyst as PCS got to within 4-3 and nearly tied the game early in the third.
"But once I knew Savina was (ill) I automatically knew I'd

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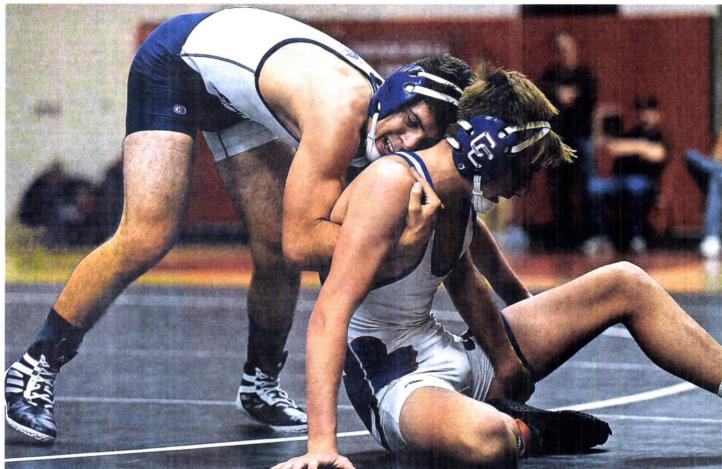
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Earning a hard-fought win in the 140-pound final is Livonia Stevenson's Tarik Alcodray (left). He won a 7-2 decision against Catholic Central's Chase Moscovic.

WRESTLING

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(120), Livonia Stevenson (113), Novi (112.5), Livonia Churchill and Lutheran Westland (112 each) rounding out the top 10.
Earning MVP honors for the

lower weights was Canton's Justin Winnie, who won the 135-pound championship. Sa-lem's Bruce Haslitt took home the prize for upper weights MVP after winning at 145 with his 17th consecutive pin of the

Because of fewer teams participating, the tourney was changed from a 16-man brack-

et to to a round-robin affair. "It was a last-minute thing once we saw the numbers in the weight classes," said Livo-nia Churchill head wrestling coach Marty Altounian, the event organizer. "Instead of having someone getting two matches, most of them got four or five doing it this way.

"It was a little confusing, yes, but it paid off for the quality of wreetling they got."

ity of wrestling they got." Livonia Stevenson head

coach Dan Vaughan said the format change took some getting used to, but for the most part the overall tournament

quality remained good. "I think there were some weight classes that were really packed full of good kids, 125 pops out in my mind, 140 was not bad," Vaughan said. "Heavyweight seemed pretty deep."

On the podium

Of course, Catholic Central wrestlers were often in the mix for medals and points (the top six per weight class

reached the podium).
"I'm just really pleased with the way our guys wrestled," Ianni said. "They practiced, they worked their butts off day in and day out. They have for the last few months, so it's good they get to come here and show it in front of everybody."

Capturing first place in their weights for the Shamrocks were Dan Rehfeldt (103 pounds), Davis Rastigue (125), Brody Burke (152), Brendin Yatooma (160) and Dane Flynn

Another four lost in the "spotlight finals," when Chur-chill gymnasium lights were dimmed so fans could focus on the one bout taking place.

Earlier in the tourney, as many as four matches took place simultaneously.

For Ianni, a Catholic Central

alum who wrestled his senior year at Observerland, it always is a plus to bring a contingent to the tourney

"It's just kind of a tradition us," Ianni said. "I graduated in 2007 and this was a huge tournament for us then and we still like to come back and have a presence here. We're happy

coming back." Ianni, meanwhile, said there is a "pretty good difference' between the Blue and White teams, but that didn't provide much solace for the 13 other high schools there (another team, Salem's B squad, also

competed). "We got a few guys on the White team who even though





JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Battling it out during Observerland are Wayne Memorial's Jalen Adams (left) and Plymouth's Calvin Vos.

they're teammates they like to get after the guys ahead of them," he said. "They like to push them pretty hard, that's what makes the whole pro-

gram better. "... Brendin Yatooma's had time on the Blue team, Dane Flynn. It's really next man up, so whenever somebody needs to fill in, we're happy putting anybody out there.

Rock solid

Earning second-place honors in the team standings was Salem, spearheaded by senior Haslitt's pin in 1:59 against CC's Robert Walston. It gave Haslitt 98 career pins and plenty of momentum as he takes a run at the school mark of 104 set in 1986 by state champion Dave Dameron.

'This tournament's come down a little bit," said Salem head coach Jeremy Henderson, a former Observerland and state champion. "But to be able to pin your way all the way through the finals at this thing is still something to be proud of.

"Bruce has turned it on at the right time of the season, he's going to be tough to beat the next couple weeks."

Canton's Winnie, a senior, won 11-6 in the 135 final against Northville freshman Nick

Gattoni. "I knew I just had to keep my pace high," Winnie said. "I knew he was a freshman, I just

had to go out and wrestle my match Haslitt, Winnie and Far-

mington's Jake Justice (who won at 130 with a pin over the Shamrocks' Kale Kazyak) all

said they were pumped up to

wrestle in the spotlight finals.
"You never get to feel the
same type of experience as
this," said Haslitt, adding with
a laugh that "I feel like I'm about to have a heart attack every match."

Justice said the success he and teammates had Saturday also winning was heavyweigh Donovan King, with Anthony Averiette reaching the finals at 103) will help the Falcons' overall team confidence moving forward into state tournament

"I feel a lot of the guys are going to want to keep going in the room as hard as they can now, now that they know we've had some wrestlers that were placing," Justice said.

Full marks

Plymouth came home with one championship win in 112pounder Tyler Campbell

"For him to get first today is pretty awesome for him," Ply-mouth head coach Josh Leege mouth head coach Josh Leege said. "He's a junior, so this is definitely the year he's seeing his hard work pay off." Other firsts were turned in

by Livonia Churchill's Ethan Englehart (119), Livonia Stevenson's Tarik Alcodray (140), Novi's Corey Grassmeyer (171) Glinn (215).

and Lutheran Westland's Nick "Some of the kids didn't come out on the winning end like they should have," Chur-chill's Altounian said. "Others

worked their butts off to get what they got, and it was well noted. They all wrestled really

Vaughan said Alcodray "did

Brent Butwill (CC) maj. dec. Max Hirvela



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Northville's Grant Gattoni looks to take down Livonia Churchill's Anthony Marchione during Observerland.



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Squaring off during Observerland at Livonia Churchill are Salem's Jake Kirkpatrick (left) and Garden City's Dominic Stephens.

what he was supposed to do and win the tournament and we're looking forward to dis

Wayne Memorial didn't win any first-place medals, but the Zebras did have five finalists in Nick Daniels (125), Jalen Adams (152) Keyaughn H derson (171), Chris Fletcher (215) and Anthony Calloway

"We took seven today so five of them made the finals," Crothers said. "So that's a pret-ty good day for us."

26TH OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 28 at Livonia Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 304,50 points; 2. Salem, 132,50; 3. Plymouth, 130,00; 4. Farmington, 124.50; 5. Wayne Memorial, 124.00; 6. Canton, 120.00; 7 Livonia Stevenson, 113.00; 8. Novi, 112.50; 9. Livonia Churchill, 112.00; 10. Lutheran Westland, 112.00; 11. Northville, 93.50; 12. Farmington Harrison, 57.00; 13. Livonia Franklin, 48.00; 14. Garden City, 43.50, 15. Salem B team

LOWER WEIGHTS MVP: Justin Winnie, 135 pounds, Canton.

UPPER WEIGHTS MVP: Bruce Haslitt,

145 pounds, Salem.
WEIGHT RESULTS

103 pounds: 1st: Dan Rehfeldt (CC) ned Anthony Averiette (F), 1:35; 3rd: Anthony Marchione (LC) decisioned Grant Gattoni (NVL), 10-7; 5th: Anthony Gazzarata (LS) technical fall Gabe Dicola (C),

3:49. 112: 1st: Tyler Campbell (P) maj. dec 112: Ist: Tyler campnen (*) maj. ucc. Jake Bisdorf (CC), 8-0; 3rd: Mason Opcie (S) won bye; 4th: Chris Silva (Notr) maj. dec. Adam Lewis (NVL), 13-2; 6th: Hanting Wong (FH) won bye. 119: Ist: Ethan Engletar (LC) p.

Christian Zimmerman (LW), 5:15; 3rd:

(S), 10-1; 5th: Michael Helz (LF) p. Logan choppert (LS), 5:05.

125: 1st: Davis Rastigue (CC) dec. Nick Daniels (WM), 6-4: 3rd; Josh Mussen (LC) dec. Robert Ujkaj (GC), 18-16; 5th: Solo mon Johnson (F) p. Akash Rai (S), 3:49. 130: 1st: Jake Justice (F) p. Kale

Kazyak (CC), 5:28; 3rd: Brian Walrad (LC) dec. Matt George (Novi), 10-3; 5th: Alex Nesovski (C) maj. dec. Zach Lundberg (P),

135: 1st: Justin Winnie (C) dec. Nick Gattoni (NVI.), 11-6, Other available

140: 1st: Tarik Alcodray (LS) dec. Chase Moscovic (CC), 7-2; 3rd: Andy Faith (LW) won bye; 4th: Conrad Landis (NVL) dec. Zack Dehnke (C), 2-1; 6th: Austin Crutchfield (FH) won bye

145: 1st: Bruce Haslitt (S) p. Robert Walston (CC), 1:59; 3rd: Seth Lambart (LW) tech. fall Ben Samoy (C), 5:51; 5th: Mitch-ell Plucinski (LS) p. Adam Zakaria (NVL),

152: 1st: Brody Burke (CC) dec. Jalen Adams (WM), 8-2; 3rd: Taj Traylor (S) p. Calvin Vos (P); 5th: Dylan Słowik (C) p. Jared Wilkinson (LS), 1:50.

160: 1st: Brendin Yatooma (CC) dec Lincoln Cleary (Novi), 5-1; 3rd: Chris Little (C) won bye; 4th: Nick Zajdel (LF) dec. Benair Covington (NVL), 3-1; 6th: Luke

Losie (FH) won bye. 171: 1st: Corey Grassmeyer (Novi) dec Keyaughn Henderson (WM) 8-5: 3rd: Ashten Lebeau (P) p. Greg Miller (LW), 0:43; 5th: Dominic Cherenzia (F) won. forfeit over John Martin (GC).

189: 1st: Dane Flynn (CC), other results not available. Pool Round Five: 1 Ethan Shulaw (P) maj. dec. Chase Sparling (Novi), 12-3; 2. Dane Flynn (CC) p. Nick Dlugos (LC), 0:59; 3. Jake Kilpatrick (S) p.

Dominic Stephens (GC), 3:41. 215: 1st: Nick Glinn (LW) dec. Chris Fletcher (WM), 12-6; 3rd: Anthony Moore (P) won bye; 4th: Parker Nowak (LS) p. Phil Calhoun (CC), 1:42; 6th: Joe Madrid

(FH) won bye. 289: 1st: Donovan King (F) dec. Antho-

ny Calloway (WM), 11-5; 3rd: Jake Giorgi (S) dec Jake Swirple (LF), 3-2; 5th: Bren-nen McNeal (Salem B) p. Luke Stayer (CC), 0:33.

BOYS HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Brighton edges Shamrocks in showdown, 2-1

Northville stops Dragons in High School Showcase

Brad Emons

Top-ranked Brighton scored a pair of early second-period goals and made them stand up in a 2-1 non-league boys hockey victory Saturday over No. 2 Novi Detroit Catholic Central at the Kensington Valley Ice

House.
The Bulldogs, who improved to 16-2 overall, got 17 saves from goaltender Logan

Neaton to preserve the victory. CC (11-6-1) jumped out to a 1-0 first-period lead on Zachary Sprys-Tellner's goal at 1:38. assisted by Brendan West and Michael Considine.

The Bulldogs tied it just 1:17 into the second period on Keith Wikman's goal from Jake Crespi, followed by Mathew Kahra's game-winner at 2:36 from Adam Conquest and David

Daavettila. CC goaltender Sean Finstrom made 19 saves.

NORTHVILLE 3, LAKE ORION 1: Junior Devin Laba scored a pair of goals Saturday as the Mustangs (11-6-1) downed the Dragons (11-4-2) in the Michigan Public High School Showcase at Chelsea's Arctic

Collseum
Against Forest Hills Central, we had a two goal lead in the second period and we took the last five minutes of that period off and they tied if, Northville coad: Clint Robert said. Tionight, we got the two-goal lead and we were committed to keeping that lead. That's exactly what the boys did and I felt that was our best job this year protecting a lead. We



Brighton's Wyatt Harmon (left) controls the puck against CC's Nicco Zervos.

kept the puck deep and had a forward high the

kept the purk users and whole period. The whole period is whole period. I also scored at 1.02 of the opening period from Nick Williams, but Lake Orion tied it at 5.23 of the second on Conner Graham's power-play goal goal from Gabe Potyk and Joe Briskey.

The Mustangs then took the lead for keeps on Laba's second goal, unassisted at 1452 of the same period, followed by Ty Killar's goal at 15:24 from Nick Bonofiglio.

period, followed by Ty Kilar's goal at 15:24 from Nick Bonofiglin Northville goaltender Brett Miller made 29 saves, while Jack Barker had 27 for take Orion "We lost both (Jack) Sargent and (Shane) Bryans in the first peri

(Josh) Mitchell and (Nick) Bogenhagen did a nice job

(Josh) Mitchell and (Nico) Bogennagen oiu a nice juu with the added ice time."

NORTHVILLE 2, FOREST HILLS CENTRAL 2: The Mustangs (11-5-1) jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but Grand Rapids forest Hills Central (16-1-2) battled back to earn a draw at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase in a battle of state-ranked teams friday at Chelsea's Arctic Coliseum. The Mustangs ranked No. 6 in Division 1, led 1-0 after one period on Luke Skillman's goal from Devin Laba and Danny Scorz at 2-(2).

Nick Bonofigio then scored at 1:41 of the second period to make it 2-0, assisted by Ty Kilar and Alex lafate.

assisting on both. Cam Czapski and Nyan ronna Douri added one assist.

DETROIT CC 4. TRENTON 1: Michael Considine had two goals and one assist for Novi Detroit Catholic Central (10.5-1.8-2: North Division) in a Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League crossover victory Jan. 25 over the host Trojans (9-6-1-1, 3-3-1-1 South Division) at Kennedy. Area.

After a scoreless first period, CC scored a pair of second-period powerplay goals to take a 2-0 lead as Rylan Clemons scored at 9.20 from Mitch Morris and Jack Chartler, followed by Considine from Brendan West.

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Jack Charmer, followed by Considire from Brendan West.

Trenton cut the deficit to 2-1 at 6-35 of the final period on Jordan Cormier's goal from Kenny Styles and Richard Boulware, but CC, put it away on Considines unassisted goal at 1452, followed by West's empty-netter from Considine at 1613.

CC goalle Sean Finstrom made 23 saves, while Arthony Lemerach had 29 for Trenton.

NORTHYLILES, CAURCHILL 2: Nick Bonofigili on shaural hat tick was the difference Jan., 25 at the Mustangs (115, 72 & KLAA South) in a Kensington Churchill (111-4, 54 KLAA South) in a Kensington Conference crossover at Edgar Arena.

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Bonofiglio opened the scoring at 1:01 from Jack Sargent, but Churchill answered to make it 1-1 on Damry Carey's power play goal at 3:11 from John Doyle and Tyler Haydu.

Bonofiglio then added goals at 8:14 and 12:04, respectively, the first on a power play from Jimmy Dales and Daniel McKee and the second from McKee. Just 14 seconds larnet (Furchill cut the deficit to 3-2 on Jordan Venegoni's goal from Doyle. The Mustangs then put it away on Devin Laba's goal at 14:33 from Sargent, followed by Alex Iafrate's empty-netter with 21 seconds to play.

"We have a saying that speed kills and, by the third period, it was time and we showed our speed and want to keep it going," Northville coach Clint Robert said.

Northville goalie Brett Miller also stood tall with 20

avarunine goale Brett Miller also stood tall with 20 saves. Churchill got 16 Saves from Andrew Broylles HARTLAND 8, NOVI 0: Josh Albring racked up six assists as the Eagles (14-1) rollect to an 8-0 mercy rule win over the Wildcats (96-62) in a Michigan Public high School Hockey Showcase game Jan. 24 at Chelsea's Arct Collecum.
Albring raked his state-leading total to 35 on the year as Harland, ranked No.1 in Division 2, enjoyed a three-to-one-shots on goal margin.

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Jed Pietila collected three goals and two assists,
while Jake Behnke and Blake Heier both added two
goals. Heier's unassisted goal with 6:04 left ended the
game

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Zack Sexton got the other goal, while Joey Larson and Gabe Anderson both chipped in two assists.

Harland goalie Andrew Herwagen had to make just nine saves to earn the shutout, the Eagles' seventh of the season.

Manny Legace Jr. went all the way in goal for Novi.

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11-game winning streak, pulled even by getting second-period goals from Zach Currie (unassisted at 13:03) and Connor Foresman (29 seconds later from Zach Abundadel and Jacob Demeter). Northville goaltender Brett Miller made 27 saves. ROMEO 3, NOVI 2: Trans Ruffino's hat trick carried the Bulldogs (10-7) to a victory Jan. 26 over the Wildcats (91-72) in the Michigan Public High School Showcase at Chelsea's Arcite Coliseum Brett Lanski added two goals, while Garrett Ganfled, Jake Petri and Andrew Cate each chipped in a goal and assist for Romeo, which led 3-0 after one period and 6-0 after two.

Joey Morris scored the other Romeo goal.

Brandon Kour scored twice for Novi, with Zach Kipp



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Looking to snap a shot is Livonia Ladywood's Sydney Malek (24). At right for the PCS Penguins is defenseman

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have to go in net.

"I never thought it'd be against the No. 1 team, but I had fun and I think our team played really well today." Penguins head coach Jenna

Donnelly said Balch really hadn't played net since she was about 8 years old, not including a recent PCS alumni game where she played for

"She played very well,"
Donnelly said. "For a player who hasn't played a game as a goalie, just played the No. 1 team in the league and did fantastic.

We told the girls they needed to find a motivator and their motivator needed to be Grace. Stand up for her and protect her, and they went out and made a very good comeback attempt."

Ladywood, however iced the victory with goals in the third period by Pilut (a snipe over Balch's trapper) and Spiegel, on a rebound. After the latter goal, with about 8:30 to go, Donnelly brought Osann

back into the game. "She wasn't feeling well so we had to pull her (Osann),"

Donnelly said. "She got some fluids in her system and some rest and we were able to put her back in."

According to Blazers head coach Ron Predmesky, the goalie switch and early second intermission stalled his team's momentum, which had been building thanks to three unan-swered goals starting late in

the first period.

Hayward netted the first two, including one on the penalty kill where she collected the rebound of her own shot and lifted it over the prone Osann with 14:20 left in the middle frame.

Pilut then one-timed a crossing feed from Spiegel with 8:47 left in the second to open up a three-goal Ladywood lead and lead to the PCS goalie change. Because the Penguins do not have a backup goalie on the roster, game officials decided to halt the game at that point so that Balch could get ready.

New life

When the game resumed. the teams finished the second period, switched ends and concluded the contest

The Penguins (9-4-0, 5-4-0) made a game out of it once the game resumed. Balch came through with some important

stops and junior forward Michelle Cirino registered two goals within 19 seconds in the final minute of the period. Her first was an unassisted

effort against Ladywood sophomore goalie Isabella Lorelli, and she knocked in the re-bound of a shot by senior forward Cathryn VandenBosch for the other.

Before the third period began, Predmesky encouraged his players to get their skating legs back to close out the vic-

"Our kids, being 4-1 and still the middle of the second per od, they thought it was over,' Predmesky said. "Especially with a new goalie coming in. They didn't come out and skate and PCS did." Ladywood's Spiegel and

PCS's VandenBosch (from Cirino) opened the night's scoring by trading goals.

'It was a good challenge for us," Blazers senior blueliner Colleen Lynch said. "We kind of fell apart, but it was good to get our teamwork back togeth-

"We had to relax and calm down and go to our usual play and not focus so much on how they were playing.

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HOOPS

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The Chiefs (10-3 overall, 6-1 in the KLAA South) also received strong games from Brianna Finn (11 points), Erin Hult (seven points) and Alaina Heitmeyer (six points)

even each.
STEVENSON 47, SOUTH LYON 40: Sarah

STEVENSON 47, SOUTH LYON 40: Sarah Inadlerys scored 12 points while Graze Lameron chimed in with 10 points, eight rebounds and 12 blocks for Livonis Stevenson. Brie Mass helped the cause with eight points and eight steads and made four free throws in the final minute to clinch the win for the Spartans (8-5 overall, 4-3 in the KLAA Central). Stevenson was strong defensively, with 27 steals and 37 rebounds.

Christian.

Pacing the attack for Lutheran Westland (11-2, 6-1 in the MIAC) were Taylor Jones and Rachel Reddeman, with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Reddeman also pulled down 14 rebounds while Jones also had 10 steals to record her third double-double of the season.

"We did some really good things at times tonight on the offensive end with moving the ball and seeing each other open," Warmors coach Sandi Wades and. "However, our furnovers have been high the last few games and we need to fix that."

more Naudia Jackson scored a game-high 20 points as Redford Thurston (7.7, 3-3) overcame a sluggish start to post a 48-24 Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division win Tuesday at Dearbom Heights Annapolis (3-10, 1-5).

Junior Bryanna Burton, who made 4-of-5 free throws, added 14 points as the Eagles led 24-11 at halftime.

around.

"Everybody got playing time and we changed up our defenses to keep them off balance," Thurston coach Bob Ostrowski said. "They have a big girls long Johnson that we wanted to keep off the boards and I thought we did a pretty good job with her defensively."

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Rul 45, CVILLE 4: Junior Danna Mejia took over the point guard duties for the injured Cassidy sandlein (ankle) and scored a game-high 15 points to lead Redford Union (8-4, 4-2) to a 45-4 WWAC Red Division win Tuesday over host Livonia Clarenceville (1-12, 0-6).

Sophomore Johnnia Steele added 10 points for the Panthers, who led 15-0 after one guarter and 52-2 at halflime. Wyla Hoskins-King and Desarea Hartfiel had the lone hoops for the Trojans.

MERCY 50, LADYWOOD 34: Freshman Jess Mruzik led a balanced scoring attack with 10

MERCY 50, LADYWOOD 34: Freshman Jess Muzzik led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points and added three steals as Farmington Hills Mercy (12-2, 10-1) rolled to a 50-34 Catholic League Central Division victory Tuesday over visiting Livonia Ladywood (2-12-1-9). Senior quard Jackie Bauer added nine points. while sepior naudr Chipa Gobhold addied even.

points and five assists for the first-place Marlins who jumped out to a 33-9 halftime lead on

parents night. Abbey Reppen led the Blazers with

Boys basketball

JOHN GLENN 57, CANTON 51: The Rockets improved to 11-1 overall and 6-1 in the KLAA South birvision with Tuesday's win over the Chiefs. Scoring in double figures for John Glenn were John Scoring 1 of The State (Figure Chardier (11 points each) and Christian Agnew (10 points). Grown 5-2 of The Chief Charles (10 points). Gestroom 5-2 of The The Market No. 12: In a LAA South Contest that came down to the wire, the

PLYMOUTH 41, FRANKLIN 37: In a KLAS South contest that came down to the wire, the visiting Wildcats eked out enough for the win to improve to 6-7 overall and 3-4 in the KLAA South Anthony Crump and Taring Woody each scored 13 for Plymouth while Connor Bush tallied 10. Bush had a key slam dunk in the final seconds to close out the win. For Hanklin (5-8, 1-6), Johnny Cantrell scored 11. The game came down to the final possession, Franklin coach ion Djoklaj said. "We knew they had fouls to give so we wanted to draw up a play that gave us a clean look at the basket. We got the short hat we wanted but couldn't hit it. "They got the rebound, freel it down the court for a clurk to ice the game." NORTHUILE 49, SALEM 40. Kyle Winfrey and Cameron Grace led the host Rocks with nine and eight points, respectively, but the Mustangs

prevailed. Jake Justice and Phil Jovanovski each scored 11

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 59, ROEPER 40:

Zack Burke scored 30 points to lead the Warriors (9-2, 4-2) to a MIAC conference win over Bloom-field Hills Roeper. Luke Smith and Ben Brown each had six points and six rehounds for the Marriors.

and six rebounds for the Warriors.

"We've played the straight games with only one practice and we've survived," said Kevin Wade, interim coach for Lutheran Westland. "We are really looking forward to putting in work over the next two days to get us ready lor our next.

and 41-27 after three quarters.

THURSTON 63, EDSEL FORD 60: Senior
guard Malik Hill led the way with a game-high 20
points Tuesday as host Redford Thurston (5-7, 2-4)
eamed a 63-60 Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division win over Dearborn Edsel Ford

(2.10, 1-5).

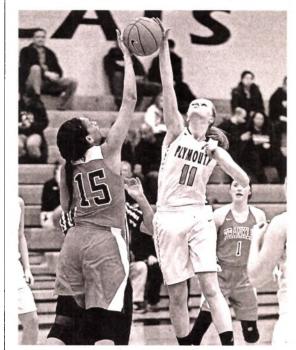
Karlos Berry and Dorien Naylor added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the victorious Eagles, who overcame a rough free throw shooting night

points, respectively, for the victorious Eagles, who overcame a rough free throw shooting night (8-for-20).

Robert Taylor paced the Thunderbirds with 16 points, while Melessio Kendrick and Jone Dorsey added 15 and 14, respectively. Edsel Ford made 7-of-12 free throws.

"It was a good game and we played well tonight." Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "I thought we ran our offerse well. The kids are learning every game and Im proud of them:

RHU 66, C*VILLE 33: Jacob Gagnon scored 14 points and Marcus Evans chipped in with 10 as Redford Union (7-5, 3-2) rolled to a 66-33 WWAC Red Division victory Tuesday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (0-14, 0-6). The Parthers led 15-1 after one quarter and 31-11 at halfitme. RU made 14-of-20 free throws (70 percent).



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Livonia Franklin's Sarah Channey (15) and Plymouth's Alexa Ebeling (11) jump for the game's opening tip-off Tuesday night.

BOYS BOWLING

Redford Union duo wins tournament

Brad Emons

Redford Union's Kyle Keating and Trevor Kerkhof teamed up to win 10th annual Clarenceville High School Open

Doubles Tournament on Saturday at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia. The pair advanced to the playoff round as the third seed with a 1,477 total made up of three regular games and two Baker games.

The RU duo defeated Salem in the finals, 370-326, after knocking off Canton in the semifinals, 398-389, Plymouth in the quarterfinals, 364-357, and Wayne Memorial in the opening round, 385-317.

COLLEGE BOWLING

Ocelot bowling teams prevail at invite

Schoolcraft College comes out on top

Schoolcraft College's men's and women's bowling teams enjoyed some home cooking last Friday at the Schoolcraft Invitational Tournament at Merri-Bowl Lanes, with both teams taking home first place in the conference event.

The Ocelot men put up an impressive 4,410 pin count, 432 pins clear of second place Ancilla College. Schoolcraft was paced by a pair of sophomores in Andrew Gury's 588 3-game series and Lonnie Lawrence's 586. Freshman Mike Rees took home highgame honors for the tourna-ment, scorching the lanes with a 244 game en route to a 581 series.

"Merri-Bowl has been such an awesome place to practice,

it felt good to perform well there," Rees said. "The individual honor was nice, but to have both our teams come out victorious felt really good. I'm just going out and having fun and know that as long as I keep doing that, things will take care of themselves from

On the ladies side, the Ocelots women knocked down 3,458 pins, with Muskegon CC a distant second at 3,217. Kayla Jackson once again led the charge, firing a 516 series and taking home top honors in that department for the tournament. It is Jackson's fourth consecutive high-series title, while having two high-game

distinctions sprinkled in during that span as well.

"Bowling has been a huge part of my life as long as I can remember, so to be able to continue to bowl in college and be specessful at it is pret and be successful at it is pret-

ty cool," Jackson said. "Even though these are individual honors, my team and their support and encouragement is what helps me perform well We bring and keep each other up, it's a total team effort."

Salem product Rachel Bou-cha contributed a 441-series and Redford Union's Ashley Mattia was close behind with

a 427. "I thought this was one of our better performances to date. Obviously the comfort level with the house and the lanes had something to do with that but the kids still had to perform and execute and they did, at an extremely high level. It's always good to play well in front of the home crowd and family and friends.

The Ocelots return to the lanes on Friday, Feb. 3 as they travel to Mt. Pleasant for the Mid-Michigan CC Invitational



Schoolcraft bowlers Kayla Jackson and Mike Rees each won awards at Friday's Schoolcraft invite. Jackson earned honors for top series in the women's tourney while Rees won high-game honors on the men's side. The tournament took place at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

Star-struck



Patrick Giles (36) of the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-17 team — wearing special jerseys for Saturday's Star Wars Night — waits for a faceoff against a Tri-City player. The Storm won 4-3 at USA Hockey Arena before just under 1,900 fans. The jerseys will be auctioned for CS Mott Children's Hospital of Ann Arbor

PREP WRESTLING

CC rules battle of top-ranked teams

Brad Emons hometownlife.com

There was no one more super in Saturday's Lowell Super 6 Duals than the Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team.

The Shamrocks came away with a 3-0 record in a meet that featured the top-ranked teams in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 i Michigan, along with Eaton Rapids and Goodrich, plus nationally-ranked Mason

(Ohio). "This was a great challenge for our team and our young men," CC coach Mitch Han-cock said. "We wanted an event that would challenge us and give us a big test heading into the postseason and, with-out a doubt, this event accomplished that.

CC upped its overall dual match record to 24-1 with

victories over Mason (25-24), Dundee (52-15) and the host Red Arrows (37-22).

With the three victories, CC has recorded eight wins against top 10 teams in Michi-ganGrappler.com's Power 15, including seven wins against

"In my 10 years at CC, this is one of the finest regular seasons I've been a part of," Hancock said. "Our guys really impressed me this weekend and put a nice exclamation point on a fantastic season. Now it's time to heal up, get sharper and get our minds ready to make our run.'

Ben Kamali (112 pounds), Stone Moscovic (125), Cam Amine (145), Tyler Morland (171) and Nick Jenkins (285) all went 3-0 on the day to lead

In the win over Mason, CC captured seven of the 14

matches as Moscovic earned a critical five-point win heading into the final match at 130.

CC would win the dual after Mason's Christopher Donath an was issued a pair of un-sportsmanlike points at 145 in

a 7-4 loss to Amine.
"That's a perfect example of why you have to keep your composure in big matches," Hancock said. "We knew how good Mason was. They won the Dvorak in Chicago, which has been one of the toughest tournaments in the Midwest for over a decade. This is a nice win for us. We stayed off our back and competed hard from top to bottom."

In the victory over Dundee (No. 1 in Division 3), the Shamrocks captured 11 of the 14 matches as Amine knocked off Division 3 top-ranked Tyler Orrison, 6-3.

CC's Logan Sanom (130)

also pinned No. 7-ranked McAllister McAvoy in 30 sec-onds, while Connor Curnutte (189) won by major decision, 11-0, over Kyle Reinhart. Against Lowell,the three-

time defending state champi-on and ranked No. 1 in Division 2, Amine got CC off to a flying start when he pinned Sam Russell in 29 seconds

"Amine has done that al year for us," Hancock said. "He sets the tempo for this team and our guys feed off of

CC eventually won eight of the 14 matches (with one being a void at 140), getting key wins from Devon Johnsen (103), Kamali, (112), Sanom (130) and Kevon Davenport

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BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Catholic Central gets past St. Mary's

Brad Emons

Senior guard Gio Genrich racked up 21 points while sen-ior forward C.J. Baird chipped in 18 Friday as Novi Detroit Catholic Central capped off a banner week with a 70-56 boys basketball win at home over Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The Shamrocks, who earlier edged defending Class A champion University of Detroit-Jesuit, improved to 8-3 overall and 3-2 in the Catholic League's

and 3-2 in the Catholic League's Central Division. CC trailed 25-22 at halftime before outscoring the Eaglets in the second half, 48-31. Senior guard Brandon Recto

and senior forward Jack Mor ris chipped in 10 and eight

points, respectively. Caden Prieskorn led all scorers with 25 points, while C.J. Wilson added 18 for St.

Mary's (9-3, 3-2). CC connected 14-of-16 free throws (87.5 percent), while the Eaglets were 15-of-23 (65.2 percent).

NORTHVILLE 60, SOUTH LYON 31: Junior Colin Latta scored 17 points as the Mustangs (7-5, 3-3) awenged a 17-point setback last month to the Lions (4-8, 2-4) with a convincing KLAA Central Division victory friday at home. Northville jumped out to a 29-14 halftime lead before putting the game away with a 21-4 third-quarter run.

throws.

"It was nice to get back on track with a solid team defensive effort," Northville coach Todd Sander said.
"This was the best team defense we have played and it was encouraging. We need to keep moving forward, not back. Kewn (Morrissey) is really starting to make us go, which is a tremedous sign for us."

Ben Call scored a team high eight points for South two.

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OALAND CHRISTIAN 59, FRANKLIN ROAD 30: Alex Smith and Ryder Patterson led the way with 16 and 11 points, respectively, lifting Aubum Hills Oakland Christian (8-3, 4-2) to Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division win Hiday over host Novi Franklin Road Christian (2-9, 0-6)

0-6).

Oakland Christian, which led 30-21 at halftime and 475 percent;

(75 percent) Rahmon Scruggs led the Warriors with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Franklin Road was 4-of-10 at the

oul stripe (40 percent).

DETROIT CC 52, U-D JESUIT 51: Novi Detroi

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Catholic Central (7-3, 2-2) pulled off a signature win Jan 24, earning a Catholic League Central Division victory over defending Class A state champion University of Detroil-Jesuit (9-3, 3-1). Senior forward C.J. Baith di 1 jumper with only 30 seconds left and it proved to be the game-winning who

U-D Jesuit, ranked No. 4 in the latest Associated U-D Jesuit, ranked No. 4 in the latest Associated Press Class A state poil, got a game-high 23 points from from 6-foot-9 senior center Greg Eboigbodin, an illinois-Chicago signee. The Sharmocks limited the Cubs' other two top scorers. 6-9 like Ric (Marquette University signee) and Eljah Collins, to five and four points, re-

spectively.

We tried to do our best on them inside and try and be a little bir physical with them," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "(Eboigbodin) was really good tonight, but we were pretry good, too We fought pretty hard when the ball was loose inside or on the glass. We

when the ball was loose inside or on the glass. We did our best job boxing out trying to recover the loose balls on defense?

After Baird's basket, Collins missed a runner in the lane during the waning seconds and the rebound was gobbled up by CC forward Jack Morris, who was pobled up by CC forward Jack Morris, who was fouled with only 2.6 seconds left. Morris missed the front end of a one and-one, but the Cubs were unable to get off a half-court desperation shot before the buzzer sounded.

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"They're, obviously, really good and we haven't beaten them in four or five years," Dyer said. "I think for us, our competitive level was really high and we fought really hard tonight, physically and mentally, in every aspect."

Senior guard Gio Genrich placed the Shamrocks with 14 points, while senior forward Josh Gutowsky and senior guard Brandon Recto added 12 apiece. The Shamrocks hit five 3-pointiers, three by Recto and two by Genrich. CC went 9-of-13 from the foul line, while the Cubs were 7-of-16 tows were 7-of-18 from the foul line, while the Cubs were 7-of-18 from the foul line, while the Cubs were 7-of-18 from the foul

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FRANKLIN ROAD 64, CLARENCEVILLE 56

RIKEN SCOTS 29 points went in vain Jan. 24 as winless Ivonia Carenceville (0-12) fell to host how franklin Road Christian (2-8) in a non-league game. Rahmon Scruggs and Maxwell Holleman paced the Warriors with 22 and 19 points, respectively, while Joshua Beck also added a doubtle-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Scott made six triples, while teammate Armen Andelija added 11 points for the Triglans, who couldn't recover from a 36-18 halftime deflicit. Both Leans short 66 for never from the foul line as 80th Leans short 66 for never from the foul line as

Couldn't recover from a 36-18 halftime deficit. Both teams shot 66.6 percent from the foul line as Franklin Road went 24-of-36 and Clarenceville was 14-of-21.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Northville rips South Lyon, improves record to 11-1

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Senior forward Jessica Moorman paced a balanced scoring attack with 12 points Friday to power Northville to a 58-16 KLAA Central Division girls basketball victory at

South Lyon. The first-place Mustangs, who improved to 11-1 overall and 6-0 in the Central, had 11 of 12 players score as Jasmin Prince, Tara Beason, Brianna Drummond and Ella Duck-worth added six points apiece.

South Lyon (4-8, 1-5), unable to overcome a 28-6 halftime deficit, got five points from Samantha Swain.

"It was a good defensive effort, a good all-around game and a good team effort Northville coach Todd Gudith

Northville was 12-of-21 from the foul line, while South Lyon made just 3-of-10. NOVI 56, SALEM 38: Junior guard Ellie Mackay scored 19 points and Cara Ninkovich chipped in 10 as the Wildcats (9-3, 4-2) rolled to KLAA Central Division triumph Friday against the bost Rocks (2-10, 1-5).

KLAA (entral prison in the both Rocks (2-10, 1-5).

Ninkovich also dished out four assists for Novi, which led 20-6 after one quarter and 35-20 at halftime before breaking it open with a 17-6

third-quarter run.

Julia Lalain and Mikayla Lynch chipped in seven and six points, respectively, while Ireland Whalen added five for Novi.

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FRANKLIN ROAD 72, STOCKWELL

ACADEMY 24: Rachel Bause's 15 points and
seven rebounds propelled Novi Franklin Road

Christian (11-2) to a non-conference win Monday
over Brighton Charyl Stockwell Prep Academy (2-6),

Chanelle Lochrie and Danielle Fusco added 13 and
12 points, respectively, for the victorious Warriors,
who 41-17 at halftime and 62-20 after three

Franklin Road was 8-of-10 from the foul line, while Stockwell was 3-of-13.

FRANKLIN ROAD 43, LUTHERAN NORTH-

WEST 37: Novi Hanklin Road Christian (10-2, 3-1) overcame a six-point halftime deficit Friday to beat host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (4-8, 0-4) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue ivision game. Rachel Bause finished with 11 points and nine

rebounds to lead the Warriors, who outscored Northwest 28-16 in the second half. Danielle Fusco chipped in 10 points, while Daria Boboc added eight points and five rebounds for the Warriors, who went 11-of-16 from the foul line (68.7

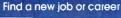
Kaily Grulke scored 11 points for Northwest, which made only 9-of-21 free throws (42.8 percent).

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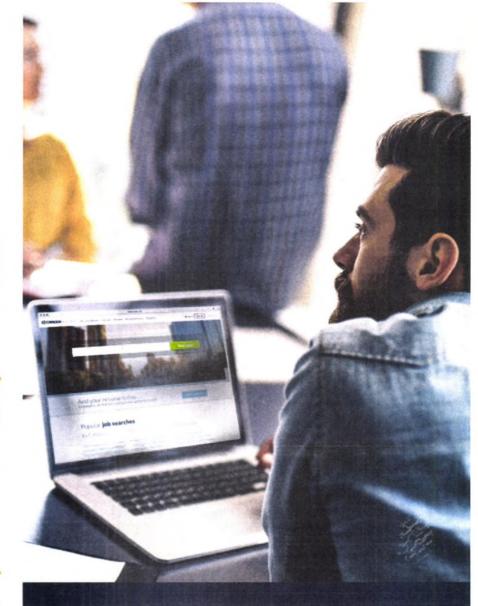
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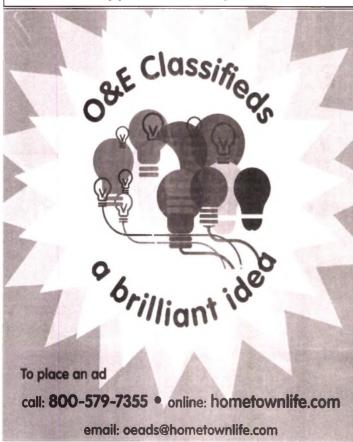
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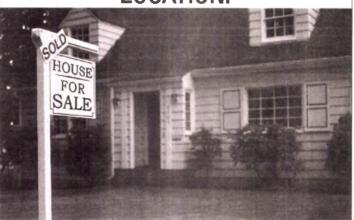
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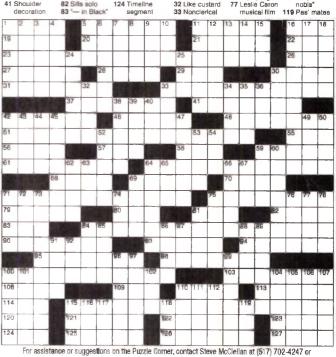
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