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## Input sought on Westland master plan

Meetings will discuss Historic Village Park, Norwayne

**LeAnne Rogers**  
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As Westland works on updating its master plan, two areas that will be focused on are Historic Village Park and Norwayne.

To get public input on those two plans, public meetings are set for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at the Grand Ballroom in city hall for the Historic Village Park, and at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality

Center for the Norwayne Plan.

"The mayor asked the planning commission to look at it (the Historic Village Park). There is no one guiding plan for the future and how to do things," Westland Planning/Building Director Bruce Thompson said. "Where do you put parking if it is needed? Where do you put another building?"



Thompson

With the plan focusing on the Historic Village Park, located on Wayne Road just south of Marquette, Thompson said the idea is to get agreement from the city council, the historic commission and planning commission on future plans for the park.

"Basically so everyone can be all the same page. The same is true for Norwayne," Thompson said.

In recent years, Westland has put a lot of focus on Norwayne, using various programs to deal with blighted and foreclosed property, clean-ups and redevelopment of a

closed elementary school as the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center. The city's Community Development Department relocated to the center, where a range of community services are provided and nonprofit agencies rent office space.

"There are so many doing so much for Norwayne — the city administration, the Norwayne Community Citizens Council, the Wayne-Ford Civic League, the nonprofits at Jefferson Barns," Thompson said. "We want to get ideas and come up with a plan that everyone can buy into."

The plan for Norwayne would look at all types of improvements such as adding trees and sidewalks, replacing utilities and deciding which houses need to be demolished and where new homes should go, he said.

"It's all based on the input we get. We do it together," Thompson said. "This is really the mayor's vision looking at the master plan. We need a more sustainable community. In Norwayne, that's why there has been so much cleanup."

A third smaller plan within

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## THE LONGEST SIX MINUTES



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Catholic Central's Brendin Yatooma (top) battles Novi's Lincoln Cleary in a match at 160 pounds. The two epitomize what many coaches and athletes will tell you: Marine boot camps have nothing on high school wrestling, which provides mental and physical challenges like no other sport. For more on the wrestling phenomenon, see page B1.

## Two experienced officers are joining Westland police force

Two veteran officers were sworn in recently as the newest members of the Westland Police Department.

Both Officer Kristopher Landis and Officer Shawn Davidson come to Westland after years of public service in other communities.

Landis graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and the Police Academy certification. He was a Farmington Hills police officer for 8 1/2 years. During that time, Landis received numerous unit citations, three lifesaving awards and was awarded the 2012 Police Officer of the Year. Landis has been trained in accident investigation and is also an evidence technician.

Having joined the U.S. Army as a Black Hawk Crew Chief straight out of high school, Davidson's first assignment was to the 159th Medevac Unit in Germany. He was de-



Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik (left), new officers Kristopher Landis, Shawn Davidson and Westland Mayor William Wild.

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ployed to Operation Desert Storm where he received the U.S. Air Force Medal for self-

less service in a combat theater. His next assignment was to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, where

he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal. Davidson was certified in repelling, com-

pleted Air Assault School and attained the rank of Sergeant.

Davidson was honorably discharged and returned to Michigan where he was hired by the Detroit Police Department and served for 20 years. During his time working for the Detroit Police Department, he was awarded three lifesaving awards, several meritorious awards, was nominated for the United States Medal of Valor and was the Officer of the Year in 2014. He is also trained in executive protection and is a defensive tactics instructor.

"Both of these officers are highly trained, highly skilled professionals," Westland Mayor William Wild said. "It is not often you have the opportunity to hire two former Officer of the Year winners. We are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to welcome these fine officers to the Westland Police Department."



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## ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

### Honors

#### Saginaw Valley State University

Erika Hatcher of Canton was named to the president's list for the fall 2016 semester.

Novi residents Arielle Bryant and Kevin Kargula were named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester.

#### University of Findlay

Emily Benedict of Livonia and Bei Li Martin of Canton were named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester.

#### University of New Hampshire

Sasha Cucuz of Plymouth has been named to the dean's list for earning honors for the fall 2016 semester. Cucuz is majoring in BusAdm:Finance.

#### Clemson University

Gabriella Katherine Carpenter of Canton has been named to the dean's list for the 2016 fall semester.

### Graduates

#### University of Central Missouri

Rajesh Yadav Bandaru of Farmington graduated with a master of science degree in December.

# Librarians can help patrons identify what's 'Fake News'

**Steve McGladdery**  
Guest Columnist

**D**uring last year's contentious presidential election, social media outlets were positively flooded with confusing and often contradictory news reports. Fake News has most certainly been around since long before the 2016 election, but the past few months serve as an example of how Fake News can go viral and influence the unsuspecting. For the purposes of this discussion, "Fake News" is any posted or printed article that is demonstrably false, regardless of opinion on the matter.

Librarians, particularly public librarians, are often asked why librarians are still needed when information can be accessed so readily and easily on the Internet. One reason among many is that access to so much information means nothing if the viewer is unable to tell fact from fabrication. Fortunately, librarians are trained to be experts in making that very distinction, and they can help you make it, too. It's a skill called "information literacy," which the American Library Association de-

finer as the ability to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information."

This is why Fake News is so much more than a political or election issue. It is information that is completely fictitious, misleading and often an outright falsehood meant to confuse and deceive. This epidemic of Fake News goes back at least as far as the so called "yellow journalism" of the 19th century, right up to the articles with sensational titles or "clickbait" of today. Here is where your library comes in.

By forming partnerships and establishing itself as a trustworthy cornerstone for community engagement, your library can be a safe environment for the free exchange of ideas, and the search for accuracy and truth. The next time you come across an iffy article, check in with the friendly librarians here to help you. The more librarians can pass on information literacy to the public at large, the closer we come to patrons of all ages becoming more reflective and critical consumers of

news and information.

#### Host event at library

If you've ever visited the library, you've probably seen the beautiful large meeting room near the entrance. For a small fee, you can rent that room to host your next event. Do you have a wedding or baby shower coming up? Do you need a space for a party or business-related event? Hold it here! Not only is there plenty of room, but our staff will even set up the room for you according to your wishes. It gets better — if you're a Wayne resident, you will receive a discount on the room rental fee. If your event is for a nonprofit organization, that's also a discount. If you're interested, stop by the library. Our staff is more than happy to show you the room.

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#### Friends of Library Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Wayne Public Library are now holding their used book sale all year round. It's held in the periodicals room on the way to the adult side of the library. The sale has huge amounts of fiction, nonfiction, paperbacks, and children's books. Prices range from 25 cents to one dollar, so stop in and find a bargain! Great for last minute gifts.

Steve McGladdery is the director of the Wayne Public Library.

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the overall master plan will be a non-motorized plan — effectively a plan looking at improving the city's walk-ability and bike-ability through walking paths, sidewalks and bike lane striping on roadways.

"Livonia did a separate ordinance but we decided to put it as part of the master plan. Basically, it is a guide just like the master plan so

we can incorporate this with development," Thompson said. "Bike paths and street striping will most likely be by the city. If there is private development, the master plan would say we'd like them to do it (install a sidewalk or bike path)."

The five-year update of the master plan is being done with planning consultants OHM and also a Master Plan Steering Committee, which has met several times to shape policies, goals and objectives for the update. The master plan serves

as a guide to the community's planning, zoning and development.

A public meeting is to be held on the overall master plan before the update is completed in late June. While the master plan is updated every five years, Thompson said due to budget issues, this is the first comprehensive update since 1997.

"It's also important because we had a census in 2010. We will have the demographics which are a basis for the master plan," Thompson said.

"We also have 2015 SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) projections. We will be truly up to date. It will give us the socioeconomic data."

A master plan website, westlandmasterplan2017.weebly.com, is active. All information related to the process, including upcoming meeting will be posted there.

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# Livonia Jaycees host home buying seminar

From 6:45-8:45 p.m. Thursday, March 9, the Livonia Jaycees will host part one of their Financial Literacy Series focusing on the home buying process. The event will be held at the Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

According to Christopher Crawford, committee chair for the Financial Literacy Series, the idea to hold a home buy-

ing seminar came from the fact that Livonia has a large population of new, inexperienced home buyers who need to know how to prepare and what to look for during this stressful process.

The Livonia Jaycees decided to use the professional skills and experience of their members to offer a free seminar to the Livonia community. Three members of the Livonia Jaycees will be

presenting home buying advice, mortgage loan options, tips for getting approved for a mortgage loan, down payment assistance options and how to prepare for the big move.

Grant Peterson has worked in the mortgage industry for five years, spending the last three-plus years as an assistant branch manager at Total Home Lending. As a mortgage expert, he will

present information on how attendees can select a loan program that best fits their needs, per a press release.

Erin McKenzie, head of the MI Home Team at Keller Williams, was recently named Hour Magazine's "Real Estate All-Star" list for the third consecutive year, as part of the top 5 percent of agents in metro Detroit. With knowledge and enthusiasm, Erin and her

team look forward to teaching attendees about #sellingthemitten, per a press release.

Gary Bulson, owner of Men on the Move, a locally owned and operated moving company since 1991, will offer attendees tips to help prepare them for the big move.

The Livonia Jaycees are a group of young professionals ages 21-39. As a state, national and

international organization, it offers personal and professional development opportunities, social and business networking, and the opportunity to create positive change and impact within our community.

For more information about the Jaycees or the Financial Literacy Series, contact Christopher Crawford at livoniajaycees@gmail.com.

## Stuff the truck at Gordon Chevrolet

Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City is teaming with other area metro Detroit Chevy dealers to support Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen through March 3. The dealership is encouraging people to come in and stuff the bed of a Silverado truck with everyday household items, such as personal supplies and laundry essentials. The Truckloads of Hope drive will directly benefit the Capuchin Services Center Shower Program, which gives homeless individuals essential, but often overlooked, elements of life, like bathing access and clean, laundered clothing.

Susan Ianni, Gordon Chevrolet's general manager, has been a supporter of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen over the years and is happy to once again make her dealership a collection site for the charity. "All of us Chevy dealers feel blessed to have really generous customers, neighbors and employees we know will come through for the needy families in metro Detroit. We can't wait for that American Silverado parade to head to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen with Truckloads of Hope!" Ianni said.

Gordon Chevrolet is



Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City asks for the public's help in stuffing the truck for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

asking the public to come down to the dealership at 31850 Ford Road in Garden City during regular business hours to drop off donations. The idea is to stuff a Silverado truck with items that will be delivered to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen at the end of the drive early next month. The charity

is asking for help to supply the following essentials for its Service Center guests: hand and bath towels, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, sheets (twin and full), laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet tissue, baby wipes, diapers and blankets (full and twin). As an extra incentive to donate, par-

ticipating dealerships will reward people who drop off items with a free car wash.

The family owned business offers sales and leasing of new and used vehicles, as well as financing, parts and services. Under the direction of Ianni, the award-winning dealership has built a solid reputation for sales excellence and superior customer service. In addition to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Gordon Chevrolet is also committed to a variety of community service projects and supports numerous charity organizations such as Make-A-Wish and The Brides Project.

The Capuchin Services Center assisted more than 175,000 Detroit neighbors last year and typically distributes 1,700 articles of clothing and 10,517 pounds of food each day. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Meldrum kitchen location has a shower program that offers homeless guests one shower per week, along with a fresh set of laundered clothing. About 100 individuals use the program each week.

For more information, go to [www.gordonchevrolet.com](http://www.gordonchevrolet.com) or call Sheri Barber at 734-427-6200.

### WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Car stolen

Wayne police were called Wednesday morning to 7-Eleven, 31403 Michigan Ave., on the report of a vehicle that had been stolen.

The victim, who works at the store, said he had come out and started his vehicle in the parking lot and left it unlocked with the keys in it. After leaving the car for 15 minutes, he came back to find it missing. Nothing valuable appeared to have been in the car. Later in the day, police in Detroit notified Wayne police they had found the missing vehicle on the east side of Detroit. The keys were with the vehicle and no damage was reported.

#### Paint thrown at home

A resident who lives in the 4800 block of Hunt filed a police report the morning of Feb. 18 to report some dam-

age done to the home.

The resident said his son heard an older vehicle drive down the street late the night before and heard something hit the house. When the victim woke up the next morning, he discovered there was blue paint on the home's door.

#### Suitcase taken

A resident who lives in the 3600 block of Mildred filed a police report the afternoon of Feb. 18 to report someone had taken her suitcase.

She said she was in the process of moving from Livonia to Wayne and had left a large black suitcase in the front yard as she was moving. She came back outside and found the suitcase missing. It contained clothing and some prescription medication.

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# Clarenceville students take to Lansing as legislators

Students from Clarenceville High School will leave their classrooms and travel to the State Capitol in Lansing to act as legislators at the YMCA Michigan Youth in Government conference Feb. 26 through March 1 and March 11-14. More than 1,100 students from nearly 70 high schools

will debate issues and propose legislation. YMCA MYIG is a year-long program for middle and high school students interested in government and leadership development. Leading up to the conference, students study the legislative process and research current public

policy. High school students can participate in legislative, political compromise or contemporary issues debates. Students can be elected to the representative, judicial and executive branches of government and can also work as lobbyists. "The conference gives

students a hands-on learning experience," said Lydia Mitchell, YMCA MYIG executive director. "YMCA MYIG works to create informed students who will become the leaders of tomorrow." MYIG students have helped create legislation that has been adopted

statewide, including the vertical driver licenses for those under 21 and the anti-bullying law signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2011. YMCA Michigan Youth in Government is a branch of the State YMCA of Michigan and is open to all middle and high school students

interested in government. Scholarships are available. The program began in 1948 and serves more than 2,000 students annually. Some of the program's alumni have gone on to careers in state government.

# Schoolcraft showcases donated plastic injection machine

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com

Having hands-on experience is something Schoolcraft College student Bryan Palmer knows is important. That's why a recent donation of a plastics injection molding machine to the Livonia college will make a difference when it comes to learning about the industry, especially for those working in plastics technology.

"Every person running the machine should know what it does," the Westland resident said. The college recently received the donation of the machine from International Automotive Components, a \$50,000 machine to be used by students to learn and craft parts made of plastic. The machine, which weighs 110 tons and is made by Krauss-Maffei, is able to melt the plastic needed and inject it into a mold for the part. The machine was shown during a demonstration Tuesday morning in the applied sciences building at the college's Livonia campus.

Mohammed Mogally, who works for Livonia-based NYX Inc., came to Schoolcraft to learn the plastics technologies after he was moved into that department. He said he picked up some knowledge on the job, but wanted to go to school to learn even more.

"They moved me to injection molding, where I didn't know about it,"



Mohammed Mogally explains the injection molding cycle to Ken Bennick of MME Engineering Solutions. At left is instructor Bryan Palmer. Student Blake Woolner looks at the injection molding press.



In the foreground, a bowl of glow-in-the-dark injection-molded plastic Schoolcraft keychains made by students. In the background, leaders of the local plastics industry.



Bryan Palmer examines a finished part for problems. Students Mohammed Mogally and Blake Woolner run the injection molding press.

stuff." He was one of several students molding parts with the machine Tuesday.

It's become a crucial part of the program, being used by students taking plastic materials and processing and plastics technology skills classes. Gene Keyes, manufacturing department head at Schoolcraft College, said the machine will give students in the plastics program an opportunity to try a hands-on approach to learning the skills, instead of just reading about them in a book.

"They get to see the manufacturing aspect of it," he said. "We're the ones that have to build the dials so, without us, they don't exist. It's good for the students to see, overall. This is the end result of what we do."

The machine was gifted to the school last year and was delivered

and installed this past summer. Other companies that have supported the program include Millicron; Productive Companies, Inc.; Rhe-Tech; and Society of Plastic Engineers Detroit section.

IAC, which has offices locally in Plymouth, Southfield and Troy, decided training its next round of employees was a worthy investment and moved forward with donating the machine to Schoolcraft College.

"We decided we'll get more out of it bringing it to this school," said Dave Ladd, executive director of marketing for the company. "Because selfishly, what we want is to put more students through the pipeline that we can hire at the end."

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the Dearborn resident said. "I learned from my

guys, the process engineers that we work with,

but at the same time, I have to learn the other

## LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

### Tire slashed

A resident in the 19400 block of Sunset came to the Livonia police station Tuesday to report her tire had been slashed.

She said she parked her car in front of her residence the night before. She came out the next day and found one

of her tires had been slashed. She called AAA to have her car towed and the repairs made. She said she did not see anything suspicious in the area.

### Retail fraud reported

Police were called Thursday afternoon to Walmart, 29555 Ply-

mouth, on the report of a retail fraud that had taken place.

An employee told police a suspect was seen removing a tag from a comforter, as well as several other items such as bath rugs. She was seen removing a UPC from other items and attaching them to others. She then alleged-

ly took the items to the checkout area, and paid for some using the switched UPCs, as well as not paying for several other items, such as microwaves. She tried to leave but was stopped, police said. Police arrested her and took her to the police station for processing.

### Hitch taken

Police were called Feb. 18 to the 14800 block of Sunbury on the report of a larceny from auto.

The victim said he parked the listed vehicle in the driveway the night before. He came out the next day and found his trailer hitch had been

taken off of his vehicle. No suspicious activity was seen, and the hitch was secured by a push button lock. No suspect information was available.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-01-04 (Rescheduled from January 10, 2017):** Laurel Park Retail Properties, LLC, 2030 Hamilton Place Blvd., Chattanooga, TN 37421, on behalf of Lessee Panera Bread, LLC, 6710 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117, seeking to construct a restaurant on commercial property located on the north side of Six Mile (37700) between Newburgh and I-275/I-96, resulting in deficient parking spaces. The parking required includes the existing Laurel Park Mall property and this proposed restaurant. Also, deficient is the parking width of nine (9) feet where ten (10) feet is required.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-01-05 (Rescheduled from January 10, 2017):** Laurel Park Retail Properties, LLC, 2030 Hamilton Place Blvd., Chattanooga, TN 37421, on behalf of Lessee Panera Bread, LLC, 6710 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117, seeking to erect three (3) wall signs and two (2) menu boards, upon property located on the north side of Six Mile (37700) between Newburgh and I-275/I-96, resulting in excess number of wall signs, menu boards, and menu board area.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-01-06 (Tabled on January 24, 2017):** Livonia Industrial Dev., LLC, 23179 Telegraph, Southfield, MI 48003, on behalf of Lessee, Lennox, 31659 Glendale, Livonia, MI 48150, seeking to erect a wall sign while maintaining an existing ground sign upon property located on the south side of Glendale (31659) between Merriman and Westmore, resulting in a wall sign not allowed. In this zoning district, only a wall or ground sign is permitted.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-01-08 (Tabled on January 24, 2017):** McDonalds Corp. 21/538, P.O. Box 1000, Birmingham, MI 48012, seeking to erect three (3) wall signs and a ground sign with electronic reader board upon property located on the south side of Ann Arbor Road (38015) between Ann Arbor Trail and West Chicago, resulting in excess amount of wall signs, ground sign height and area. An electronic board on a ground sign is not allowed because of the nonconforming signage being proposed.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-02-11:** Jeff and Vanessa Schembri, east side of Wayne Road (18100) between Curtis and Bennett, seeking to erect/construct a new single family dwelling with two (2) attached garages, resulting in excess number of garages and total garage area.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-03-13:** Michael Kohn, south side of West Chicago (27655) between Cardwell and Inkster, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an existing detached garage, resulting in excess garage area, height and excess number of garages. A non-conformity exists because the detached garage existing is located in the side yard, which is not allowed. All detached garages must be located in the rear yard.

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



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING MARCH 8 AT 7:00 P.M. ROTARY PARK UNIVERSAL PLAYGROUND

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will host a public meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8 at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, in the Conference Room. This meeting will allow discussion and comment regarding the Development of the Rotary Park Universal Playground.

The Rotary Park Universal Playground, the first of its kind in the City of Livonia, will be located at Rotary Park (Six Mile and Hubbard). "The playground is a much needed amenity to the thriving park system in Livonia. It will allow children, regardless of ability, a chance to get out and play," commented Ted Davis, Superintendent, Livonia Parks and Recreation.

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking grant funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the project. If you are unable to attend, yet would like to voice your support for the project please send an email to [parks@ci.livonia.mi.us](mailto:parks@ci.livonia.mi.us). For more information call (734) 466-2900.

### CITY OF GARDEN CITY BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all property owners of the City of Garden City that the Board of Review will meet in session on the following date and time to examine the assessment roll for the current year:

Tuesday March 7, 2017 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

**NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Wednesday only**

Monday March 13, 2017 9:00am-4:30pm

Tuesday March 14, 2017 9:00am-4:30pm

Wednesday March 15, 2017 1:00pm-9:00pm

**APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN.** Write-ins must be received by Wednesday March 15th.

Taxes are paid on **TAXABLE VALUE**, which is the lesser of the calculated Assessed and Capped value, unless there is a property transfer. The capped value is based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is 0.9% for 2017.

The 2017 Assessment Roll will be open for inspection March 8, 2017 and March 9, 2017 in the Assessment Office from 9:00a.m. To 5:00 p.m.

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# Several Livonia seniors scammed out of cash

**David Veselenak**  
hometownlife.com

Livonia police warn residents to be weary of callers asking for money after two senior residents were conned out of several thousand dollars in two separate scams.

The first scam reported was brought to the police's attention the afternoon of Feb. 18. An 83-year-old Livonia woman came in and said she had been scammed out of \$8,000 by someone claiming to be her

grandson. She said she received a phone call from an unknown number and believed the individual on the other side was her grandson.

The suspect told her he was in the hospital and with his attorney and needed money for legal fees after he had gotten into a car accident. The woman then wired \$8,000 in Target gift cards to the suspect, with the victim speaking to the suspect over the phone and reading the card numbers off the back.

She then called her grand-

son's cellphone the next day, who told her he was never in the hospital. She then later came into the police station to file a police report.

### Another incident

The second scam involved an 82-year-old Livonia man who came into the police station Monday morning. He told police he received a call in January from someone claiming he had won a lottery prize of \$500,000. The suspect told the man he needed to send

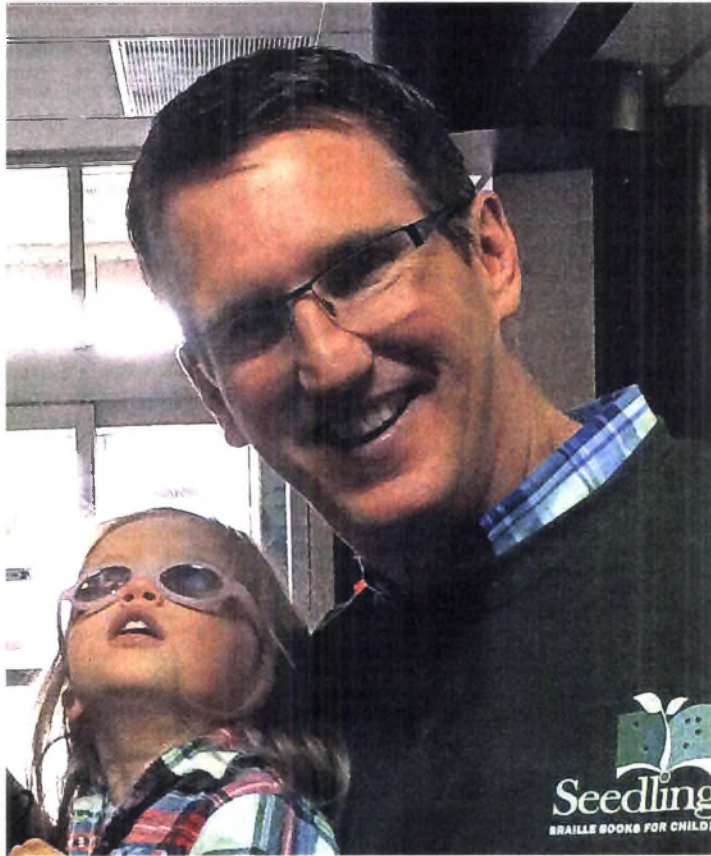
\$1,000 via Western Union to claim his prize. The victim was told by the suspect they would help him get out of paying the taxes on the winnings.

The man then went to Kroger and wired \$1,000 to an individual in the Philippines. He tried calling the suspect to ask about the prize, but was always hung up on when he called. He later went to Kroger to send more money, but was stopped by a cashier and a customer who informed him it appeared he had been scammed. They

told him not to send the money, and referred him to law enforcement.

The scam involving lottery has affected other area residents, including a Bloomfield Township woman who was conned out of \$200,000 over a several-year span by someone claiming she had won a lottery as well.

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Submitted  
Dave Rexroth, WXYZ TV Channel 7 chief meteorologist, will return as a celebrity bowler.



Bill Bresler | Staff Photographer  
Debra Bonde of Livonia started Seedlings Braille Books for Children in 1984.

## Seedlings supporters bowl to provide Braille books

For every 100 books a sighted child has, a blind child has just five. That is because Braille books are rare and expensive. How can a child learn to read without books?

Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia aims to raise \$50,000 for 5,000 Braille books for blind children at its 30th annual Bowling for Braille Books event March 11 at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.

You can help by making an online donation or signing up to bowl at [www.firstgiving.com/](http://www.firstgiving.com/)

seedlingsbraille. Every \$100 raised allows Seedlings to produce and distribute 10 Braille books. Every \$50 allows Seedlings to make and produce five books. Every \$10 allows Seedlings to make and produce one book.

"This is our biggest fundraiser of the year," Seedlings founder/director Debra Bonde said. "Every donation makes a difference in the life of a visually impaired child."

Braille literacy is key to a successful, independent life. According to

the National Federation of the Blind, blind adults fluent in Braille have an 80-percent chance of being employed compared to a 20-percent chance if they are not.

Seedlings gives nearly 50 percent of its books free to blind children all over the world. The other 50 percent are sold for an average price of only \$10 a book.

Seedlings expects a great turnout at its fundraiser, with Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright and city council President Kathleen McIntyre both

planning to attend. Dave Rexroth, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) chief meteorologist, who lost his left eye in a fireworks accident in 2014, will return as the event's celebrity bowler for the third year in a row.

Bowlers are encouraged to register by March 1 so lane assignments can be made. The minimum pledge amount of \$65 includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, T-shirt, goody bag, lunch and one free raffle ticket.

You may also attend the event just to bid on auction items donated by area businesses. There

will also be raffle drawings for many great prizes. Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for six.

Check-in on the day of the event starts at noon; bowling and auction bidding begin at 1 p.m. Merri-Bowl Lanes is at 30950 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Headlining sponsors are Alpha USA; Cole, Newton & Duran; Livonia Builders; MASCO, Plymouth Lions; State Farm - Ryan Wagner; and Vallassis.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children was founded in 1984 by Bonde, a Livonia resident, who wanted to make Braille books more

affordable for blind children. At the time, Braille books often cost more than \$100 each.

With money raised at its annual bowling event, grants and other donations, Seedlings is able to distribute high-quality children's literature to children in Michigan, the United States and in 75 countries at an average price of only \$10 per book. Also, Seedlings gives away 50 percent of its books for free. For more information, go to [www.seedlings.org](http://www.seedlings.org) or contact Karen Smith at 734-427-8552, ext. 301, or [Seedlink7@ameritech.net](mailto:Seedlink7@ameritech.net)

## UPS drivers recognized for accident-free driving

Four local UPS drivers are among 53 elite Michigan drivers who are among 1,575 newly inducted worldwide into the Circle of Honor, an honorary organization for the company's drivers who have achieved 25 or more years of accident-free driving.

Michigan boasts 308 active Circle of Honor drivers with a combined 8,631 years of accident-

free driving. Thomas Camp of Livonia is the state's senior-most safe driver, with 54 years of accident-free driving under his belt, ranking him the safest driver among UPS's 102,000 drivers. There are 2,463 total full-time UPS drivers in Michigan.

Those honored include: Michael Miencier and Gerard Beaubien of Livonia, Sean Day of

Canton and Jeffrey Leonard of Westland.

Globally, 9,349 active UPS drivers are members of the Circle of Honor. Collectively, they've racked up 266,554 years and nearly 14 billion safe miles during their careers. That's enough miles to travel to the moon and back almost 29,000 times.

"My thanks go to all of them for their dedication

and focus and for the countless lives they've saved," said Derick Craft, president, UPS Great Lakes District. "Their attention to detail has kept them safe and has helped improve public safety."

Globally, the most seasoned UPS Circle of Honor driver is Camp. Ronald McKnight of Bronx, N.Y., is next in line with 48 years of safe driving. Ninety-one others have logged at least 40 years without an acci-

dent. UPS's 102,000 drivers are among the safest on the roads, logging more than three billion miles a year and delivering nearly five billion packages annually.

**CITY OF LIVONIA  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

**Petition 2017-02-02-01 submitted by Hong Yin Xu** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 10.03(m) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to operate a massage establishment (Xu Massage) within the multi-tenant commercial center (Middlebelt-Norfolk Plaza) at 20337 Middlebelt Road, located on the northwest corner of Middlebelt Road and Norfolk Avenue in the Northeast ¼ of Section 2.

**Petition 2017-02-02-02 submitted by Wade Shows, Inc.** requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(l) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to conduct a carnival in the parking lot of Sears, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Livonia, consisting of amusement rides, games and food concessions from May 25, 2017, through June 4, 2017, inclusive, on property at 29500 Seven Mile Road, located on the northwest corner of Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt Road in the Southeast ¼ of Section 2.

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

**Ian Wilshaw, Chairman  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Published: February 26, 2017

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# Garden City Library announces spring lineup

The Garden City Public Library has announced a spring lineup of programs geared toward youth and teens.

March begins with a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, March 2. There will be games, crafts and a scavenger hunt centered around the whimsical children's author. From 6-7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, it will host Craft Night.

The library is also featuring its usual monthly programs: Lego Club (3:30-5 p.m. March 13), Afternoon Explorers (4-5 p.m. March 20) and the teen program Anime Club (6-7 p.m. March 20). As always, the programs require registration, which can be done at the library or by calling 734-793-1830.

The library's biggest program of the spring is



Stop by the Garden City Library to read with some Super Heroes.

set for 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 — He-

roes Read! To promote the importance of read-

ing, the library is getting real-life heroes to visit and read stories. There will be fun reading-themed crafts and other activities centered around heroes.

The library had big success with this program last year and announced that at least one of the special guests will be Anna from "Frozen." Registration will be required for this event.

The library will also kickoff the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. The goal of this nationwide program is to encourage reading to newborns, infants and toddlers and to encourage parent and child bonding through reading. Children receive a prize for every 100 books they read and a grand prize when they complete the program. Stop by the library to learn

more.

During spring break — April 3-6 — there will be a fun program at the library. The week will offer Lego Club from 3:30-5 p.m. On April 4 there will be a special Afternoon Explorers from 4-5 p.m. On April 5 there's a new teen program from 2:30-3:30 p.m., in which attendees will make Candy Sushi. On Thursday the library closes out the week with Boredom Buster from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to enjoy fun games with your family. The library will feature special giant board games, too. Register in advance for any program.

There are plenty of programs in May, too. On Thursday, May 4, the library will host a Percy Jackson Party to celebrate the release of the newest book in the

"Trials of Apollo" series. From 6-7 p.m. there will be Percy-themed games and crafts. On Thursday, May 11 the library will host a Pajama Storytime from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to wear PJs and bring a stuffed animal buddy for stories and crafts. The library will host an Origami Yoda craft night from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Advanced registration is required for these events.

The Garden City Public Library is available to answer inquiries during normal business hours in person or over the phone 734-793-1830. When visiting, enter the Balmoral side of Maplewood Center, 31735 Maplewood St., Garden City. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

## WAYNE LIBRARY CALENDAR

The Wayne Public Library is at 3737 S Wayne Road, Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7832. All programs are at the library unless otherwise designated.

### Yamasaki with John Gallagher

Best known for the World Trade Center in New York City, Japanese American architect Minoru Yamasaki (1912-1986) worked to create

moments of surprise, serenity and delight in distinctive buildings around the world.

In his adopted home of Detroit, Yamasaki produced many important designs that range from public buildings to offices and private residences.

In "Yamasaki in Detroit: A Search for Serenity," author John Gallagher presents both a biography of Yamasaki and surveys select pro-

jects spanning from the late 1940s to the end of Yamasaki's life.

Gallagher is a veteran journalist and author whose book "Reimagining Detroit: Opportunities for Redefining an American City," was named by the Huffington Post as among the best social and political books of 2010.

His most recent book prior to Yamasaki in Detroit was Revolution Detroit: Strategies for Urban Reinvention. He was born in New York City and joined the Detroit Free Press in 1987 to cover urban and economic redevelopment efforts in Detroit and Michigan, a post he still holds. His other books include "Great Architecture of Michigan" and, as co-author, "AIA Detroit: The American Institute of Architects Guide to Detroit Architecture." To register for this free

program, call the adult reference desk at 734-721-7832, ext. 630.

The talk is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14.

### Wayne Metro Tax Assistance

Wayne Metropolitan is offering free tax assistance for households with annual income of \$54,000 or less. You'll need your social security card as well as cards for any claimed dependents, valid picture ID, spouse (if filing jointly), routing and account numbers for direct deposit, a copy of last year's tax returns, and an identity-theft pin number.

Visit the Wayne Public Library for more information.

Call 734-284-6999 or 313-388-9799 for an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are served first. Assistance is offered 1-6 p.m. March 15 and March

22.

### 'The Last Hobo' with Dan Grajek

In the summer of 1979, 19-year-old Ted acts out his dream of being a hobo by hitchhiking (and hopping a train) across the U.S. Ted's fantasy-fueled trip often collides with reality. The results are hilarious, nerve-racking and inspiring.

Based on a true story, "The Last Hobo" is a colorful portrait of America and its people during the dramatic transition from the 1970s to the 1980s. An older-and-wiser Ted narrates the tale with a unique perspective: He's from Detroit, the icon of America's highest dreams and its worst nightmares.

To register for this free program, call the adult reference desk at 734-721-7832, ext. 630. The event is at 6:30 p.m. April 11.

### Into No Man's Land: A Historical Memoir with Irene Miller

Irene Miller, a Holocaust survivor, will take you on a survival journey little written and known about. You will sleep in the winter under an open sky on the no man's land; you will freeze in a Siberian labor camp where the bears come to your door front. In Uzbekistan, you will live on boiled grass or broiled onions, and shiver with malaria. You will spend years in orphanages. When this is over you will wonder how a child with this background grows up to become a positive, creative, accomplished woman with a joy of living and love to share. To register for this free program, call the adult reference desk at 734-721-7832, ext. 630. The program is at 6:30 p.m. May 3.

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# HEART-SHAPED GLASSES SHOW LOVE

Tara Ijai gets suspicious looks but chooses to see things in a positive light

**KARINA BLAND**  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who is making a difference to unite, rather than divide, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit [oneration.usatoday.com](http://oneration.usatoday.com).

Tara Ijai was 28 when she converted to Islam and chose to wear a hijab, a head covering worn by Muslim women.

Two months later, on Sept. 11, 2001, her faith made her a target.

Ijai's father called her in Arizona and asked her not to wear her hijab. He was afraid someone might hurt her.

But Ijai told him, "I chose this. I believe in this."

Fourteen years later, she walked into a restaurant in Los Angeles. She was there with her mother and sister for a shopping weekend. A television was tuned to the news, about the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California.

Ijai, wearing her hijab, could feel people looking at her.

"Are they afraid of me?" she thought.

Later, Ijai called her brother, Brad Boulrice, in Texas.

When they hung up, Ijai's phone buzzed. Boulrice had sent her a picture of a guinea pig wearing heart-shaped glasses, with a caption: "I can't see all the haters with my love glasses on."

Ijai bought herself a pair of heart-shaped sunglasses.

When people complimented her glasses, she explained them:

"These are my love glasses. I choose to see the world with love." She bought more and gave them away, ordered more and sold some so she could buy still more.

She called her Facebook page and website "Love Glasses Revolution." She sells heart-shaped glasses and donates a portion of the proceeds to nonprofit groups.

Last Halloween, Ijai was in the parking lot of a grocery store in Scottsdale when a car slowed down. A man leaned



Tara Ijai is a Muslim woman who started wearing heart-shaped glasses as a way of reminding herself to see the love, not the hate.

out of the open window. "Hey!" he yelled at her. "Nice costume." When she didn't respond, he pulled closer and yelled again. "Hey, nice costume!" Ijai looked at him through her heart-shaped glasses. "Hey, thanks!" she said, and then held up one hand in a peace sign. Because she can't see the haters with her love glasses on.

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**Tara Ijai**

**Location:** Phoenix  
**Age:** 43  
**Profession:** Founder, Love Glasses Revolution; mother of two  
**Mission:** To encourage people to see the world with love  
**More info:** [www.loveglassesrevolution.com](http://www.loveglassesrevolution.com)

**Q&A WITH TARA IJAI**

**What does it mean to you to be an American?**  
"It's what makes me me. It's what makes it OK to be me. You can be you. I can be me. We can all be American."

**What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?**  
She pushed on her first pair of heart-shaped glasses. "I realized I had a choice. I had a choice how I wanted to show up in the world. And I had a choice of how I wanted to see the world. I would see the world with love." After that, it wasn't one single moment but countless interactions with people after she began wearing her heart-shaped glasses that prompted her to launch Love Glasses Revolution. People wanted to do something. Ijai has revealed in the stories and pictures people who bought glasses sent to her. They sign up to be love advocates and advocate for equality. "We decided love is just bigger," Ijai said.

**What gives you hope?**  
How many people ask, "How can I see things differently? How can I get involved?" How many people are wearing love glasses? "All of a sudden people were in Ireland wearing love glasses, in Australia, Canada, all over. We have a team of doctors in Colorado who were wearing love glasses after a woman's hip surgery." People of all races, of all religions. And how when she shows up at marches and demonstrations with a 12-foot banner that says, "Love for all," people flock to it and push them to the front of the group. At an immigration march in Tempe, instead of "Down with Trump," they chanted, "Love for all." "That's the thing that makes me so excited, that we can actually change the message," Ijai said. "We can make a difference."

**What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?**  
She hopes people will focus on what makes us the same instead of our differences. So she will keep showing up, wearing her hijab. "I know it changes the narrative. They want me to be scary. They want me to be foreign. They want me to be different," she said. "I'm just going to keep showing up in love."

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# Garden City welcomes Mandalay Bistro

Mandalay Bistro has been open for almost one week — in the former Leather Bottle location — but Garden City welcomed the new restaurant on Warren Road with a grand opening Feb. 17.

The Garden City Business Alliance participates with Mayor Randy Walker, State Sen. David Knezek, Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson, Councilwomen Pam King and Pat Squires, Councilman Jim Kerwin and several business alliance members.

The owners are Mike Hariri and Nafeh Bazzi, who remodeled the former restaurant space. "The food was incredible and they were very welcoming. We wish them the best of luck, and thank them for choosing Garden City," according to business alliance members.

Mandalay Bistro specializes in Middle Eastern cuisine.



Garden City Mayor Randy Walker is joined by Business Alliance members to welcome Mandalay Bistro.

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Garden City Mayor Randy Walker with Mandalay Bistro owners Mike Hariri and Nafeh Bazzi.

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Garden City officials and Business Alliance members celebrate the opening of Mandalay Bistro.

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## Retail sales don't celebrate Presidents' Day

You may have noticed that we recently "celebrated" Presidents' Day — not because of brilliant and enthusiastic educational, social and cultural commemorations that you participated in, but because the newspaper and TV was riddled with Presidents' Day advertisements for furniture, cars, department stores and the like. We were supposed to celebrate with great vigor the accomplishments of all of our presidents, like Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Warren Harding and Benjamin Harrison. Yippee!

The holiday was intended to commemorate the singular, historic accomplishments of George Washington. Feb. 22 (not the third Monday of February) is Washington's true birthday. After he was given to the ages, the country began to celebrate his birthday as an unofficial holiday. In 1879, Feb. 22 became an official federal holiday.

That Washington should receive special recognition was once a self-evident truth. He played a leading role in the skirmish that set off the French and Indian War. That war led to enormous debt for the British Empire, which led to the British imposing taxation without representation. The British policy was a leading spark to the American Revolution. Washington



then led the Continental Army against the British. Through a series of amazing logistical and strategic actions, he wore down the finest military on the planet and gained independence for America. In a masterstroke, he retired from public service. Anxious to return home to Mt. Vernon, he allowed the seed of freedom to sprout.

Several years later, he was called back to service to preside over the Constitutional Convention. His presence was indispensable to its success and the ratification of the Constitution. Not content to let Washington leave the field again, he was the only person unanimously elected (twice) as president. As the first president, he created many of the traditions and initiated many policies that dominate even today. He refused the major trappings of royalty and understood his role as a president of a republic. After his second term, he voluntarily retired. This act of relinquishing power was unparalleled in modern history. His nemesis, King George III, then declared him the "greatest character of the age." For once, the

king was right. There was a time when Washington's accomplishments were recognized each year. Now we are lucky if we learn about them in third grade or high school. Although there are many reasons for this denigration, it was all but assured by the ruining of his holiday. Prodded by commercial and labor interests, President Richard Nixon issued an executive order setting Washington's birthday as the third Monday in February. (One must wonder about the separation of powers issue presented by this order, but that is for another article.) Soon, businesses and the popular culture transformed the day to Presidents' Day. Technically, the federal holiday remains Washington's — but realistically, it celebrates nothing.

The gutting of the holiday has consequences. Like a religious liturgical calendar — which renews the faith of followers — America needs a civic calendar. This calendar should make us pause in the hustle and bustle of the day to give thanks and remembrance for our blessings. We still have the calendar (Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Veterans Day), but it has become so cheapened by money and three-day weekends that it is

*There was a time when Washington's accomplishments were recognized each year. Now we are lucky if we learn about them in third grade or high school.*

worthless. In his first inaugural address, Washington explained that "the preservation of the sacred fire of liberty and the destiny of the republican model of government are justly considered, perhaps, as deeply, as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people." As the heirs of that experiment, we must maintain that sacred fire

of liberty. Accordingly, we should discard the pretense of Presidents' Day and renew Washington's birthday. Washington's importance is why he holds a prominent position in Patriot Week, co-founded by me and my then-10-year-old daughter Leah. Patriot Week is renewing our civic calendar by celebrating the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other patri-

ots, vital documents and speeches and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history. Anchored by the key dates of Sept. 11 and Sept. 17 (Constitution Day), Patriot Week renews America's spirit and has captures the imagination and support of citizens across the nation.

Let us answer the challenge of freedom by vigorously celebrating Washington's birthday and Patriot Week.

Michael Warren is an Oakland County Circuit Court judge, co-founder of Patriot Week (PatriotWeek.org) and author of "America's Survival Guide" (AmericasSurvivalGuide.com).

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### ELLIS

**PATRICIA ANNE** Age 76, of Troy, Michigan, passed away on February 8th, 2017 from pneumonia after a six month battle with brain cancer. Patricia was born on August 29th, 1940, the daughter of Justin and Inga Cullen. She graduated from Troy High School, then went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in English from Wayne State University. Patricia is survived by her two daughters—Jill (Sean) Durocher of Sterling Heights and Robyn (Jacob) Brandenburg of Berkley. Her sister Alice (David) Case of Troy, her nephew Daniel (Sandy) Case of Rochester, her niece Sarah Case of Livonia, her grandchildren Abraham and Otto Brandenburg, and her great-niece Madison Case. A memorial service will be held in the spring at her home to celebrate her life. Patricia had retired from her career in Medical Transcription. She was a devoted grandmother and an avid crossword puzzle fan. Patricia was preceded in death by both of her parents—Justin and Inga Cullen, and her brother Michael Cullen.

### GONZALEZ

**RAFAEL MANUEL, MD** January 2, 2017, Age 85. Former resident of Birmingham, MI and longtime child psychiatrist practicing in metro Detroit. Devoted husband of the late Joan (nee O'Neill) and Elizabeth (nee Mollicone). Proud father of Ellen Potter (Ross), Mary Scher (Adam), Rafael Jr. (Janet), Maria Olson (David), Juan Carlos (Julia), Alex (Jenny), and stepfather of Eric Stillman. Devoted grandfather to Matthew, Kaitlin, Maria, Robert, Maxwell, Claire, and Emily. Brother of Juan Manuel and the late Olga Margarita. Dear Uncle to an extended family of nephews and nieces. Memorial Mass Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 12 Noon at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon St., Birmingham, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boys Republic "Dr. Rafael Gonzalez Scholarship Fund" in Chino, California or the "Dr. G Memorial Educational Scholarship Fund" at St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Detroit, Michigan or www.svscenter.org. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-362-2500.

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### SEREY

**CHARLES EUGENE** Age 92, February 21, 2017. Beloved husband of Dorothy for 66 years. Loving father of Greg (Barbara), Becky (Tom) Bertha, Joel and Mary Beth (Don) Johnson. Dear grandfather of Andy, Ryan (Lauren), Jessica (Matt), Kristin (Kevin), Jeremy, Alexa, Cole and Evan. Great grandfather of Mya, Luke, Abby, Melody and Ione. A Funeral Service was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 11 a.m. A visitation was held on Friday from 3 - 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to D.A.V. Please share a memory of Charles at [www.rggharris.com](http://www.rggharris.com).

## Elderly woman reportedly conned out of \$200,000

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She thought she had won \$5 million and a shiny new Mercedes-Benz.

Instead, an elderly Bloomfield Township woman found herself swindled out of more than \$200,000 in an elaborate con that went on for more than two years.

"The victim didn't tell family members until recently because she was embarrassed," Bloomfield Township Detective Sgt. John Weise said.

The scam unfolded in

October 2014, shortly after the death of the woman's husband, when she received notification that she had won the cash and luxury car from "The National Lottery."

Over the next two years, she was put in contact with a variety of people claiming to be from the IRS and other organizations. Each time she was convinced she needed to send checks to various people and locations around the country in order to receive her winnings.

Although she didn't receive a single dime,

police say she was convinced to write more than 30 checks totaling approximately \$200,000. A preliminary investigation reveals the money was likely sent to Jamaica.

While there's little chance of recovering the cash, Weise said the woman's family decided to go public this month as a warning to others so they won't fall victim to similar schemes.

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PREP WRESTLING

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Nothing tests prep athletes from physical and mental standpoint the way wrestling does



Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza shows no mercy in the practice room. Nothing is taken for granted whenever he is on the mat. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Canton High School alum Alec Pantaleo (left), shown during a 2016 Team USA practice gearing up for the an international tournament, echoes others who consider wrestling to be the toughest grind for any prep athlete. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tim Smith  
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Marine boot camps have nothing on high school wrestling. Take it from Livonia Franklin's David Chiola, a guy who has wrestled and coached the sport most of his life. Six minutes on the mat during a match prove beyond a doubt that wrestling is the toughest challenge — both mentally and physically — for high school athletes to contend with. "There is nothing tougher to do in high school," said Chiola, who wrestled at now-closed Redford Bishop Borgess and is a longtime coach with the Patriots. "And I challenge anyone to think something is tougher. Anyone that thinks other sports are, all you have to do is find someone who does both sports and ask them. "I don't care if it's football, lacrosse, swimming. There's nothing tougher."

**Can't cut it**

With a knowing nod, Chiola bottom-lined it about just how tough it is.

"I've had more than a dozen kids that have gone off to Marine boot camp come back and say wrestling was tougher," Chiola said. "And that's coming from guys that are adults now."

Football players might think they can handle joining the wrestling team. But then they find out practice begins with a two-mile run and opt out.

"The funny thing is, we start our practice running two miles," Chiola said. "And I have so many kids that go, 'I could never wrestle, you guys run two miles.' I'm like, that's the easiest thing we do the entire practice. The entire practice ... and we have kids that won't join because of it."

They are doing all that "on maybe a granola bar and a sandwich. They didn't get to eat a full breakfast or full dinner."

Don't forget actual wrestling, followed by agonizing sprints.

"Even if you were going to make everything even (with other sports), like our 2½-hour practice, these guys will go home tonight, weigh their food,

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## Rockets' Mars shoots for the stars

His deception, cool exterior make it tough for opponents

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

When Mikey Mars gets on the mat for Westland John Glenn, he's cool on the outside, but fiercely competitive on the inside.

The trick is not overdoing any move in his wrestling tool box or giving opponents too much of a peek.

"I'm probably a defensive wrestler right now, but I'm trying to work toward being more of an aggressive wrestler," said Mars, who has racked up 31 wins in a row to improve to 53-2 on the season entering the Division 1 individual state finals March 2-4 at The Palace of Auburn Hills. "I like sitting back waiting

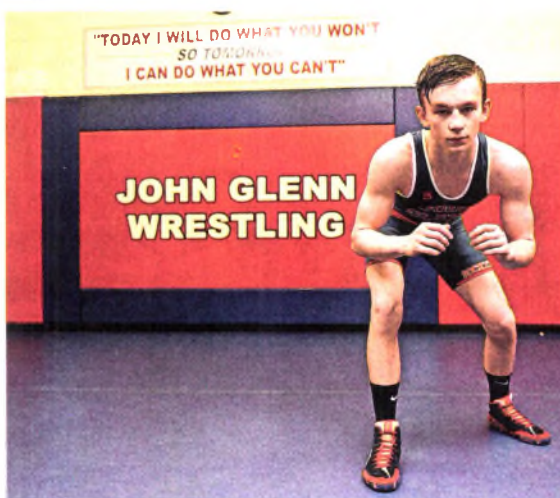
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for them to make their move and I react to that. It's just how I've always wrestled and I've gotten really good at it.

"I wouldn't recommend this style of wrestling, I'd rather be aggressive, but it works for me."

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John Glenn's Mikey Mars displays his stance, which opponents will see at the state finals.

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PREP WRESTLING

# Patriots' Atienza always a step ahead

With eye on another championship, Franklin senior tirelessly works to add to arsenal

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Not every high school wrestler has a move named after him but, then again, there aren't too many like Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza.

He is affable. He is unflappable. He is unstoppable.

Consider that the 17-year-old went undefeated as a junior in 2015-16, going 57-0 and ultimately capturing the individual state championship at 145 pounds.

What has Atienza done for an encore in his senior year with the Patriots? After moving up the ladder to the 152-pound weight class he *did* lose a match — in the final bout of the Wayne County Championships in December.

That remains the lone blemish on his record as he takes a 54-1 mark into the Division 1 individual state finals March 2-4 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

And Atienza hasn't forgotten that loss or the sick feeling in his stomach that came with it.

"Last year, I was an undefeated state champion, so I know I got to hold myself to that standard," Atienza said during a recent practice. "It definitely lit a fire underneath me. I came into the season a little more lazy, more nonchalant about it all. Just comfy, not working as hard as I should have been.

"After I lost, it made me realize I needed to push myself again, start doing the right things so I don't have to feel like that ever again."

Longtime Franklin coach David Chiola wishes he could get the recipe to what drives Atienza — for that, matter any Atienza. Older brother Jordan Atienza was a Franklin state champion who now is enjoying success at Central Michigan University.

Chiola could then take the Atienza mix of physical talent, inner drive, work ethic and disdain for defeat and serve it up every season to the next batch of Patriots.

"I don't think anybody in this room, possibly including me, knows what he does in the off-season," Chiola said. "He basically makes it a 12-month-a-year sport. He goes to tournaments all over the country, he trains with different people, different places with different coaches. And once the match starts, he's total confidence. He's in control of a match from start to finish. He just knows what he's going to do.

"And he's got such a wide variety of moves that the opponent can never scout him."

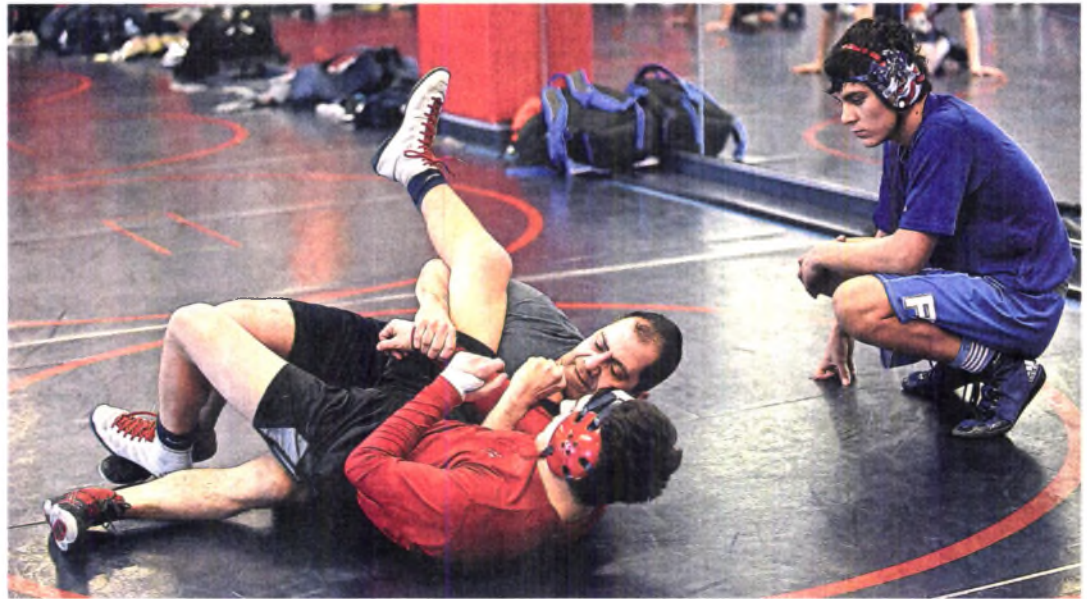
**Always in control**

Chiola said other wrestler's might have a go-to move, such as the "fireman carry" take-down.

So the game plan when going up against such an opponent is clear — avoid getting into a situation where that move comes into play.

"Don't get fireman and you'll be good," Chiola said about that scenario. "But (with Atienza), there's no way you can scout against him, he's got so many moves he can hit.

"And he's so good on the mat, you've got all-state wrestlers that are afraid to go on the mat with him and go down. They'll stay on their feet, but he's really



Nathan Atienza (right) observes as Livonia Franklin coach David Chiola gives a demonstration to sophomore Marino DiPonio.

good on his feet now. His first couple years, he wasn't as dominant on his feet as he is now. Now he's so good on his feet ... there's no position where he's not in control of the match."

Because Atienza has the mind of a computer to go along with his strong, powerful and nimble body, he is thinking a move or two ahead of the other guy.

"One of the reason's Nathan is so good is he uses his mind the entire time. He's like a coach out there," Chiola said. "Fact is, when we sit in his corner, we don't coach him as much as just watch for little things to help him or look for rule violations to point out to the ref. He knows what he's doing the whole time.

"Some kids need more help. He's pretty polished right now. He's got over 200 wins under his belt and only a handful of losses."

**Atienza's trademark**

Atienza, already signed to wrestle at Michigan State University, brings a 215-15 career record into the individual finals.

Of course, the X-factor in Atienza matches might be something they call "The Nathan" around Franklin.

"He knows enough moves and he's good at showing them," Chiola said. "Nathan, he has a couple moves we actually named after him because he hits them so often.

"One is just called 'The Nathan,' where he does that wing-half, where it's just so tight. He's pinned kids at the state tournament with it. We just called it after him. When we're showing it, he shows it. We don't show it, because he knows it better than us."

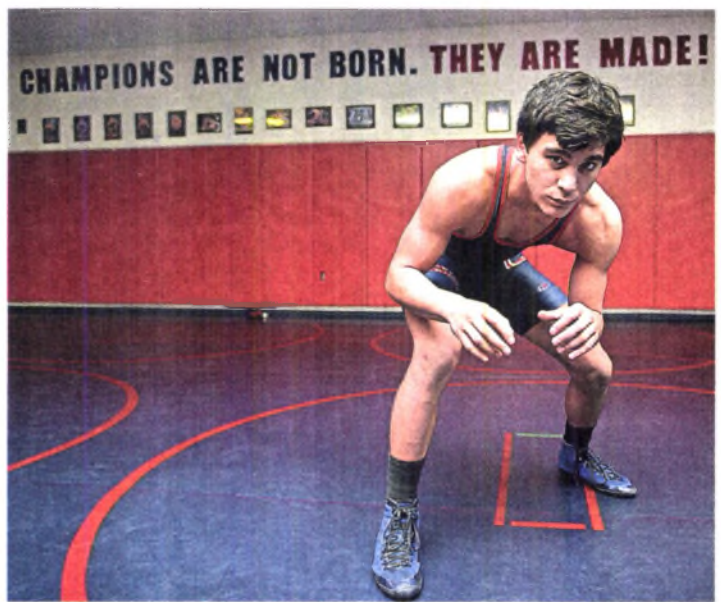
Atienza chuckled when asked about that move.

"It's a chicken wing. You get a chicken wing on one side and usually you jump over to the other side and you put in a half," he said. "Whichever side he starts leaning against, then you jump to the other side and pin with it.

"It's a top-wrestling move. It's my favorite move on top and (I'm) kind of notorious for it. I hit it on just about anybody."

**Brother act**

Chances are, he learned the move from his wrestling family, maybe from



Livonia Franklin senior wrestler Nathan Atienza is going for a second straight individual title.

Jordan (a 2014 Franklin graduate who went 223-19 in his prep career) or his dad, Armand Atienza.

According to Atienza, the day he walked into the Franklin wrestling room as a ninth-grader, he knew he had a family tradition to follow. All he had to do was look around the room for a reminder, because Jordan was a senior that year.

"I knew I had a lot of people looking at me when I was coming in here," Atienza said. "So it helped me focus myself and made me realize I needed to do the right things and work hard, all these other things so I could uphold my family name and make a name for myself."

Chiola, meanwhile, said it has been an honor to coach both of the Atienza brothers. Yet both brought distinct personalities and leadership approaches to the team.

"That's who he looked up to the most and probably still does," Chiola said.

"And Jordan even comes in sometimes. When he's home (from CMU), we'll have him run a practice. You can see the same admiration when he goes up to him.

"They were both captains; they were different kinds of captains. Jordan was more of a dictator and didn't care if anybody liked him. Nathan likes to be friends with the guys, so he doesn't bark out the orders as much. They're different in that respect, but they're both good captains in their own way."

Nathan Atienza makes sure to tell his teammates to train, sharpen all aspects of their game, get as fit and confident as possible — and try to have some fun while they're at it.

That's sometimes not an easy pitch to make.

And he has the most fun standing on the top step of The Palace podium.

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## MARS

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Yes, it does. After winning state titles in 2015 at 103 pounds and last year at 112, Mars is setting his sights on getting to the top of The Palace podium in the 119-pound weight class.

At the Saline-hosted D1 individual regional, Mars ensured his third trip to the finals with a hard-fought pin in 5:14 against Ann Arbor Pioneer's Rayvon Foley, who entered the regional championship match-up with just two losses in 52 bouts.

**No worries**

"He's an easy kid to coach," John Glenn coach Bill Polk said about Mars. "He works hard, he does a lot in the off-season. You don't have to ride him about doing what he's supposed to be doing to become a good wrestler because he knows all that.

"He's very self-motivated, he never misses practice. There's some things every wrestler has to work on. There's some things that we're working on with Mike that he's being a little stubborn about — which, that's just wrestling. Everybody's got to overcome some things. Nobody's perfect.

"But as far as (that), I wish I could clone him. You can't ask for a kid to work harder, take it serious and be motivated, be there every day and be a leader in almost every fashion."

Mars also is enough of a student of the sport to know he might need to tweak some parts of his approach. He already is a 10-year wrestling veteran, having begun at a young age with the John Glenn Bottle Rockets youth program.

"I want to change as an individual,



Cranking up the intensity during a John Glenn practice are Mikey Mars (right) and Isaac Lefler.

because I know I need to be more aggressive on my feet if I really want to win and keep winning," Mars said earlier in the season.

Imagine what opponents might think if a wrestler with two state championships under his belt and another season left with the Rockets employs new moves or cranks up his level of aggressiveness.

Yet Polk knows it's tougher to hit a moving target. So he suggests to Mars that he add to his arsenal.

"I would never try to change his style in a lot of ways, because he wins, obviously," Polk said. "He's a two-time

state champ. But with that, there's a target on your head and people are starting to close the gap.

"So he's got to keep changing and keep evolving as a wrestler and the way he's going to do that is offensively. If he keeps adding, he's going to keep winning state titles."

**Always on go**

Meanwhile, Mars said his year-long training regimen is only part of the equation when it comes to success.

Being part of a strong high school team with other championship contenders is invaluable, for the peer pressure

**PALACE-BOUND**

**OTHER AREA QUALIFIERS:** Russ Rusnell (Franklin, 103); Kyle Borthwell (John Glenn, 112); Mikey Mars (John Glenn, 119); Isaac Lefler (John Glenn, 125); Christian Zimmerman (Luth. West., 125); Nick Daniels (Wayne, 130); Joseph Sanchez (C'ville, 130); Larry Elliott (RU, 130); Anthony Gibson (John Glenn, 135); Tarik Alcodray (Stevenson, 140); Andy Faith (Luth. West., 140); John Siemasz (John Glenn, 145); Kenny Vadnais (RU, 145); Nathan Atienza (Franklin, 152); Bruce Haslitt (Salem, 152); David Means (C'ville, 171); Lionel Cornish (John Glenn, 189); JaWuan Peete (John Glenn, 215); Emmanuel Willie (Franklin, 215); Nick Glinn (Luth. West., 215); Brandon Carreathers (John Glenn, 285); Anthony Calloway (Wayne, 285).

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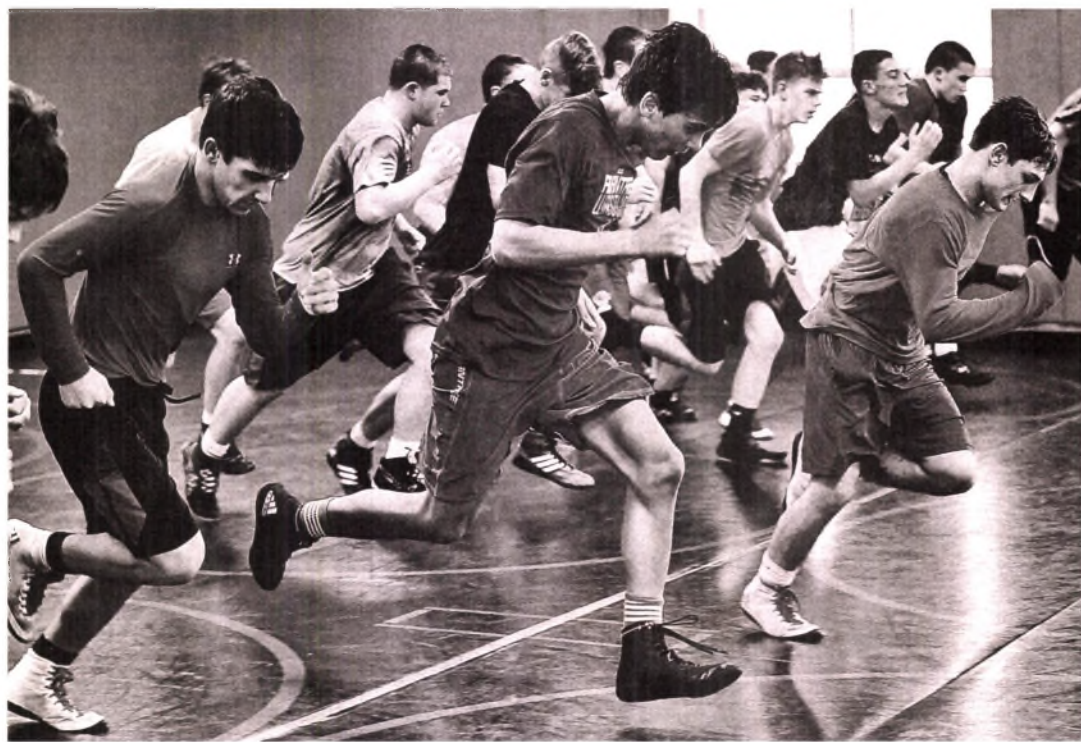
"It definitely helps. Everybody's working as hard as they can," Mars said. "We push, everyone wants to be the best on the team. If we do sprints, everybody wants to be No. 1, so we all push each other."

Team camaraderie also is something that has made Mars continue to grow as a wrestler and as a person as his brilliant career keeps evolving.

"It definitely helps that we push each other and, every day we know we can rely on each other," said Mars, who will have seven John Glenn teammates traveling to The Palace with him — including individual regional champions JaWuan Peete (215) and Anthony Gibson (135).

Chances are, some of Mars' attitude has been rubbing off on them. All he cares about is wrestling and winning and he doesn't worry about things he can't control.

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High school wrestlers find out there's much more to the sport than they might have envisioned. Here, Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza leads teammates during practice sprints.

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## WRESTLING

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go out and run extra to lose whatever they ate," Chiola said. "The whole weight-cutting thing, they'll come to my room tomorrow morning to check their weight.

"So it's a 24-hour thing. You can't wake up in the middle of the night and say, 'Hey, I'm thirsty, I think I'll have a glass of water.' No, you can't have a glass of water. You already had your water allotment for the day. It's a lot of mental toughness."

The assertion that nothing tops the six minutes of a wrestling match in athletic difficulty is argued somewhat by Salem senior all-state distance swimmer Phillip Collingwood.

"Full respect to wrestlers, because they are able to take physical punishment, give it out, outsmart your opponent," said Collingwood, one of the area's top 500-yard freestylers. "I think that's where swimming has that different aspect. Which is, there's no way to outstrategize.

"Whoever works the hardest, whoever hurts the most, wins in swimming. In wrestling, you could know a better technique or have a better move or be able to execute something."

### Ultimate grind

Of course, there is the physical battle each prep wrestler faces in every practice, as well as under the spotlight in matches — which for elite-level wrestlers such as Franklin senior Nathan Atienza and Westland John Glenn junior Mikey Mars, will escalate until the Division 1 individual state finals March 2-4 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

"It's the hardest six minutes out there," said Atienza, who went undefeated in 2015-16 and entered individual regionals with just one loss this season. "It's just you out there against your opponent and you're pushing yourselves to the absolute limit.

"There's no breaks, just two kids, two warriors really, just going at it for six minutes as hard as they can, trying to better themselves and try to be better than the other kid."

Mars, a two-time individual champion for the Rockets, said being mentally strong is the key ingredient to wrestling success.

"Mental toughness, just being strong-minded and iron-willed, that's the most important thing," Mars said. "Because then you can always push yourself past your breaking point."

Former Canton all-stater and University of Michigan wrestler Alec Pantaleo described wrestling as a "discipline" more than a sport.

"The thing with wrestling, you can look at basketball, you can look at football," Pantaleo said. "It's like, when you're not playing well, when you're doing as great as you should be, you can be pulled off to the side and put on the bench and catch your breath.

"With wrestling, it's complete opposite. You have to get stronger as the match goes on. As you start diving into the hard work and real nitty-gritty of it, you have to keep pushing forward.

"That's why I look at wrestling as more of a discipline than a sport. It really is you against yourself out there. It's hard to keep pushing through when you don't want to. And you can't say the same thing about the sports where you can rely on other people to help you win."

### It takes sacrifice

Although returning to The Palace podium obviously drives wrestlers such as Atienza and Mars — Pantaleo also enjoyed that thrill during his career with the Chiefs — the daily grind away from cheering crowds is something that can separate the wheat from the chaff.

It is tough and can be lonely. But supreme sacrifice is needed in order to get through up to three, two-minute periods — even more if there is overtime.

No one wants the embarrassment of

*"There's no breaks, just two kids, two warriors really, just going at it for six minutes as hard as they can, trying to better themselves and try to be better than the other kid."*

**NATHAN ATIENZA**  
Livonia Franklin wrestler

being in control for 5:59 only to let victory slip away in the final second. After all, there might be hell to pay at the next day's practice.

"You got to go for the whole six minutes," Franklin's Chiola said. "And I've seen that, too. We condition for that third period. I get really mad at my kids that get pinned in the first or the second. I'm like, 'You just threw all your conditioning out the window.'"

"You're training for that third period. Right now (in practice), they're doing a thing where one guy stays in for five minutes. And you'll notice, that at the end of the five minutes, the guy is much easier to take down.

"That's the whole premise in a meet, get a kid to that fifth minute, sixth minute and he's a much different wrestler. Everybody's good for a minute or two."

### 'A lot of sacrifice'

John Glenn head coach Bill Polk concurred that being able to compete on the mat — and have any kind of success — is about individual dedication and sacrifice. Not even football two-a-days can measure up to wrestling in those areas.

"I believe it is within one's self," said Polk, another former prep wrestler. "This sport takes a lot of sacrifice in every aspect. Opponents are roadblocks. If you prepare more and have confidence from your preparation, usually you will prevail.

"Wrestling six minutes can seem to last a tremendous amount of time longer if you have not prepared correctly." Polk did tip his cap to what athletes in other sports do endure, however.

"I do feel all sports have a special part of its make-up that makes them all tough," Polk said. "But I do feel wrestling is the toughest. Wrestling has everything. You need conditioning, discipline, pressure, smarts and the ability to perform as a team and an individual at the same time.

"When you are on the mat, the spotlight is on you, no one else. You have to be able to use nervous energy in a positive manner."

Veteran Farmington coach Al Beyar said the six minutes of a high school wrestling match test an athlete like no other competition can. One reason is the way the sport is structured, with three, two-minute periods with virtually no time to recharge.

"It just takes a unique individual to be that tough to go six minutes," Beyar said. "You don't really get any rest time between periods. You get just enough time to get set and go again.

"And if there's any type of bleeding, you stop just long enough to get it fixed. You don't have time to get a drink. You can't call a timeout. Yeah, I think you can call it the toughest six minutes in high school sports. Easily."

Beyar agreed with Pantaleo that wrestlers are pretty much out on an island, with nobody else to blame or pass the baton to if things go south. "In football, a team has 11 players. You can always say someone didn't do their job," Beyar said. "Like, we didn't score a touchdown because someone didn't block or I missed the tackle because somebody else didn't do what they were supposed to.

"But in wrestling, you're out there by yourself. There's no one else to put the blame on. But the good part is you can get all the accolades, because you did it all yourself."

### Tougher than ever

Salem head coach Jeremy Henderson also knows from personal experience

what wrestling can do to a high school athlete's physical and mental well-being. He earned an individual championship for the Rocks in 2006 and now is working to bring his old high school back to prominence.

"Even when you win, it hurts, but you know deep down that every inch of you was put into that match and you would die to get your hand raised," Henderson said. "It is the most humble sport. You have to shake the hand of an opponent that just manhandled you on the mat and (you) might have to face him again in a week.

"It is a grind every day in practice and your body is pushed to the limit, even when you don't want it to be since there are others that are coming after you on your own team every day. Six minutes on a mat feels like an hour."

According to Chiola, there is another reason why high school wrestlers have to buckle up for a long, hard, strenuous ride if that is the sport they pursue.

Everybody is working just as hard, at year-long camps, clinics and in open wrestling rooms where rivals during the season test each other to the max.

Chiola smiles when he thinks back to how prep wrestling was back when he was at Borgess in the late 1970s. He's witnessed a lot of change from the sidelines, too, since he is in his 37th year as a high school coach.

"Kids are starting at a really young age," Chiola said. "You had a few kids do that back then. But now, you have more freshmen at the state meet in one weight class than you did in the entire state meet back when I wrestled.

"They're starting younger and they're coming into ninth grade more polished. Kids are doing a lot more open mats and clinics, so they know each other."

The presence of social media is another example of what wrestlers in 2017 experience.

"You get more matches online, rankings online, you get more egos involved," Chiola said.

### Prepares for life

Yet if more kids tap into tweets and other tidbits of information for inspiration or motivation, they don't mind delving into Dan Gable's unwritten "bible" of the sport as fashioned over decades of dominance as a wrestler and coach.

Pantaleo, who in 2016 competed for the United States Junior Olympics wrestling team in Italy, could not hold back on his praise of Gable — who was an All-America wrestler who went on to coach the University of Iowa to 15 NCAA championships.

"There's a quote, Dan Gable said it," Pantaleo said. "He said, 'The first period is won by the fastest wrestler, the second period is won by the most technical wrestler and the third period is won by the wrestler with the most heart.'"

Even more to the point, Polk quoted Gable as saying: "Once you have wrestled, everything else is easy."

And those who have stuck with the sport despite all the gut-wrenching workouts, constant weight checks and inner and outer turmoil of all kinds will tell you they would do it all over again.

As far as Pantaleo is concerned, he's glad that wrestling is so tough, because it prepares athletes for life's subsequent challenges.

"With wrestling, it does weed out and it does make people stronger," Pantaleo said. "It shows a lot of character. You can tell someone who breaks under pressure and can't handle a lot of pressure being put on them on the wrestling mat. That's very visible to see.

"And even though wrestling is only a small part of your life, I know it's going to help me carry on. My job later in life is going to all be about pressure being put on me. Thankfully for me, I'll know I'll be able to cope with that stress and be able to push through it."

Gable would be proud to hear that.

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## PREP BASKETBALL

# Spartans stymied as tourney winds down

Chargers win big; Warriors' Burk sets team scoring mark

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For Livonia Stevenson and most other teams in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, the annual tournament continued Friday in the so-called consolation bracket. Wayne Memorial defeated Westland John Glenn for the Kensington Conference title, but the Spartans and other teams were still in action.

Unfortunately for the Spartans, it was not a triumphant evening as visiting Walled Lake Northern earned a 70-55 victory.

The loss dropped Stevenson's record to 14-5, while the Knights improved to 15-4.

Madonna University-bound senior Ian Knoph and the Spartans only have one more tuneup before the start of the Class A districts. That would be the game on Thursday against Howell.

**CHURCHILL 74, KETERING 47:** On Friday night in a KLAAs tourney matchup, Livonia Churchill parlayed a balanced offense into a comfortable win over Waterford Kettering.

The Chargers (5-14) broke out to a 19-10 lead after one quarter and led 35-26 at halftime before pouring it on with a 24-10 margin in the third.

Leading Churchill with 12 points each were Genesis Barnes and Avery Anderson. Adding 10 points a piece were Alan Hammett and Luke Janosevics.

**LUTH. WESTLAND 66, CARDINAL MOONEY 59:** Lutheran Westland senior wing guard Zach Burk scored 21 points Friday to break Joe Pruchnik's 20-year-old school scoring mark for points in a season. Burk now has 427 career points; Pruchnik tallied 421 in the 1990s.

The Warriors (14-4) also were helped out by Luke Smith (23 points, 11 rebounds) and Kyle Farley (12 points) while Kory Barikmo chipped in with six points and eight rebounds.

A 24-14 edge in the fourth quarter enabled the Warriors to prevail, as Cardinal Mooney kept hanging around thanks to the offense of Daniel Everhart (21 points).

"This was a good team win," interim coach Kevin Wade said. "We got timely contributions from some players that helped spur our comeback. Our goal is to continue improving, especially in practice, as we approach districts."

**FRANKLIN 36, LAKELAND 33:** On Friday, 6-foot-8 junior center Mark Mettite finished with 15 points and junior guard Keyon Brown added 11 to propel host Livonia Franklin (8-11) to a KLAAs consolation round victory over White Lake Lakeland (7-12).

The Patriots, who made 11-of-13 free throws, led 15-12 at halftime before the Eagles went ahead 22-21 after three quarters.

Cass Phillips, a 6-8 junior center, led Lakeland with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

**THURSTON 65, DEARBORN 49:** Three players scored in double figures Friday as Redford Thurston (7-11) got a 65-49 Western Wayne Athletic Conference crossover victory over the host Pioneers (12-6).

Hakim Salaam paced the victorious Eagles with 13 points, while Matteo Maisano and Maik Walker added 11 and 10, respectively.

The Eagles led 30-20 at halftime before Dearborn cut the deficit to 40-34 after three quarters. Thurston then outscored the Pioneers 25-15 in the fourth.

"The kids played really well tonight," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "It was a true team effort. I really like how we played together as a team and shared the ball."

Mahdi Hamade and Shane Morgan paced Dearborn with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

Both teams struggled at the foul line with Thurston going 6-of-13 and Dearborn 12-of-23.

**EDSEL FORD 69, CLARENCEVILLE 33:** On Friday, Jalal Baydoun scored a game-high 24 points to propel Dearborn Edsel Ford (4-14) to a WWCAs crossover victory at Livonia Clarenceville (0-19).

Torre Brown scored eight points for the Trojans, who were unable to rally from a 40-7 halftime deficit.

Edsel Ford finished 12-of-24 from the foul line, while Clarenceville was 3-of-10.

### Girls basketball

**THURSTON 48, SACRED HEART 19:** On Friday, Redford Thurston (10-10) led 24-11 at halftime before pulling away with a 21-0 third quarter run to beat host Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart in a non-league encounter.

The Eagles open Class A district play beginning at 7 p.m. Monday at Westland John Glenn.

**STEVENSON 43, MOTT 34:** On Thursday, strong team defense helped Livonia Stevenson earn a win against Waterford Mott. For the Spartans, Elsa Lebron scored nine points while Kelly Newman (seven points), Brie Maas and Diane Senkowski each scored six.

"It was my seniors' last home game and a much needed team win before districts," Stevenson coach Karen Anger said. "We all played together and in control and our defense was great."

**GREENHILLS 43, LUTH. WESTLAND 36:** Rachel Reddeman and Taylor Jones led Lutheran Westland with 15 and 10 points, respectively, but Ann Arbor Greenhills outscored the Warriors 24-16 in the second half to pull away in the MIAC regular season finale.

"Unfortunately we didn't finish our regular season with a win," coach Sandi Wade said. "However, we finished our regular season with a record of 15-5, which is something the girls should be proud of."

**LAKELAND 50, FRANKLIN 38:** Junior center Skyler Baer turned in an 18-point performance leading the White Lake Lakeland (5-15) to a KLAAs consolation bracket win Thursday at Livonia Franklin (1-19).

Senior guard Kate Winter chipped in with 12 points for the Eagles (5-15), who pulled away from a 19-18 halftime lead with an 18-4 third quarter run.

Lakeland went 11-of-18 from the free throw line (61.1 percent), while the Patriots (1-19) made just 5 of 13 (38.4 percent).

Sophomore guard Olivia Napier led Franklin with eight points, while guard Brooke Garbarino and junior forward Sydney Strasser added seven apiece. Sophomore guard Acrianna Ufferman contributed six.

Prior to the game, the Patriots honors their three seniors including Lexi Bryant, Sarah Channey and Garbarino.

**BRIGHTON 44, CANTON 41:** Julianna Pietila's 14-point effort lifted Brighton to this KLAAs tournament win over Canton on Thursday.

The Chiefs, led by Erin Hull (11 points) and Ashley Criscenti (eight points), only shot 28 percent from the floor.

"The ball needed to find the bottom of the net a couple more times if we were going to come away with a win," Canton coach Rob Heitmeier said.



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Livonia Stevenson's Ian Knoph (10) competes in a game from earlier this season.

## KENSINGTON CONFERENCE FINAL

# Stretch drive helps Zebras down Rockets, 55-48

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With five minutes left in the game, Wayne Memorial's Rashad Williams took a step back at the top of the key and launched a long triple. The ball found nothing but net and gave the Zebras a 45-38 lead.

Big players come up with big plays in big games. And Williams had no problem stepping into the spotlight at the biggest moment of Friday night's KLAA Kensington Conference boys basketball championship game before a packed house at Wayne Memorial.

Williams scored all of his 10 points in the fourth quarter as the Zebras scored a 55-48 win over John Glenn to claim the championship trophy.

Wayne and John Glenn came into Friday night's showdown having split their first two regular-season contests this season.

"The intensity was different (Friday)," said Williams, who scored 29 points in the Zebras' 64-61 win Tuesday over Livonia Stevenson in their semifinal game. "The guys really wanted this. Practices all week were intense and focused. This is something we haven't won in a while and we really wanted this."

And Williams helped deliver it with his fourth-quarter heroics. But the junior sees this as a team win — which it clearly was from start to finish.

"I was a little off but my teammates kept my head up the whole game," Williams said. "We all recognized that they were trying to keep the ball out of my hands and the other guys just stepped up. Everybody did a good job of stepping up."

## Banner time

Williams couldn't help but flash a smile as he watched his teammates and fellow students celebrate the "big win" over their rival.

"Yeah, this is a real big win," he said. "We get to hang a banner up in our gym."

One of the Zebras who stepped up, especially early, was Keion Epps, who scored 13 of his game-high 18 points in the first half. Terrance Williams had 13 points and Tre'vez Nyx added nine for the Zebras.

Wayne Memorial improved to 16-3 on the season, while John Glenn fell to 16-3.

Senior center Daijon Parker, who scored a season-high 25 points in the Rockets' 64-61 semifinal win over Novi, led Glenn with 15 points. Christian Agnew had 12 points, Joe Moon scored 10 and Kijuan Chandler added



Wayne Memorial players celebrate after Friday's thrilling win over Westland John Glenn in the KLAA Kensington Conference title game.

eight for the Rockets.

John Glenn coach Rod Watts felt the game could have gone either way with a different bounce here or a few less turnovers there. But he gave all the credit to the winners.

"We couldn't catch a break," Watts said. "We would make a stop on defense but couldn't make the play on the next possession. We had a few too many empty possessions, and give them credit they played well."

Watts was thrilled with keeping Rashad Williams off the scoreboard for the first three quarters and credited Moon, a sophomore, for his tenacious defense.

"They played a real good game," he said of Wayne. "They had two possessions where they scored right before the buzzer in the first and second quarters. I thought that was a big key in the first half."

After three quarters Wayne Memorial led 39-34. And a triple by Rashad Williams — his first of two in the final 8 minutes — made it 42-34 with 6:55 left.

The Rockets cut the lead to 42-38 on a jumper in the lane by Moon with 6:08 left. Then, Rashad Williams knocked

down the big triple with five minutes to play and hit key free throws down the stretch to put the game away and the banner in the rafters.

An alley-oop dunk by Epps got the packed house fired up and gave the hosts an early 4-2 lead. A put-back by Epps pushed the lead to 6-2.

But a nice drive to the basket by Moon cut the deficit to 11-10 with 2:50 to play in the quarter. A triple by Agnew gave the Rockets a 13-11 lead, but a triple by Nyx at the other end gave the hosts a 16-15 lead after one quarter.

A nice spin move by Epps gave the hosts a 19-17 lead and two free throws by Nyx made it 21-17. A dunk by Epps slammed the home team to a 23-18 lead before a triple by Agnew cut the deficit to 25-23 with 1 minute left until halftime.

A put-back just before the buzzer by Epps gave Wayne a 27-23 halftime lead.

Wayne took a 35-30 lead on a layup by Terrance Williams but a tip-in by Parker cut it to 35-32.

This time Glenn scored just before the buzzer as a layup by Agnew on the fast break cut Wayne's lead to 39-34 after three quarters.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL



Wayne Memorial's Jeanae Terry (1) dribbles past Hartland defender Lexey Tobel (25) during Thursday's KLAA title girls basketball game.

## Hartland spoils Zebras' KLAA title plans

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Wayne Memorial finally got the chance to play for a KLAA girls basketball championship — something denied the Zebras last year when a blizzard forced cancellation of the title matchup against Howell.

But Thursday's game did not match that long buildup of anticipation as the back-to-back Kensington Conference champions never really got untracked against Hartland, falling 61-48.

"We gave up a lot of unforced errors, we gave up a lot of missed reads, not recognizing in transition," Zebras head coach Jarvis Mitchell said. "Normally we'll go through trials where we'll make mistakes and then our speed and our toughness will be able to overcome some of that."

"But tonight, Hartland just was very resilient. Every time we tried to make a run, they were there to stomp it out."

Wayne's biggest lead of the night was three points, including a 5-2 edge at the start of the game and a 13-10 advantage with 1:23 to go in the first following a layup-and-one by sophomore forward Jayah Hicks (eight points).

The Eagles (19-1) won their first-ever KLAA championship behind strong work from senior point guard Michelle Moraitis, who kept high-scoring Wayne junior guard Camree Clegg reasonably in check (20 points) while orchestrating a fast, pulsating attack.

Scoring 17 points for Hartland was senior forward Lexey Tobel, while 6-2 freshman forward Whitney Sollom was a thorn in the Zebras' side with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Also contributing for Wayne (15-4) was sophomore guard Jeanae Terry, with 10 points.

## Following the plan

"She (Moraitis) is our best defender and for the most part she locks down on people," Hartland head coach Don Palmer said. "The Clegg kid's a D-I kid. And I know she got hers, but we tired her out a little bit. That was important."

Moraitis said her job entering the game was to make sure Clegg, who will play collegiately at Clemson University, didn't go off the way she did Monday against Novi in the Kensington Conference championship game (32 points).

"She's a good player, she's going to Clemson," Moraitis noted. "I did the best I could and I was able to hold her down a little bit."

According to Moraitis, one of the factors in the win was being able to keep up with the run-and-gun Zebras.

"To be honest with you, we're not used to playing this speed," Moraitis continued. "In our league everyone plays off you, they sag in the middle. Nobody plays up to this speed. This is almost like AAU speed."

Whenever Wayne hinted at a run, the Eagles responded.

Midway through the second quarter, Clegg connected on one of her four treys, closing the deficit to 24-21. But Graysen Cockerham, who led the Eagles with 20 points, came down the floor and hit a 3-ball from the right wing to restore the six-point spread.

Hartland outscored Wayne 19-14 in the second quarter to enjoy a 36-29 halftime lead, and the Eagles carried a 44-38 edge into the fourth.

The Eagles showed they could match the Zebras in the dazzle department, too. Cockerham did a spin-a-rama in the key and sank a hook shot with 4:15 to go in the third, making it a 42-34 game.

Moments later, Tobel used a behind-the-back dribble move to get past the defense of a Wayne player and then drained a jumper from the top off the key.

After Wayne freshman Makailah Griggs-Zeigler made a basket to trim the Hartland lead to 44-40 early in the final stanza, the Eagles went on a 10-2 run (including six free throws) to pretty much seal the victory.

"That's a very good basketball team, Hartland," said Mitchell, whose team will open the postseason with a district game Wednesday at Romulus. "They're very disciplined, coached very well. They made their shots. My hat's off to those kids, those kids are tough as they come, it was probably one of the better (teams) we've played all year."

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## BOYS HOCKEY

## Chargers, Spartans in different regionals

Separate postseason paths await Livonia's three boys high school hockey teams

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Who knows, maybe city boys hockey rivals Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson will get another crack at each other before the end of the post-season?

The Chargers and Spartans, both state-ranked in Division 2, already have played a trio of high-energy, thrilling regular season games.

But they'll have to wait a while for a potential fourth meeting — it couldn't happen until the D2 finals at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth — because each team starts the 2017 postseason at a different regional.

Churchill (17-7) opens up at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Trenton's Kennedy Ice Center against Woodhaven in a pre-regional match-up. Should it get all the way to the regional final, it likely will face either Salem or Plymouth at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

Meanwhile, the Spartans (14-10) are playing in the Novi regional, beginning with a game at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday against West Bloomfield at Novi Ice Arena.

"Playing our pre-regional downriver will be an adjustment," Chargers head coach Jason Reynolds said. "Although I dare say we've had some good luck at Kennedy Arena this year. The biggest key for our team will be applying what we've learned, throughout this season against some tough competition, in the first week of games. It's not about talent, as much as it is about mental toughness."

Before the Chargers open the post-season, however, they will face Dearborn Divine Child at 7:20 p.m. Saturday at the Taylor Sportsplex.

Reynolds said it's a plus that his team is gaining some momentum from recent wins against Stevenson (3-2 on Feb. 17) and Dearborn Divine Child (3-1 on Wednesday).

Churchill won the latter on senior night, with John Doyle (a senior, by the way) scoring two goals and assisting



It wouldn't be until the Division 2 hockey state finals before Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill — shown from a game Feb. 8 — could renew acquaintances.

on the other marker (by junior Jordan Venegoni).

## Spartans prevail

As for Stevenson, coach David Mitchell said his team is riding momentum from Wednesday's 4-2 victory over Warren DeLaSalle, a top 15 team in the state and among the top few teams in Division 3.

After DeLaSalle went up 2-0, the Spartans responded on goals from Logan Dunham (from Justin Alton) and Alton (from Dunham and Kevin Stefanick) to tie things up at 2-2 after one period.

The game remained deadlocked until the third, when Alex Walkuski and Julian Decina each scored one goal and set up the other. Chipping in a second assist on Walkuski's goal was Connor Jakacki.

Holding down the fort with a 20-save performance was goalie Will Tragge.

"It was a great win for our program," Mitchell said. "To beat a top team like DLS and play the way we did, I'm really happy for our players and especially our seniors. Our players were rewarded for their effort

tonight."

The team knows what the post-season grind is all about, having reached the D2 finals last season, dropping a 6-4 decision to Romeo.

"We are looking forward to the playoffs. We are starting to play well, get healthy and come together," Mitchell said. "This team and program has been through this now before. Sure we have some new and younger players, but they are excited, as we all are for the opportunity in front of us."

"We totally understand and committed to the fact that you need to take this one game at a time, can't look ahead and can't look back. We have to trust our preparation, the process and what we do."

Getting set for the Division 3 regional is Livonia Franklin (6-16-1). The Patriots have a bye and won't get their postseason started until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ann Arbor Ice Cube against the winner of Monday's game between Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard and Divine Child.

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## Should you consider an internal career move?

BY MATT TARPEY  
 CAREERBUILDER

We tend to expect a new job to be a step up or a move forward in our career, but career paths are rarely a straight line. If you reach a point in your career where you feel stuck because of few opportunities for advancement or an industry that doesn't live up to expectations, your best option may be a lateral shift.

And to make a lateral career move, you often don't have to look beyond your current employer. Here are some tips for making a lateral career move within your company:

### Impress your current boss

When people say look before you leap, they usually mean make sure you have an idea of where you'll land. But when making a lateral career move, where you're jumping from is just as important as where you're jumping to.

"First, you need to make sure you are exceeding the expectations of your supervisor before you start to inquire about openings in other departments," says Kolby Goodman, owner of The Job Hunter career services. "The first person your potential new boss will talk to is your current boss, so you need to



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make sure you are performing above and beyond."

### Start networking

You may not be leaving your employer, but making an internal job change is still essentially the same as a traditional job search in many ways. Building and leveraging a professional network is crucial to any job search – internal shifts included.

"Start early and build relationships. Identify the areas where you potentially want to pursue a role and then look for the 'connectors' in those areas with whom you can build a relationship," says Emily Kapit, triple certified resumé writer and lead career strategist at ReFresh Your Step,

LLC. "Initially, it's less about you moving and more about an interest in that department, so ask questions about their work, the projects they work on, and what changes they see coming down the pipeline. Build these relationships since so many roles are filled internally."

### Gain experience

With an internal lateral move, you already have a foot in the door. This gives you a leg up on the competition – so don't be afraid to take advantage of it.

"Get involved in cross-departmental projects," Goodman says. "This will give you a better look into other departments, the inner workings and

operations and the management styles and potential politics. It also allows you to be seen as a valuable contributor outside of your own team."

### Check internal job boards

Many companies like to fill openings with internal hires, often for the same reasons you might be considering a new position within the company. To make these moves easier, some companies have internal job boards for current employees to browse open positions.

"Always pay attention to updates on internal job boards. If managers of your own team are helpful, sometimes they can introduce you to other

teams for new opportunities as well," says Andy Chan, founder of Prime Opt, a career coaching center designed to help professionals with international backgrounds land jobs in the U.S. "When possible, schedule informational interviews with hiring managers of other teams to gain insights on what working on a particular team [is] like."

### Communicate

Searching for jobs while currently employed is a tricky situation to navigate. That's why Ken Kanara, managing director at Ex-Consultants Agency, which works with clients to place talent in permanent and project-based roles, says transparency is always the recommended path. "As soon as you know you'd like to make a lateral move in the organization and a real opportunity exists, it's critical to have an open and honest conversation with your supervisor," he says. "Be honest about why you've made the decision, and lay out a transition plan so they aren't left with a problem."

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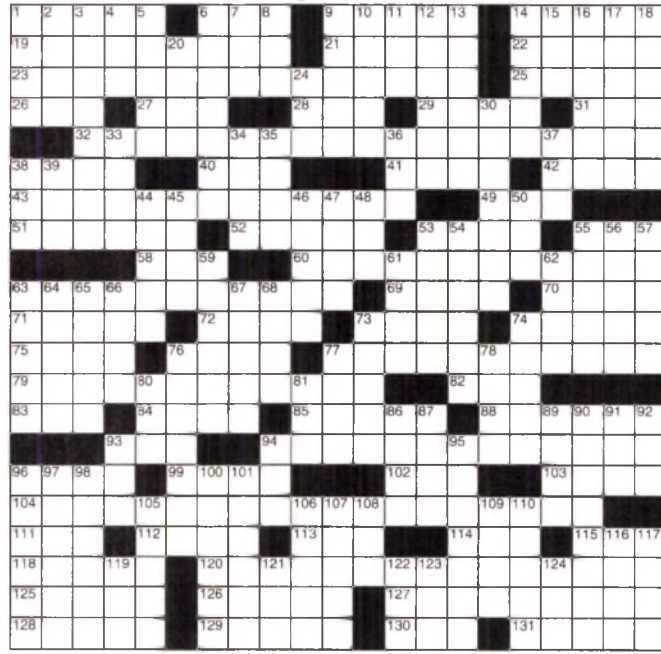
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Earth Day's month
  - 6 Manned antelope
  - 9 Large gull
  - 14 Tons
  - 19 Excludes
  - 21 Dribble
  - 22 Sign off on
  - 23 1940 thriller drama; 1942 romantic drama
  - 25 Four-stringer
  - 26 Hop —
  - 27 Horse
  - 28 Enjoy dinner
  - 29 Really digging
  - 31 Homer, e.g.
  - 32 1982 horror; 1939 western
  - 38 One with adoring fans
  - 40 Moray, e.g.
  - 41 Filmdom's Mrs. Victor
  - 42 Expands
  - 43 1996 neo-crime drama; 1990 crime drama
  - 49 Titled man
  - 51 Wedding day destinations
  - 52 Fishstick look
  - 53 D-Day city in France
  - 55 Takes too much, briefly
  - 58 Pie-mode link
  - 60 1979 comedy-drama; 1982 musical
  - 63 2007 comedy-drama; 1946 spy thriller
  - 69 Many rented homes
  - 70 Zenith
  - 71 Make — of (got down)
  - 72 This guy walks into
  - 73 Irene of "Fame" fame
  - 74 Bone, to Fido
  - 75 " — in an analogy
  - 76 Braggart's displays
  - 77 2005 historical drama; 2002 musical
  - 79 2000 neo-noir thriller; 1982 comedy-drama
  - 82 Certain sow
  - 83 Poetic "prior"
  - 84 See 85
  - 85 With 84— Across, diver's gas cylinder
  - 88 But — I know?"
  - 93 21st Greek letter
  - 94 1980 spoof comedy; 1976 satirical drama
  - 96 "Waterloo" quartet
  - 99 Chop cut
  - 102 Gold in Leon
  - 103 Major rtes.
  - 104 1931 horror; 2010 sci-fi thriller
  - 111 Get spoiled
  - 112 Cookie with cream
  - 113 La.-to-Mich. dir.
  - 114 Vast stretch
  - 115 — pitch
  - 118 Break in, e.g.
  - 120 1963 historical drama; 1950 period drama
  - 125 Locale
  - 126 "Skyfall" singer
  - 127 Alaskan port
  - 128 Civic's make
  - 129 Aired again
  - 130 Norma — (film heroine)
  - 131 Pea piercers
- DOWN**
- 1 Word form for "height"
  - 2 Haiku, e.g.
  - 3 Deep red wine
  - 4 Serpent tail?
  - 5 USMC rank
  - 6 Having a bit of a beard
  - 7 13th Greek letters
  - 8 NYPD part
  - 10 Hagen with three Tonys
  - 9 Old politico
  - 10 Spoiled kids
  - 11 O'er there
  - 12 Gregarious
  - 13 Argots
  - 14 Chaos
  - 15 Biblical priest
  - 16 Lua hellos
  - 17 NYPD part
  - 18 Hagen with three Tonys
  - 20 Ella's singing
  - 24 Cell insect
  - 30 China buses
  - 33 Gymnast
  - 34 Bout
  - 35 Valley
  - 36 " — a pity ..."
  - 37 Your and my
  - 38 — tree
  - 39 NFL's Cowboys on scoreboards
  - 44 Speak grandly
  - 45 Fiord city
  - 46 Loris' cousin
  - 47 Meadows
  - 48 Prince
  - 49 Vaillant's son
  - 50 — bit (soon)
  - 53 Italian island
  - 54 Alfz
  - 55 — year (annually)
  - 56 Yankee Joe, informally
  - 57 Ensure
  - 59 Spanish region
  - 61 Cole — (shoe brand)
  - 62 Antidrug cop
  - 63 Actress
  - 64 Pressly
  - 65 Phrase of denial
  - 66 Siouan tribe
  - 67 Former artist
  - 68 Brewery kiln
  - 73 Prepare for playing, as a tape
  - 74 With 119-Down, position Mike
  - 75 Ditka played
  - 76 Online store
  - 77 Tiny, Prefix
  - 78 Gordie of hockey
  - 80 Highest degree
  - 81 Fed stipend program
  - 86 Alliance
  - 87 River of Bern
  - 89 "Horton Hears —"
  - 90 City native
  - 91 Not moist
  - 92 Signs off on
  - 93 Stove item
  - 94 Kitchen pest
  - 95 Zero relaxation
  - 96 Over again
  - 97 Mustang
  - 98 — down the hatch
  - 100 Like a small garage
  - 101 Tristan's lady
  - 105 Split country
  - 106 — Gay (WWII B-29)
  - 107 Way to sign a contract
  - 108 Tch' r, s.g.p.
  - 109 Reggae artist
  - 110 — water (up the creek)
  - 111 Single bills
  - 117 See 74-Down
  - 121 Musket tip?
  - 122 Black goo
  - 123 Biochem strand
  - 124 "Either you do it — will!"



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

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- COCOA
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- CONFECTION
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# Car Report

## COMPACT BUT CAPABLE, HYUNDAI'S SANTA FE SPORT IS SUPERCHARGING THE BRAND'S SUCCESSFUL CATCH-UP EFFORTS IN SUVs



By Dale Buss

As Hyundai sales grew in the United States several years ago, one of the company's biggest concerns was that the evolution of its model lineup

was sedan-heavy. And the megashift by American consumers toward sport-utility vehicles and crossovers was still in its relatively early stages.

Sure, Hyundai has taken some lumps in terms of sales and market share because of that imbalance. But over the last few years, Hyundai has addressed this challenge head-in by fielding an SUV and crossover lineup that has expanded to three vehicles: Tucson, Santa Fe and the smaller Santa Fe Sport.

In fact, as Hyundai set a record for 2016 sales, it reported that the SUV/ CUV segment "led the charge," with sales up four percent for December and 41 percent for the year. Combined sales of Santa Fe and Santa



Automated collision-avoidance features pace Sport.



Santa Fe Sport's great "greenhouse" promises wide-open summer viewing.

Fe Sport were up 14 percent for the month, making it the best Santa Fe December ever, while also achieving double-digit growth on the year.

My experiences with Santa Fe Sport made it easy to understand why Americans have gravitated to the latest Hyundai offering, even as the number of SUV and crossover models available from so many other brands have proliferated as well.

Santa Fe Sport proved versatile as I put it through a variety of uses, ranging from quick trips and local errands to a couple-day trek to northern Michigan on one of the last snowy weekends of this more-than-temperate winter. Its all-wheel-drive capabilities came as advertised.

In fact, one feature that I appreciated the most during that trip was Sport's panoramic sunroof, which — added to the substantial "green-

house" provided by the vehicle in total — provided plenty of opportunity to enjoy the ever-changing landscape of Michigan.

The 2017 version of Santa Fe Sport has refreshed styling in the front and rear along with numerous updates of features, including a height adjustment for the power passenger seat, a larger five-inch standard display and an available seven-inch touchscreen with Android Auto.

Newly offered safety features, according to Edmunds.com, include adaptive headlights with automatic high beams, an electronic parking brake, a 360-degree parking camera, lane-departure warning and adaptive cruise control with automatic emergency braking.

Automakers are introducing new automated-safety features all



The 2017 Santa Fe Sport has been a great entry for Hyundai.

the time, but I found that Santa Fe Sport's adaptive cruise control came in especially handy on a long trek north on Interstate 75 — and back again. The slow-down and speed-up transitions when adjusting for traffic ahead of me were markedly smooth, for example, helping give me confidence to rely heavily on the system for a matter of days. It never let me down.

Sport seats five, while the larger Santa Fe seats seven. But cargo capacity was plenty for jamming all

sorts of stuff for a long trip. The four-cylinder, 2.0-liter, turbocharged engine in the Sport I drove — the more powerful of its two powertrain options — generated a robust 240 horsepower and pushed right through some challenging northern Michigan terrain.

And like all Hyundai vehicles, the handling of Santa Fe Sport was right in the health middle: responsive, not stiff. Right in the mainstream where Hyundai needs to stay in order to continue its SUV-powered surge.

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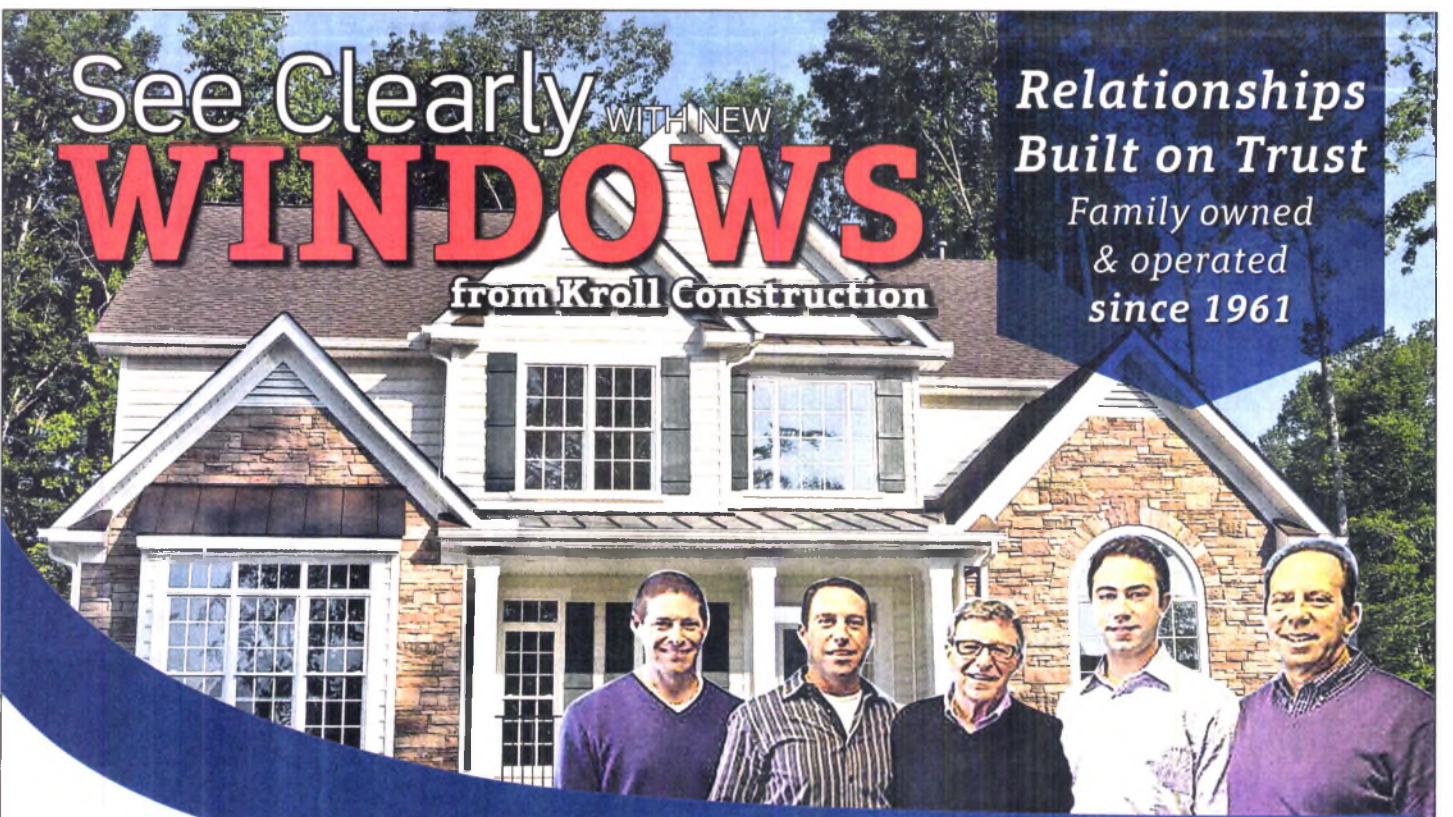
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