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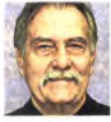
Library cuts five librarian positions

Reference department staff members laid off

LeAnne Rogers
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Five librarians from Westland's William P. Faust Library were laid off Friday after their positions were eliminated in what library officials describe as an effort to save taxpayers money.

"They aren't union, but we did lay them off based on sen-



Neal

iority. Last year, the board said this year we would do a zero-based budget," Library Board President Mark Neal said. "We looked at each item in the library budget to see if we should continue it."

As part of the zero-based budget, Library Director Sheila Collins said she met with library supervisory staff re-

viewing staffing and services. The five positions eliminated from the budget came from the reference department, she said, which had eight librarians. That was compared to youth services, which had three librarians and three part-time library associates. Plans call for three part-time library associates to be added to the reference department.

"We didn't see the difference (between the departments). Both do a lot of work — great work. We looked at the

services we provide and we had too many librarians, particularly in that department," Collins said. "We're being fiscally responsible. If we use part-time library associates we save a lot of money. The positions were eliminated. It has nothing to do with a person's capabilities or if they did or didn't do a good job."

Librarians hold master's degrees in library science, while the library associate job description calls for a bachelor's degree with experience

working at a library preferred. Neal said the reorganization will save the library about \$175,000 annually and still provide services to the public.

Following the layoffs and hiring of part-time library associates, the library will have 42 employees.

"We appreciate the job the librarians did. They are good people and did good service serving the citizens well," Neal said. "If we were to find that

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Supporters of President Donald Trump rally March 4 at Eight Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township. A few counter-demonstrators gathered on the Novi side of Eight Mile.

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Online learning successful at John Glenn

Michigan Virtual University has selected John Glenn High School to represent them at the Student Showcase at the 2017 MACUL Conference at Cobo Hall in Detroit on March 16.

Bonnie Ballard, John Glenn High School's MVU mentor, and three students have been asked to represent Wayne-Westland Community Schools at the annual showcase.

The annual Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) Conference is one of the Midwest's largest educational technology conferences with more than 5,000 educators from across Michigan, the region and Canada.

The students will share with people visiting the conference how they have found success in online programs they are taking at John Glenn High School. The MVU courses give them opportunities to take classes they would not have had otherwise.

"They will represent John Glenn High School and Michigan Virtual University on how well online classes fit into a high school curriculum and the success the students have had," said Bonnie Ballard, MVU mentor.

The students who are taking the online classes have a high completion and success rate. Currently, 85 percent of students who are taking online courses at John Glenn are passing their classes and receiving high school credit for those courses.

Jenna Deering is an 11th-grader and is taking AP Psychology. Her older brother also took online classes when he was at John Glenn.

"He learned how to focus and control his curriculum," said Jenna who plans to study biology at Northern Michigan University.

Dajana Korcari is a 12th-grader and is taking AP Psychology, AP Environmental Science and Microeconomics. She will attend the University of Michigan in the fall and study finance.

Gloria Nolasco is also a 12th-grader and is taking AP Psychology and Business Ethics. She will attend Grand Valley in the fall and plans to pursue a career in the medical

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'A very brave man': Rally shows support for president

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Right, left and in-between can agree: President Donald Trump isn't a traditional politician.

That's one of the things Barry Gibbs likes about him, that he's an outsider shaking things up in Washington, D.C.

"There are too many career guys in there," said Gibbs, of Northville Township, who was among about 60 people at a rally for Trump on Haggerty, just south of Eight Mile, on Saturday afternoon.

Waving U.S. flags and carrying signs with pro-Trump messages, supporters cheered the new president and urged passing drivers to honk the horns on their vehicles. Many obliged, but there were some middle fingers, too, Gibbs said.

"I really think that he deeply cares about every American in our country," Gibbs said of Trump.

Projects Trump has taken

up so far — working to repeal or revise the Affordable Care Act and trying to create jobs and keep U.S. companies in the country — "are good for the country and need to be done," Gibbs said.

"He's just been speaking out against globalization and he's talking about America first and that's what we need," said Linda Ann Isaacson of Westland, who wore a button that read, "Deplorable and Proud of It," a reference to a remark by Hillary Clinton, whom Trump defeated in an Electoral College victory to win the presidency, that half of Trump's supporters belonged in a "basket of deplorables."

Several participants said it was important for them to show they back Trump, whose first weeks in office have been contentious.

"I admire him. I think he's a very brave man who speaks the truth," Isaacson said.

"The shadow government's



Jon Changes of Novi rallies in support of President Donald Trump.

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trying to take him down," said Jackie Warlick of Hazel Park, explaining that she believes appointees from the administration of Barack Obama, in departments across the federal government, are working "openly" against Trump.

"These liberals are trying to undermine this administration," said Ed Rennell of Farmington Hills. "I have never seen a president leave office and immediately undertake to destroy the new administration."

Jimmy Dively of Hazel Park said he likes that Trump is setting out to do things that, on the campaign trail, he said he'd do. "He hasn't changed just because he got in the White House," Dively said.

On the Novi side of Eight Mile, a half-dozen counter-protesters gathered to show opposition to the president's policies. Conrad Mahr of Northville held up a sign that read, "Drain Trump," a take on

Trump's promise to "drain the swamp" in Washington.

"That's part of democracy, the right to have your voice heard," Mahr said.

Mahr said he was particularly alarmed by Trump's plan for budget cuts to some federal programs, like the Environmental Protection Agency and to arts programs and National Public Radio.

Nicole Smith of Royal Oak said she's worried about the rhetoric coming from some, but not all, she was careful to say, Trump supporters. "Some of them are using his platform to spread hate," she said.

The pro-Trump rally in Northville Township was one of at least nine across Michigan, which organizers were calling March 4 Trump events, planned for Saturday. The Michigan events were among many Saturday March 4 Trump demonstrations around the country.

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Kindergartner has Google's top doodle

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When Marcus Zheng, an energetic kindergartner prospect with an artistic bent, sat in his admissions appointment with Detroit Country Day Schools Lower School director Jennifer Bullock last summer, he whipped up what Bullock called a "beautiful" picture of a dragon on her white board.

Who would have thought that, a scant few months later, that precocious 5-year-old would beat out much older competition to win the popular "Doodle4Google" competition the Internet giant has sponsored the last 10 years?

Marcus, the son of Yi Zheng and Cathy Guo, learned Monday his doodle has been chosen to represent Michigan in the national contest. The announcement came at a surprise assembly Mon-



Marcus Zheng, 5, and his parents, Yi Zheng and Cathy Guo, with his winning Google doodle.

The contest follows a theme each year; this year's was "What I See For The Future." The only real requirement is the doodles must incorporate the company name: Google. Doodle entries are judged by a celebrity panel that this year included Sia, Pikachu and Jimmy Kimmel.

While kids of all ages have won before, having a kindergartner top an entire state full of older artists is a little unusual, Google folks said.

Now the fate of Marcus's entry is up to friends, schoolmates, family and anyone else who wants to get involved. Winners will be determined in an online vote that closes at 5 p.m. Monday, March 6.

The winner gets a \$30,000 scholarship and earns a \$50,000 technology grant for his or her school.

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LIBRARY

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we need to add person, we would offer them job based on seniority."

Comments on Facebook by one of the librarians laid off connected the staffing reductions to a planned \$3.2 million addition to the library. A 6,500-square-foot addition would be added to the southwest side of the

24,500-square-foot building originally constructed in 1996.

"No additional personnel were anticipated for the expansion. This had nothing to do with the expansion, which was planned three years," Neal said. "The anticipated savings (from the layoffs) are not needed for the expansion. That was for efficiency."

Library director since 2011, Collins said an addition to the library was

being discussed when she was hired. A plan different than what was planned now was on display at the library's 15th anniversary celebration, she said.

Based on input from patrons, the library expansion includes quiet study area, reorganization of library departments to improve flow within the building and additional space for the children's department.

"The library is not like

it used to be. We do a lot of e-books, people come to the library to use the computer. They are helped by the librarians and other staff," Collins said.

A short-term bond to be repaid from dedicated library millage is slated to fund the addition over five years.

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field. Ballard said, "Self-motivated students are the perfect kind of students for online learning."

Classes that aren't offered at John Glenn High School can be taken online, Ballard said.

Michigan Virtual University is an online K-12 school.



Jenna Deering (from left), Dajana Korcari, Gloria Nolasco and Bonnie Ballard will represent Wayne-Westland Community Schools at the 2017 MACUL Conference in Detroit on March 16.

The Wayne Housing Commission is requesting bids to install resilient sheet flooring in the kitchen of twenty nine (29) apartment units, at three (3) apartment housing sites along Glenwood Road. Sealed bids will be received by the Wayne Housing Commission, and will be publicly opened and read immediately after the due date time of Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 2:00 P.M. Bid Proposals will be received at Housing Commission offices located at 3355 S. Wayne Rd, Wayne, MI 48184. Proposals shall be made according to the contract documents as prepared by Sauriol Bohde Wagner Architects and Associates Inc. A non-mandatory pre-bid walk through will be held at the Wayne Housing Commission offices on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 10:00A.M. In order to receive consideration, bids must be in strict accordance with the Project Manual and HUD's Capital Fund Requirements. Electronic bidding documents will be available through the office of

Sauriol Bohde Wagner Architects and Associates Inc.
46869 Garfield Road
Macomb, MI 48044

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2017.

The Redford Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Township budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, in the Redford Township Hall, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239, on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Or online at redfordtwp.com

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD

The Charter Township of Redford Board of Trustees will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing, upon seven (7) days' notice. Further, individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk by writing to 15145 Beech Daly Road, Redford, MI 48239, or by calling (313) 387-2754.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 (SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES) OF TITLE 8 OF THE LIVONIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED.

This ordinance updates the City's regulations of smoking to eliminate the concept of smoking and non-smoking areas in public places, replacing these constructs with a more general ban on smoking in such places. So it adds/clarifies the smoking ban's ambit to include motels, nursing homes, hospitals, and hospices, but makes exceptions for cigar bars and liquor licensed facilities which are authorized by State law to permit smoking. The new regulations require affirmative action by those who own, operate, or manage public places, including the posting of "no smoking" signs, the elimination of ashtrays and other smoking paraphernalia, and advising smokers to leave the premises if they insist on smoking.

A true copy of Ordinance No. 3022 may be inspected or obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, First Floor, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

Ordinance No. 3022 was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, February 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

Ordinance No. 3022 was authenticated by me on the 14th day of March, 2017.

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney
Dated: February 14, 2017

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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE NEWS BRIEFS

Distance Learning wins awards

Two of Schoolcraft College's online courses, "Contemporary America-U.S. History" and "Pre-Algebra" were winners in the 2016-2017 Exemplary Course Program sponsored by Blackboard Inc., a leading education technology company. The biannual awards recognize faculty and course designers from colleges worldwide who develop engaging and innovative courses that represent the best in technology and learning.

For the Contemporary America-U.S. History course, the award recognized Schoolcraft College's Adam Authier, instructional designer; Jason Kane, instructional designer; and Brad Stetson, math instructor were recognized for the Pre-Algebra course.

The two online courses that received this award are part of Schoolcraft College's larger Distance Learning Program that provides a variety of course format options enabling busy students to have greater flexibility in their course schedule as they work toward their academic goals.

"Because so many of our students have busy work and personal lives, Distance Learning really make it possible for them to complete their classes or earn a degree with more flexible options that meets their individual needs," said Stacy Whiddon, Schoolcraft College's associate dean of Distance Learning.

In addition to completely online classes that are available in five-week, seven-week or 12-week class schedules, Whiddon said Schoolcraft College has two other flexible course formats where students can reach their academic goals. Hybrid courses are generally taught 50 percent online and 50 percent in the classroom; and Open



International Automotive Components (IAC) has donated a \$50,000, 110-ton Krauss-Maffei injection-molding machine to Schoolcraft College for use in the college's Plastics Material and Processing Lab.

Entry/Open Exit are self-paced courses that allow students to select the pace at which they complete the course.

Whiddon said a variety of Schoolcraft College degrees and certificates can be completed through Distance Learning.

In addition to being popular with students in the fall and winter terms (approximately 25 percent of the total credit hours), Whiddon said it is also popular with guest students from other universities who take classes at Schoolcraft College during the summer.

"Last summer, approximately 60 percent of the total enrollment at Schoolcraft College was in Distance Learning" she said. "And we expect that number to continue to grow in the future."

For more information about Schoolcraft College's Distance Learning programs, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/academics/course-formats or call 734-462-4573.

Automotive supplier donates injection molding machine

International Auto-

motive Components (IAC) has donated a \$50,000, 110-ton Krauss-Maffei injection-molding machine to Schoolcraft College for use in the college's Plastics Material and Processing Lab. The plastic component production equipment will enhance Schoolcraft College's Plastic Technology programs and provide students with valuable training and experience in operating manufacturing equipment, preparing them for future automotive plastics manufacturing careers.

"This donation hones the training skills of our Plastic Technology program students, ensuring the best skill sets and positive employment outcomes," said Dr. Robert Leadley, dean of Occupational Programs and Economic Development at Schoolcraft College. "We are fully integrating this generous gift into the program and giving our students additional educational pathways for certificates and associates degrees."

The Plastic Technology program is one of many manufacturing and technology certificate and degree programs offered at Schoolcraft College. The programs

integrate the leading computer technology with state-of-the-art labs and an emphasis on quality and workforce readiness to give students a real-world focus on the ever-changing manufacturing process.

More information about the Plastic Technology Skills Certificate, Certificate and Associate Degree programs can be found at tinyurl.com/ho6j3nr.

Grant from Masons help Veterans Resource Center

Thanks to the generous donation from the Masons, the Veteran Resource Center at Schoolcraft College has launched the "Masons Veteran Retention Assistance Fund." The fund will be used to provide short-term financial assistance to students meeting the following criteria:

- » Currently enrolled in one of Schoolcraft College's manufacturing or technology majors (have at least six credit hours in the major)
- » Need assistance for a class-related expense, such as textbooks, class supplies or course fees
- » Be honorably discharged from the military as shown on your DD214

Students who meet this criteria and require short-term assistance can go fill out an application by going to www.schoolcraft.edu/masonsfund. Questions about the fund can be directed to vets@schoolcraft.edu or by calling the Veteran Resource Center at 734-462-4351.

Entrepreneur series launched

Schoolcraft College's Business Development Center (BDC) is offering the Entrepreneur Series featuring seminars designed to provide entrepreneurs the tools and resources needed to launch a successful small business. The series consists of five courses: Starting a Business, Writing a Business Plan, Marketing Your Business, Financial Management, and Business Legal Issues. Participants who complete all five courses also qualify for the Schoolcraft Continuing Education and Professional Development Certificate.

The seminars will be held on consecutive Wednesdays through

March 29 from 2-5 p.m. in Room 320 of the Jefferson Center. The cost to register for the series is \$200. Those interested in particular seminars can register for them individually, as well.

For more information or to register for the series or individual workshops, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/bdc or call 734-462-4438.

Domestic, sexual violence presentation

A presentation on Domestic and Sexual Violence by nonprofit agency First Step, will be held from 1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 9, in Room 100 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College. The presentation, sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Counseling Office and the Hinkle Center, will focus on identifying, assisting and prevention of domestic and sexual violence and provide information and resources for men and women who may be subject to such violence. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 734-462-4429.

Business financing advice

A team of small business experts will provide advice on financing and key steps to take to start or expand a business at the Team SBA Financing Roundtables event from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, March 10, at Room 103 in the Jefferson Center.

At the roundtable event, the team that includes a banker, business owners and SBA staff will answer financing questions and provide advice on the steps necessary to achieve the goal of starting or expanding a business.

The event is free but registrations are required. For more information, contact the Schoolcraft College Business Development Center at 734-462-4438 or bdc@schoolcraft.edu.



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Legislators visit St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia

State Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, and State Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor, recently visited St. Mary Mercy Livonia and St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor to tour the respective graduate medical education (GME) programs.

Their visits were part of Michigan Health & Hospital Association's Michigan Medical Education Day, where legislators experienced a "day in the life" of medical residents at teaching hospitals.

State funding for GME helps build the health care workforce and deliver much-needed care to sick and vulnerable. Continued state funding is critical to ensure all Michiganders have access to good health care and physician's access to quality medical education and training, according to a press release.



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From left to right are: David Lecronier, DO; Dave Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Livonia; John O'Brien, director of Graduate Medical Education; Laura Cox, state representative; Peter Dews, MD, chief medical officer; Susan Greenwood-Clark, director of Graduate Medical Education; Sajeeb Adhikary, MD; Renee Bayer, MD; and William Cardasis, MD.

CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Review for the City of Wayne will meet in the Council Chambers at City of Wayne, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll:

Meeting dates are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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SKYWARN training program happening March 15 in Livonia

Livonia's Emergency Preparedness Department, in conjunction with the Livonia Amateur Radio Club, is sponsoring a National Weather Service "SKYWARN" training program Wednesday, March 15.

The class is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and expected to last approximately two hours. The training will be held in the auditorium in the Robert and Janet Bennett Library, 32777 Five Mile, in Livonia. The training is free and no advance registration is necessary.

The SKYWARN training program is a partnership between the National Weather Service and our community that is designed to help reduce the threat posed by severe weather. The key element of this partnership is a network of trained volunteer "storm spotters" who relay reports of severe weather to the NWS. Even with available technology, storm spotters are an extremely important component in severe weather warning. SKYWARN trained residents learn valuable tools to help provide their community potentially life-



FILE PHOTO

Brian Kahn at a previous SKYWARN training event in Livonia. Another event will take place March 15.

saving information. For more information, visit the Livonia Police Department website at ci.livonia.mi.us/Home.aspx or contact

Livonia Emergency Preparedness Director Brian C. Kahn at 734-466-2368 or by email at brian.kahn@livoniapd.com.



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CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOXIOUS WEED AND REFUSE ORDINANCE

TO: All owners, occupants or possessors of subdivided lands or lots:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, of the City of Livonia, all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City of Livonia, shall be cut down, destroyed or removed as the case may be, by May 1 of each year and as many times thereafter as may be necessary. If any noxious weeds or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City so ordered to be cut down, destroyed or removed by May 1, as aforesaid, have not been removed by the owner or occupant of the premises, then the City of Livonia is hereby authorized to enter upon the land and destroy, cut down or remove said noxious weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City at the expense of the owner or occupant of said land. The City may cut down, destroy or remove noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches or any refuse or debris, growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City as many times as is necessary and charge the costs to the property owner.

In the event the owner or occupant, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any subdivided land in any subdivision in which buildings have been erected on sixty percent (60%) of the lots included in that subdivision and where such subdivision has a residential zoning classification of R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6 or R-U-F, or the owners or occupants, or any person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent to the aforementioned subdivisions for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation, having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, which abuts or is adjacent to any developed public park or any developed school or college grounds, whether public, private or parochial, for a depth of two hundred (200) feet, or the owners or occupants, or person or persons, agent, firm or corporation having control or management of any property, regardless of zoning classification, along all improved streets in common usage for a depth of two hundred (200) feet or the depth of the property, whichever is less, shall fail, refuse or neglect to comply with the above mentioned ordinance, the City shall cause said noxious weeds, grass, brush, or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property in the City to be cut down, destroyed or removed. Provided, further, that any lands which are situated within the floodplains of any natural streams or watercourses, or any area between the lower or upper banks of such streams or watercourses, shall be exempted from the provisions of this ordinance. All expenses incurred by the City in the cutting, destruction or removal of same will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law. The expenses incurred in cutting, destruction, or removal of all noxious weeds, or other weeds, grass, brush or deleterious, unhealthy growths exceeding a height of nine (9) inches, or any refuse or debris growing, standing or lying upon any property shall include, but are not limited to, an administrative charge of seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars for each of the first two instances in a calendar year of cutting, destruction, or removal, which administrative charge shall increase to one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00) dollars for the third and each subsequent instance of cutting, destruction, or removal required in the same calendar year.

Failure to comply with the requirements set forth in Title 8, Chapter 40 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, may also result in the prosecution for same, and liability to the extent of the penalty therein provided.

Jerome A. Hanna
Director of Inspection
City of Livonia

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Heart screening held at St. Mary Mercy Hospital

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, through its Heart and Vascular and Sports Medicine Departments and in conjunction with The St. Joe's Medical Group, offered a heart screening Saturday for nearly 200 students from Livonia Public Schools.

The event, which screened young adults age 14 and older, was held in the hospital's North Auditorium. Hospital medical personnel provided students with a questionnaire, blood pressure check, heart sound check and an electrocardiogram. An echocardiogram was offered to students if it was deemed necessary.

The purpose of the screening event was to attempt to identify any pre-existing heart conditions that could increase a student's risk during vigorous physical activity or athletic competition.



COURTESY OF ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL
Medical staff from St. Mary Mercy Livonia participated in a heart health screening for nearly 200 high school students from Livonia Public Schools. They included (from left to right): Roy Misirlyan, MD; Chris Bohm; Jonathan Michaud; and Aron Henderson.



COURTESY OF ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL
Liam Nolan, a student at Holmes Middle School, gets his blood pressure taken.



COURTESY OF ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL
Jalen Bradley, from Churchill High School, listens to St. Mary Mercy Livonia medical personnel discuss the heart screening.

Appliance doc: 'They don't make them like they used to'

It was not so long ago that I watched a news special on TV which talked about print media being on a slow downhill slide due to the high-tech world we live in today. It stated that the newspapers which covered local communities would continue to become more popular than ever before.

The following email I recently received is an example of why I continue to write this column after many years of doing so: "Dear Joe, my sister forwarded me your column from Hometown Life, and I read it immediately because I have a house full of appliances that were bought in 1995. They are still running fine, possible because I'm a single guy who doesn't overuse or abuse them, but I'm guessing they will all need replacement within five years. I'm especially concerned about the fridge and the dishwasher, both Jenn-Airs, since they could cause a mess if they fail. Neither has given me any problems to date. Correction, I had to call a repairman once for the fridge, about eight years ago, because of an icing problem. It was solved and it's run fine since."

"I also had to call my appliance guy last week for my clothes washer which stopped mid-cycle, a top-loading Kenmore also of 1995 vintage. He found and fixed the problem and told me, "Keep this machine until it fails apart and can't be fixed anymore because the new ones have more



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

complicated drives and need more repairs and fail much sooner than these older models." If you write a regular column, I'd like to get it by email, if you have an email distribution for it. I figure I could use your information and perspective to help me make good choices when the time comes to replace my appliances.

"One thing I know already is that I'd like to avoid Chinese-made appliances. Some things made over there are good, some aren't. You don't know until you buy whatever it is. A salesman at ABC Warehouse told me recently when I was checking out new fridges that Whirlpool has brought all its manufacturing back to the U.S. and everything of theirs is now made in Ohio, I think it was. Is that true? Sorry for the long message. Hope your column available by email. Signed, Jim."

Reply: Well, Jim, I must thank you for the long message as it hits many subjects I write about and hope to do so for many more years. As for Whirlpool's production standards these days, I will trust the salesperson who gave you this information. I will trust that if you found out he knew different or didn't know what he was talking about, you might not deal with him again. But then again, there is

so much fake news going around these days one can never know what to believe.

I also don't like what is being made in China and 95 percent of the recalls I read on my radio show come from exactly that country. I would agree with the service technician who

told you to keep that old 1995 Kenmore washer. It is built like a tank and has two major components that are common to fail. One is the coupler between the transmission and the motor and the other is the plastic lid switch and both of these parts are commonly changed by

homeowners.

I will help you along the way as my personal email is at the bottom of what you are reading. As for your sister's consideration in sending my column to you, please thank her for me.

As for the email system, that is not neces-

sary; you can go to hometownlife.com and read many of the past columns to catch you up on the appliance world news.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You may email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

NO. 3021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32 OF THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA AND AMENDING ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 543, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AND CITED AS "THE CITY OF LIVONIA ZONING ORDINANCE" BY ADDING SECTION 3.3946 THERETO.

THE CITY OF LIVONIA ORDAINS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the report of the City Planning Commission, dated December 14, 2016, setting forth its resolution 12-109-2016 recommending approval of Petition 2016-11-01-08, having been considered by the Council, and the Council having conducted a public hearing on January 11, 2017, on said petition, and having concurred in the recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the Council hereby adopts said Petition 2016-11-01-08 to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map of the City of Livonia and all proceedings heretofore conducted on said petition are hereby approved.

Section 2. Article III of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 543, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 3.3946 Petition 2016-11-01-08 submitted by Soave Homes is hereby approved, and the zoning classification of the premises hereinafter described is hereby changed from R-U-F to R-1:

Land situated in the City of Livonia, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Town 1 South, Range 9 East, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan described as:

Commencing at the North 1/4 Corner of Section 32, Town 1 South, Range 9 East, City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan, running thence South 02°02'20" West, along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, a distance of 1091.10 feet, for a Point of Beginning; thence South 87°57'50" East 301.91 feet, to the Northwest corner of Lot 510, "Country Homes Sub. No. 3" as recorded in Liber 78, Pages 42 and 43, Wayne County Records; thence South 02°02'20" West 120.00 feet, along the Westerly line of said Lot 510 to the Southwesterly corner of said Lot 510; thence North 87°57'50" West 301.91 feet, to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 32; thence 02°02'20" East 120.00 feet, along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 32, to the Point of Beginning. All the above containing 0.83 Acres. All of the above being subject to the rights of the public in Levan Road. All of the above being subject easements, restriction and right of ways of record.

and the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32 of the Zoning Map is hereby amended to conform to the changes made in this section.

Section 4. The attached map designated "Amendment No. 962 to the Zoning Map of the City of Livonia" showing all of the amendments and changes made in the foregoing Section 2 of this ordinance is hereby approved, established and made a part hereof.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Should any portion of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The above ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Livonia held Monday, February 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Susan M. Nash, City Clerk

The foregoing ordinance was authenticated by me on this 14th day of February, 2017.

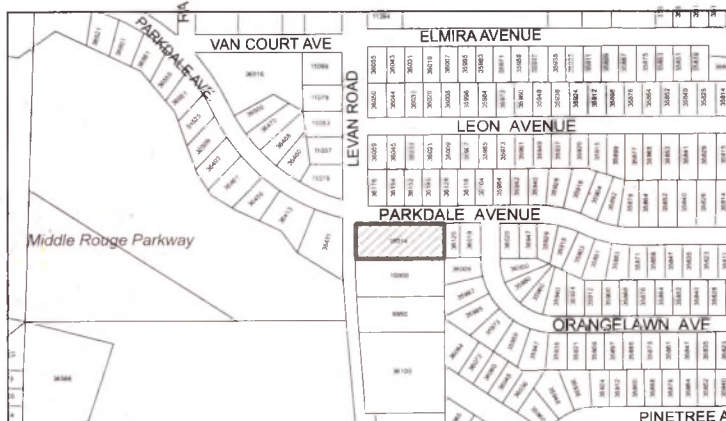
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Approved as to form:

Donald L. Knapp, Jr., City Attorney

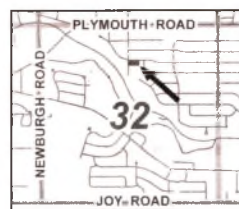
Dated: April 19, 2016

BOUNDARY OF DISTRICT AS AMENDED FROM R-U-F, RURAL URBAN FARM TO R-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - 60' x 120' LOTS



PETITION NO. 2016-11-01-08 A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 32

AMENDMENT NO. 962 TO THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 3021 Adopted by the City Council on 2/13/17



St. Michael the Archangel Parish presents its ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT LENTEN FISH FRY. All Fridays in Lent except Good Friday 4:30 - 7:00 PM. Full Dinners Carry out available at \$9. Adults: \$10; Seniors, \$8; Kids 3-11, \$5; Kids under 3, FREE. Choice of hand-dipped fresh Atlantic cod, fried or baked, with all the trimmings, including beverage and ice cream. 11441 Hubbard Rd, Livonia 734-261-1455, ext. 200

LENTEN SEAFOOD BUFFET FRIDAYS March 3 - April 7* 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Buffet menu includes Soup, Fried and Baked Cod, Fried Calamari, Pasta, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Vegetable, Garden Salad, Cold Salads. Adults: \$12.50 Children under 10: \$7.00. Hellenic Cultural Center at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Counterfeit bill

Westland police were dispatched Friday afternoon to Wendy's, 439 S. Wayne, on the report of a counterfeit bill that had been passed at the restaurant.

When police arrived, a manager told them she discovered a counterfeit bill after she had counted the cash register at the end of a shift. She told police she did not know who passed the counterfeit bill or what was purchased with it. Police collected the bill and placed it into evidence.

Purse stolen from vehicle

A resident in the 2100 block of Ackley came into the police station Feb. 27 to report her purse had been stolen from her vehicle.

She said her purse, which contained keys, her work ID, driver's license and social security card, was taken from her vehicle while

it was parked in front of her home sometime between earlier that day. She told police her vehicle had been unlocked. She was advised to make sure she locked her vehicle door and to not leave valuables inside.

Vehicle damaged

A resident in the 31000 block of Somerset came into the police station March 1 to report damage to her vehicle.

The resident said the car was parked in her driveway overnight. She said someone had done damage to her vehicle, including a large dent on the front door, some smaller dents on another door, the windshield had a hole in it, the rear window wiper was torn off, and the navigation and stereo screen was dented. Police went out and observed the damage on the car. No suspect information was available.

Bicycle found

Police were called Friday afternoon to the area of Cherry Hill and John Hix on the report of a found bicycle. Police arrived and found the bicycle on the northwest corner of the intersection and left partially in the sidewalk. Police picked up the bicycle and took it back to the station.

Abandoned vehicle found

Police were called on March 2 to the 7400 block of Deering on the report of an abandoned vehicle.

The vehicle, a black Saturn, did not have a license plate and the steering column remained intact. No records came back when police ran the VIN and it came back with no record. The vehicle was towed and impounded.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Cigarettes taken

Livonia police were called Sunday evening to the Marathon gas station at 39350 Six Mile on the report of stolen cigarettes.

An employee told police a suspect asked for two cartons of cigarettes. The clerk informed him they did not have anymore cartons of that brand and took out several single packs of cigarettes. They were then placed on the counter. The suspect then asked for chewing tobacco. After the clerk turned around to get the tobacco, the suspect reportedly grabbed the cigarettes and ran out of the store without paying for them. He was then seen getting into a vehicle that had

another individual in it and fled the store going east-bound on Six Mile.

Identity stolen

A resident in the 19100 block of Flamingo came into the police station Monday afternoon to report his identity had been stolen.

He said he filed his taxes online. The next day, he got a notice telling him that someone had already filed taxes under his name using his information. He said he was not out any money, was advised to check his credit report and put holds on his accounts.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

Gun found at park

Wayne police were called to a residence in the 5100 block of Mildred on the report of a firearm that was discovered.

The caller's sons told him they discovered a gun while at Angelo DeMario Park. The caller then went to the park and found the gun, which was lying in a gun case in standing water and was not loaded. Police took the gun from him, and ran it in their database. It was discovered the gun came back as stolen out of Hernando County, Fla.

Car stolen

Police were called the afternoon of March 1 to a residence in the 4500 block of Woodward on the report of a stolen car.

The resident said he and his family were out of town for a week on vacation and came back Feb. 28. When they got home, it was dark and he did not see if his vehicle was still there. When the resident came home from work the next day, he noticed his truck was not at the home anymore. He said the car is paid off and that he had the only set of keys.

Suspended license

Police pulled over a vehicle Friday morning near Venoy and Michigan Avenue and arrested the driver on suspicion of driving with a suspended license.

Police saw the driver driving with his seat belt on improperly. When police spoke to the driver, he told them he did not have his license on him. He was detained

until police could verify his identity. They discovered his license was suspended nine times and he had a warrant out of Farmington Hills. His passenger also had a warrant out for her from Van Buren Township. The driver was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

Taillight damaged

A resident in the 4200 block of Adams Circle filed a police report Monday on the report of vehicle damage. The resident said the left taillight of a Lincoln vehicle was damaged by a BB gun and was cracked.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department.

Livonia police rescue dog in hot car at St. Mary Mercy

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

With warmer weather on the horizon, Livonia police are advising pet owners to be careful when leaving their pets in their parked cars.

Police were called the afternoon of Feb. 23 to St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, on the report of a dog in a vehicle that appeared to be in distress. A witness called police, saying he noticed the dog inside a parked car earlier that morning when he came for a doctor's appointment for his wife. He said he paid attention to the dog, a Labrador/pit bull mix, because it was standing near the car's window whimpering. One of the windows was rolled down about 1 inch. The temperature outside that day appeared to have been close to 67 degrees.

The caller said he came out to the parking lot several hours later and noticed the car was still parked in the lot, though the dog was not visible. He then went up to the car and noticed the dog was laying down near the driver side floor board in the only part of the vehicle that was shaded. He told police the dog was panting profusely and appeared lethargic and not as responsive as earlier. The witness then decided to call police.

When police arrived, they spoke to a security officer at the hospital, who told them there were no patients at the hospital with the same name as the individual whose plates were on the car. There was no food or water inside the

car and there was dried saliva on the cracked-open window, appearing to be from the dog trying to access the fresh air. Animal control was also called.

Police used a tool to roll the vehicle window down and unlock the car, allowing the dog to get out of the car. The officer took the dog inside the hospital to get it water until animal control officers could arrive.

Animal control took the temperature from inside the vehicle, which turned out to be 87 degrees in the area where the dog was in the shade underneath the steering wheel; the bench seat in direct sunlight registered at 119 degrees. Police secured the vehicle, leaving a notice for the owner to contact them regarding the dog. The animal control officer said they would conduct their own follow-up.

The Humane Society advises those who see a pet in a hot vehicle to try and locate the car's owner and notify them. If that cannot be done, the agency recommends witnesses call their local police department. "Leaving pets locked in cars is never safe. But when the weather gets warmer, it can be deadly," the Humane Society states on its website. "High temperatures can cause irreparable organ damage and even death. Protecting animals from an unnecessary death is a problem we can all agree to prevent."

When police arrived, they spoke to a security officer at the hospital, who told them there were no patients at the hospital with the same name as the individual whose plates were on the car. There was no food or water inside the

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OBSERVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nursing career fair

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland will host a Nursing Career Fair from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 11. Experienced nurses and graduate nurses can tour the hospital's South Patient Tower, new Simulation Lab and meet with nursing leaders to discuss careers at St. Joe's. Details include:

- » Hiring experienced RNs and graduate nurses
- » Bring resumes
- » Meet with nurse managers, directors and the HR team to learn about specific units and specialties
- » Tour the new state of the art South Patient Tower and Simulation Lab
- » Patient care technology demonstrations
- » Learn more about careers with St. Joe's, the hospital's generous tuition reimbursement program and the great work environment
- » Refreshments provided



Kathleen Murray will perform March 14 at the Ann Arbor-Plymouth Elks.



The **Paul VornHagen Quartet** will perform March 28 at the Ann Arbor-Plymouth Elks.

» Park in visitor parking for the event and enter the main South Tower lobby

Register for the career fair by applying online at stjoeshealth.org/search-current-job-openings, using the search term "Nursing Career Fair" or the job posting number "00006006".

Metro Detroit Ostomy

The Ostomy support group meets at 1:30 p.m. March 12 at St. Mary

Mercy Hospital in Livonia. For more information, call 866-678-6698.

Coffee hours

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

Coffee Hour in Westland will be co-hosted with State Representatives Robert Kosowski and Jewell Jones from 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's

Grill., 6047 North Wayne Road.

Coffee Hour in Garden City will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Michigan room at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood St. Garden City Coffee Hour will be co-hosted with State Senator David Knezek and State Representative Jewell Jones.

Mystery Purse Auction

Faith Community's Women of Faith will host the auction at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the church, 14560 Merriman Road. Men and women can bid on purses or bags or totes that are filled with mystery items. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Melissa at 734-765-1827.

Blues, Jazz at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens on the second Tuesday of the month from 7-10 p.m. at the Plymouth

Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society. There is a \$5 donation at the door, and bring your dancing shoes.

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

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

On Tuesday, March 28, the popular The Paul VornHagen Quartet will perform. VornHagen has won several awards for his jazz performances and he is backed by experienced and familiar musicians. Hear the standards and some of his original songs. Playing with him on reeds, Chuck

Shermetaro on keyboard, Kurt Krahnke on bass and Scott Kretzer on drums.

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

Freedom House Detroit

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

LETTERS TO THE OBSERVER EDITOR

Email your letters to jmaliszews@hometownlife.com.

Hills council lauded

I've been a homeowner in Farmington Hills for over 45 years. I've attended subdivision meetings, city hall meetings, city council meetings and I've volunteered at the public schools and worked on political campaigns here in Farmington Hills.

Recently I attended our Farmington Hills Mayor Massey's Town Hall meeting at our fire station on Nine Mile. Councilman Dr. Randy Bruce and Councilwoman Valerie Knol, also attended and offered valuable comments about activities within our city. I wanted to personally commend Massey for arranging these informal settings and spending time with homeowners who voiced concerns about topics ranging from dead deer found in various subdivisions to the recent road repaving project completed in the Independence Commons subdivision near Drake Road and Grand River Avenue.

Massey was very knowledgeable about the laws governing our road repairs, and his explanation "of the facts" surrounding this project was very helpful. There were 330 homes involved in this road repair project, and 80 of these homeowners are suing the city so they will not have to pay the total assessment that our city expects for reimbursement. Our city pays 20 percent of the total costs, and the remainder of the expense is divided among the homeowners for these new roads.

As I saw and listened to the few homeowners, from the 80 who are complaining, I think it's important to view the facts and not focus on the minority involved in this project. A majority of the homeowners, 250 of them, who did not join this complaint with the city, were not at this meeting, thus, we can only assume that they are accepting and enjoying their new roads, and the home value that they now have for the future.

Our city has a grading scale to determine the worse road requiring repair to the least in need. Our city then has to budget for the 20 percent that they have to allocate to fund each project. If your roads are determined to be in the worst condition, then it's important to repair them as recommended by the city.

I live in a subdivision that is in need of road repair, as well, but we understand that other areas have a priority because of a deteriorating condition and safety issues involved. Because our city does not have sidewalks, we depend on our roads to be safe, and free of potholes, as we use them for not only

driving our cars, but also for walking, walking our dogs, etc.

Massey also commented that many of our existing subdivisions have gone over 30 years on their current paved roads, and although the homeowners paid their assessments many years ago, they've paid nothing for the many years that have passed since their original paving. Other neighboring cities have used millages to pay for road repairs, however, why pay \$700 per year for 30 or 40 years, instead of a one-time cost, over 10 years, and not pay for a lot more dollars to pay other subdivisions in the city.

The purpose of my letter today is to remind each of us that we need to respect and honor those Farmington Hills homeowners, like Mayor Ken Massey, who are willing to take on the political roles in our city to handle not only roads, but the multiple of issues that face our city every week. They are willing to learn the facts, make decisions, and represent us each day to create a city that we're all proud to call our own.

Diane Holcomb
Farmington Hills

Say no to Nestle

My name is Ashley Kasper, and I am a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School. I was assigned to read an article for my AP Biology class, and came upon one regarding Nestle's approval for pumping additional water from a Michigan well.

I do not think Nestle should be allowed to pump more water from the Ewart, Mich., well. To start off, the economic gain for Michigan is practically none. One cannot consider \$200, a permit fee, and 20 jobs to have a significant impact on the Michigan economy. Over-pumping water increases the influence a well has on the aquifer, to which everything, including contaminants, is drawn. The result can be the spreading of contamination or even land subsidence. Subsidence is the settling of ground and may be caused by a number of natural occurrences, but, more than 80 percent of the subsidence in the United States is related to the withdrawal of ground water (according to <http://pubs.usgs.gov/circ/circ1182/>).

When land subsides, it compacts. The spaces in the ground are closing and therefore the ground lowers or subsides. If you look at the definition of an aquifer, you see that it is the spaces that contain the water. Once those spaces disappear, the aquifer's ability to store water is reduced forever. These risks associated with additional gallons pumped is not worth the measily economic gains.

Secondly, the company does not even notify the public when they are

pumping additional gallons or any other changes that they may be doing.

According to the article Jim Olson, the lawyer representing the plaintiffs in this case, even "criticized regulators for not giving the public more notice of the new proposal." He states: "We've seen an erosion of public notices and more internal official decisions. That's at the heart of the Flint water crisis, and now we have the same kind of institutionalized expediency here." How can we trust a company that barely notifies the public of changes as significant as a proposal to greatly increase the amount of gallons pumped to notify us when something bigger changes or is proposed, good or bad?

Doing further research and reading on savemwater.org, two main issues are at hand: "(1) immediate environmental harm to rivers, streams, lakes, wetlands, and habitat in the zone of influence where the spring water pumping is occurring; and (2) the threat to the public trust doctrine (see the Michigan Constitution, Art. IV, Section 52) namely that the natural resources (including groundwater) of the state belong to the people of the state, because the bottling of Michigan spring water is the privatization of water for profit and diversion outside the Great Lakes basin."

Looking at the Michigan Constitution article IV section 52, (<http://www.legislature.mi.gov>) it states: "The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the people. The legislature shall provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction." [Eff. Jan. 1, 1964].

If the state wishes to obey its own constitution and listen to the disappointing cries of the Michigan people, they will "provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction," "make the "conservation and development of the natural resources of the state" their defense, and make the "public concern in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the people" paramount to the arguments of Nestle, having their sole purpose of the extra water to be for personal economic gain. We as Michiganders who love our beautiful pure Michigan beauty must protect it from companies that wish to harm or disrupt it for economic gain.

I think the most common mistakes regarding

natural resources is the failure to foresee the long-run impact. Long run is not two or three years. Long-run is 10, 30, or 50 years from now, when my generation is in positions of government and other jobs once held by our parents' generation. The lack of ability to make decisions for the future not only ruins the ecosystem of Michigan but our children's futures, changing the Michigan they know, love, and live in.

I ask you to please keep in mind the future generations of Michigan, the public opinion, and the Michigan Constitution when the decision is made for Nestle. I appreciate you taking the time to read this and I truly hope this made an impact on your decision or at least showed you how much a young Michigander cares about the beauty and natural being of the wonderful state she calls home.

Ashley Kasper
Livonia

We're all immigrants

For purpose of interchanging the readers' own religion and an object lesson, here is the offensive post cited or referenced by Brad Kadrich's recent Observer article, and the Free Press, Detroit News, WXYZ and WDIV TV news: "Of course they (Muslims) don't tell the whole truth, part of their culture."

She is nothing but trouble and needs to be sent back (to Bangladesh) so she can profess her love to the Koran there where it is appreciated, not here!!"

Whether or not the Plymouth City Clerk wrote and posted it — someone did. I suggest to any Presbyterian, to change in the above post the word Muslim to Presbyterian, the word Bangladesh to the word Scotland (or a country of origin on your family tree), and the word Koran to Holy Bible. Then read that updated phrase to yourself, while looking in the mirror. Or interchange any Christian religion.

More to the point — the person who wrote this post, please insert your own religion and country of familial or religious sect origin into the quote, and self reflect how it feels saying it to yourself in the mirror.

We are all immigrants, and our families and ancestors brought our religions with us — going back to the Pilgrims. Morally, all Christians are guests of the Native American Indians, who have been on this continent thousands of years prior to the arrival of Christianity.

Daniel Sabo
Taylor

Immigration stories hit the mark

Thank you for your recent issue featuring immigration. I found the

facts regarding refugees especially helpful. I was not familiar with the regulations regarding refugee immigration. I appreciate the balance in the supporting articles and the attempt to cover the issue from differing perspectives. Even though my parents were immigrants, I sometimes forget the challenges people face when relocating to a foreign country and was unaware of the refugee process.

I would love to see the same level of coverage given to gerrymandering, a topic which is frequently misunderstood. Two weeks ago I attended a forum in East Lansing regarding gerrymandering. Four groups presented at the event: The League of Women Voters (LWV), Michigan Election Reform Alliance (MERA), American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and CountMIVote.

Gerrymandering is a non-partisan issue. Republicans and Democrats are guilty of carving out districts to guarantee their party's dominance. Politicians are said to pick their voters instead of voters picking their politicians. In Maryland, Democrats manipulated districts in their favor much like Republicans

altered the maps in Michigan for their gain.

Politicians from opposing parties are often hesitant to voice their objection, instead, they lie in wait for the chance to rewrite the boundaries in their favor. Fair representation may be achieved through various methods, including appointing independent commissions or developing a proportional representation system. Carving up districts to resemble salamanders is not a fair method. I admit I am a Democrat who wants this nonsense to end in Michigan but I want the same for Maryland. All states should aim for fair representation. I encourage you to contact the organizations I mentioned (LWV, MERA, ACLU, and CountMIVote) to explore this topic.

Thank you again for making the editorial decision to educate and inform your readership instead of contributing to the sound bite rhetoric which fills social media.

I wouldn't mind seeing issues devoted to campaign financing/election reform in Michigan and charter schools/vouchers.

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KATHRYN G. "KAY" Livonia, Michigan Age 94, peacefully passed away Friday, March 3, 2017 following a short illness. She was born February 12, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Elmer D. and Elsa J. (Teuscher) Boldt. She was a 1940 graduate of Rock Island High School, Rock Island, IL. Kay served honorably in the U.S. Navy as a Wave from March 1943-February 1946. On October 3, 1947, she married Frank J. Salogga and he preceded her in death April 2, 1996. Kay was an executive secretary most of her life, retiring from Scans International. She loved northern Michigan and staying at her Petosky home. Kay was a big supporter of the Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Humane Society. She is survived by her niece Terry (Tim) Morrow, her nephew David Boldt, great nephews, Ted and Travis (Frances) Morrow and sister-in-law Margaret Boldt. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Robert D. Boldt. Cremation has taken place. Her ashes will be interred next to her husband Jack in Rock Island National Cemetery, Rock Island, IL. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind of Michigan, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 www.leaderdog.org. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

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JANET of Garden City, and proud native of Edinburgh, Scotland, passed away in the loving care of her family on March 4, 2017 at the age of 89. Janet was preceded in death by her brother, Alexander (Margaret) Watson and sister, Cecelia (Peter) Houston. She is survived by her many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephew: Sheila (Ernie); George (Moira); Scott (Kim); Caden; Lesley (Jim); Keith; Ruth (Mark); Leslie (Barb); Calum (Laura); Blair, Thomas, Brittany, Ashleigh; Chris (Sung), Alexandria and Isabella. Services will be held privately. Memorials may be made in her name to the Michigan Humane Society. Condolences may be left at www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com or phone Lynch & Sons, Milford, 248-684-6645.

May you find comfort in family & friends

Register for Redford Union kindergarten

Redford Union School District's MacGowan Elementary School will host a kindergarten registration open house from 3-7 p.m. Friday, March 24. Staff will be available for school tours and to answer questions.

MacGowan Elementary School is at 18255 Kinloch in Redford. The school can be reached by calling 313-242-3800.

To register, parents or guardians will need to bring:

- » Student's original birth certificate
- » Student's immunization record
- » Parent/guardian identification
- » Three proofs of residency — current lease or mortgage statement, two utility bills

Students must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017.

Additional registrations will be received at the Redford Union Board of Education Office beginning March 27. The Redford Union Board of Education office is at 17715 Brady in Redford, Michigan. Registrations will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Redford Union School District Board of Education can be reached by calling 313-242-6003.

Registration packets will be available at the Board of Education Office and MacGowan Elementary School beginning March 20.

Help sought in IDing tip theft suspect in Westland

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Westland police are asking for help in identifying a man accused of stealing a cash payment left at a table at a Westland restaurant.

Police say the man was seen on camera Monday walking up to a table at Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne, and taking the cash payment and tip off of the table and pocketing it.

The suspect was seen looking around several times before taking the money. The two then left the restaurant, as the crime was not discovered until after he and his female friend had left.

Police have described the man as a 30-year-old male, standing at about 6 feet tall and weighing about 200 pounds. He



Westland police are looking for this man.

had a full beard and a mustache and was wearing a checkered button-up shirt with blue jeans.

He was seen leaving the restaurant in an older model four-door tan Buick.

Anyone with information can call Westland police at 734-722-9600.

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Bonds are an important part of a diversified portfolio

Q: I've been reading on the Internet and in financial publications that when interest rates start to climb, investors should dump their mutual funds that own bonds because the funds will decline in value. On the other hand, I heard it made more sense to own individual bonds, because they never lose money and you'll always get your money back at maturity. Which advice should I follow?

A: This is such a great question! Given that U.S. stock markets have performed so well since the financial crisis, someone asking about bonds is very exciting. In actuality, bonds are about as boring as they get, but a long-term, diversified portfolio would have a difficult time existing without them. That's because bonds are important diversifiers to stocks. Think of them as "bread and butter." Butter always tastes better on bread. Translation: stocks and bonds are a great combination!

I tend to view bonds as the anchor of a portfolio. When stocks are zigging and zagging, bonds tend to hold up reasonably well, even during periods when interest rates are going up. Their volatility reduction is such a huge benefit to owning them and this often gets lost when the financial media jump into a topic that confuses investors. Diversification is an important part of in-



Rick Bloom
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vesting and, even if you have identified individual bonds you want to own, you still have to own more than one to be diversified. And just because you can own a bond until maturity (say, 10 years) you can still experience fluctuation and decline either due to rising interest rates or credit-related problems.

So while owning individual bonds can help take some of the pressure off of rising rates, they become more difficult to manage in a portfolio. As an example, let's say you have a stated allocation of 60 percent stocks and 40 percent bonds in your investment portfolio. If stocks dropped significantly, it could result in the allocation of bonds becoming 50 percent of the portfolio. As a result, you would have to sell some of your individual bonds to get the portfolio balance back to 60/40.

Unfortunately, it is more challenging to sell partial shares of bonds due to how they trade.

That's why I recommend bond mutual funds that invest in more than one particular bond vs. owning individual bonds. With the mutual funds, a seasoned fund manager can buy and sell shares of the variety of individual bonds in the fund as needed. Doing that yourself for

individual bonds you own can be difficult and you may make bad decisions on which ones to sell, which could ultimately hurt your overall portfolio.

Lastly, a key characteristic of bond mutual funds is the reinvestment of interest income, which is used to purchase more shares and helps offset some of the volatility associated with rising interest rates. If you own or invest in individual bonds, then the interest paid does not get automatically reinvested, it merely sits in cash until you do something with it. Depending on the type of bond fund, reinvesting interest income plays an important role in the fund's total return over time.

If one was concerned about rising rates, then they could invest in bond funds with shorter average maturities, which are less impacted by rising interest rates than bond funds with longer average maturities. Bond funds do not have definitive maturity dates like individual bonds do, but as you can see, investors can take comfort in the advantages bond mutual funds offer no matter what interest rates do going forward.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Police arrest Livonia man accused of break-in

David Veselenak
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Livonia police arrested a burglary suspect Feb. 27 near the intersection of Plymouth and Middlebelt. The suspect was arrested after he was seen watching



Sorge

police investigate a break-in, all while police were observing him as a possible suspect.

Kevin Sorge, 41, of Livonia was arrested and charged with larceny in a building after the investigation, according to online court records. If convicted, he faces up to four years in prison.

Officers were called at about 8:30 p.m. that day to Furniture Factory Liquidators, 29055 Plymouth, on the report of a break-in. Police arrived and found two windows smashed out at the business. After checking the inside of the shop, police found no one inside.

All while the investigation was taking place, police say they saw the suspect across the street near the KFC restaurant watching them as they investigated the break-in. Police believed the man to be suspicious and detained him upon further investigation. After reviewing the security footage inside the store, police saw the suspect on camera inside the store during the reported break-in, where he was seen releasing a parrot that was already inside the store and drinking straight from a bottle of mustard located inside.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Austin's death stuns Churchill family



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The late Rick Austin ran track and coached track for 21 years at Churchill.

Chargers' popular track coach, teacher mourned

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Whether it was coaching his own team or managing track and field meets, Livonia Churchill's Rick Austin was always right in the middle of things willing to lend a helping hand.

But on Monday morning, the Churchill High athletic family lost a dedicated coach and teacher when the 57-year-old Austin passed away from complications following surgery for a heart ailment.

"It's tough, it's a big loss for us obviously," Churchill athlet-

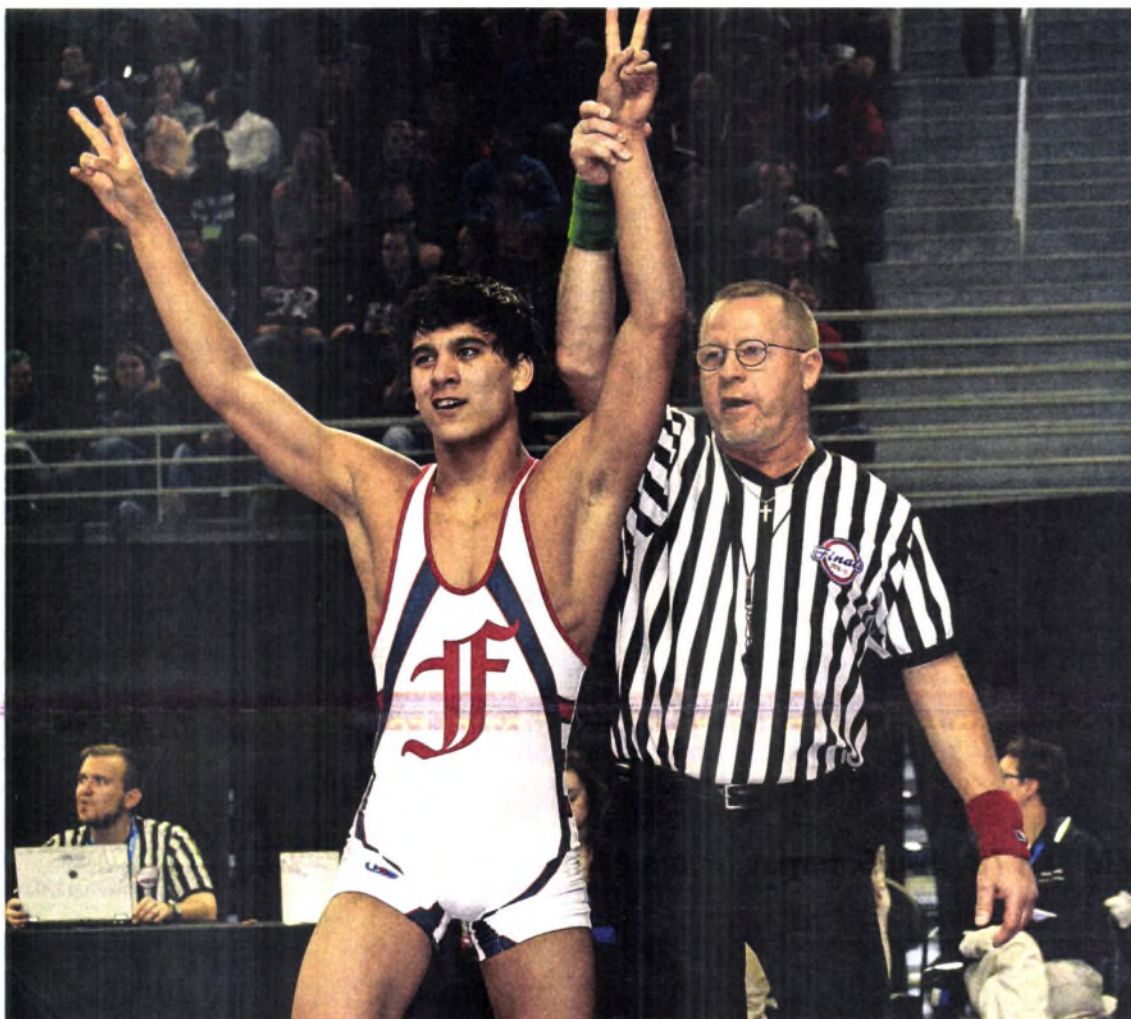
ic director Marc Hage said. "He was a Livonia guy, that's where he came up through the system, and it was near and dear I remember him telling me. When he started his career here he came over from Dearborn and he always wanted to be here. It was his dream to come back here, work in a place where he went to school at. It meant so much to him and it was so special to him. He just wanted to be back here where he got such a good start. He put his heart and soul into everything that he did, especially his coaching. It was such

a passion."
Austin, who taught business education at Churchill as well as at the Livonia Public Schools Career Center, will be remembered not only for his one regional, three conference and six division boys track titles, but also for his passion and the interaction with his student-athletes.
"He was a heck of a coach," said Churchill head boys cross country John McGreevy, who had served as Austin's track assistant since 1996. "He coached track, football, basketball. He was a gym rat. As much as he loved the sports, he loved the kids he coached. He was very loyal to Churchill and

he was very loyal to his fellow coaches. It's a great loss to Churchill and the Livonia community. He can't be replaced."
Austin graduated from Churchill in 1978 where he was a standout hurdler. As a senior he finished fifth in the 120-yard high hurdles in the Class A finals with a time of 14.5.
"He was our best hurdler and held our record for a very, very long time," former Churchill coach Fred Price said. "He came to us from Ford Middle School and at the very beginning he had some very good coaching at the middle school. And he just continued

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WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL FINALS



Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza lifts his hands to victory, signaling two state titles after winning the 152-pound Division 1 title.

TOM LANG

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rockets rally late, nip Spartans in overtime

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Joe Moon IV reached for the stars and lifted his team to the kind of comeback win that could elevate it to the heights during the postseason that just started Monday night.

But without Moon, who scored 28 points and was an all-around catalyst for Westland John Glenn's varsity boys basketball team in an 80-77 overtime win over Livonia Stevenson, the Rockets' playoff run would have been a one-and-done scenario.

It was the sophomore guard who muscled his way for an offensive rebound and game-tying put-back as the buzzer sounded at the end of the fourth quarter to tie the Class A district opener at 70-70.

He then calmly sank five of six free throws during the extra four minutes and along with his teammates shut down any openings for Stevenson's perimeter

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TOM BEAUDOIN

Going up for a rebound during Monday's Class A boys basketball district game are Westland John Glenn's Christian Agnew (0) and Livonia Stevenson's Ian Knoph (10).

BACK-TO-BACK CHAMP

Franklin's Atienza avoids jinx, wins second straight championship

Tom Lang
Detroit Free Press

At risk of jinxing his shot at a second individual wrestling state championship, Livonia Franklin's Nathan Atienza planned his celebration in advance.

Nothing fancy. Just two fingers on each hand raised to the rafters of the Palace at Auburn Hills.

Atienza defeated defending 152-pound champion Kameron Bush of Grandville, 4-3, in the

Division I state finals on Saturday to become the first two-time champion in school history.

"It's very exciting," Atienza said. "I was trying to plan out what I was going to do for a celebration, but nothing came to me more than that."

"I'd rather prepare myself than not being prepared," he added about a possible curse. "If you don't have that mindset that you're going to win you've already lost."

The marquee event of the

individual wrestling state finals was less bruising and more methodical than fans might have expected.

Atienza and Grandville both were reigning champions, with Atienza winning the title at 145 last season. Neither wanted to make a mistake, but a one-point escape with the score tied 3-3 in the third period gave Atienza his second state title.

"I think we were both a little more tentative, just because we knew what the other was capable of," Atienza said. "Take our moves accordingly and cautiously and doing them right rather than just going out

and doing everything wrong.

"I knew I had a tough match, a tough opponent but I knew deep down inside my head I had him. I worked for this my entire life and nobody was going to take it away from me — my moment."

What an era

Franklin head coach David Chiola said Atienza's state title was the culmination of a three-month quest that began with his only loss of the past two seasons combined — at the Wayne County Championships. "Nate was really focused,"

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BOYS HOCKEY

Churchill get jump on 'Cats, cruise 4-1 in regional final

Early goals, Broyles' netminding propel Chargers to victory in Division 2 quarterfinal at Arctic Edge

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

It wasn't a state championship celebration Saturday night for Livonia Churchill, but it was pretty close.

The Chargers jumped out to an early lead against Plymouth and earned a 4-1 win in the Division 2 boys hockey regional final at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

And after the regional trophy

was handed off from head coach Jason Reynolds, players held it aloft and moved in unison from center ice to the boards along the bleachers.

On the other side of the glass were screaming, ecstatic Churchill fans sharing the team's first regional title in five years.

"We had to dedicate it (the win) to our fans for showing

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JIM PAPAIOANNOU

Livonia Churchill's varsity boys hockey team celebrates after winning the Division 2 regional at Arctic Edge.

PREP WRESTLING

CC quintet repeats at D1 state finals

Shamrocks' wrestling machine keeps rolling

Brad Emons
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It was icing on the cake with a cherry on top for five Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestlers Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Shamrocks' quintet of Cameron Amine (145 pounds), Ty Morland (171), Nick Jenkins (285), Ben Kamali (112) and Kevon Davenport (130) all repeated as individual state champions at the MHSAA Division 1 state finals.

They were among a total of 14 CC grapplers who qualified for the state finals, with teammates Jackson Ross (215) and Rhett Newton (112) both taking third. Derek Gilcher (119) was fourth, while Devon Johnsen (103) took seventh.

Morland, who is headed to wrestle at Northwestern University, capped his senior year with a perfect 37-0 record by defeating Portage Northern's Matthew Heaps in the final on a technical fall, 17-2.

En route to the title, Morland scored wins over Danny Smyk (Utica), a pin in 0:50; Sam Greco, a 7-0 decision; and Austin Maiczewski (Romeo), an 18-3 technical fall.

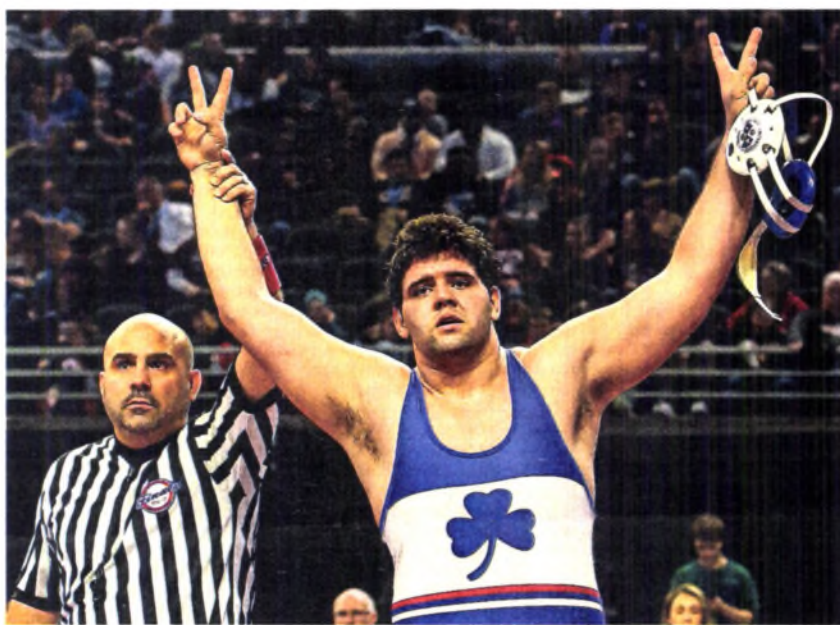
Jenkins, a fellow senior who will wrestle next year at Central Michigan, won all of his matches by close decisions, defeating Austin Emerson (Temperance Bedford) in the final, 3-2, after beating Rahmi Khalil (Macomb Dakota), 2-0; Nic Lloyd (Grandville), 2-0; and Aaron Gilmore (Davison), 4-1.

Jenkins finished the year 46-1 overall.

"Just remarkable poise, leadership and commitment," CC coach Mitch Hancock said of his two outgoing senior state champs. "They do all the little things right. Great kids, great individuals. I've never met two more humble state champions in my life."

Not to be outdone was Amine, a sophomore who racked up a 45-3 record this season, capped by a 9-3 decision in the final over Danny Pfeiffer of Fraser. Other wins came against Brian Case (Davison), 1-0 in the semifinals; Nick Bleise (Brighton), 20-5 technical fall; and Braxton Gabold (Flushing), 7-5.

"Cam is our leader in the room, even though he's a sophomore," Hancock said. "Just a workaholic. He has all the



Shamrocks senior Nick Jenkins captured the 285-pound state crown for the second year in a row.

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respect of his teammates. He's very vocal, very loud and he controls the tempo in that room, he really does."

Kamali, a junior, went 41-3 on the year, finishing with a pin in 3:31 against Battle Creek Lakeview's Bryce Brust in the final. Kamali also earned victories over Jack Samuels (Hudsonville), a 11-3 major decision; Corey Cavanaugh (Hartland), a pin in 2:34; and Michael Thackthay (Holt), a pin in 54 seconds.

"Kamali is just a scorer. He reminds me of Ken Bade," Hancock said. "He just a kid who likes to put points on the board. He's got the highest-pitched voice you'll ever want to meet. He's just a fantastic young man, he really is. He's a scorer and likes a fast-paced match."

Davenport, also a sophomore, avenged a 6-4 regional loss to Woodhaven's Xavier Graham by posting a 4-3 victory in the final. Davenport, who went 43-3 overall, also defeated Conor Donahue (Clarkston), a 9-0 major decision; Jack Snauko (Grandville), a 10-1 major decision; and Garrett Tyrrell (Oxford), a 9-3 decision.

"Davenport is a winner, he's a champion," Hancock said. "He just has all the right attributes. Extremely confident, yet not arrogant. He works hard and understands

the sport very well. He's a very smart wrestler and I think that showed in the finals, when he was able to get some revenge on that kid who beat us two weeks ago."

Ross, meanwhile, lost in the semifinals to eventual champion Ben Cushman of Flushing, 5-3, but rebounded to beat Monroe's Zack Kramer in the third-place match, 7-6. Ross, who went 5-1 over the three-day tourney, finished 29-10 overall.

Newton, a sophomore who competed in the same weight class as Kamali, lost to Brust in the semifinals, 7-4, but rebounded to win his final four matches, defeating Dakota's Justin Tiburcio for third, 8-2. Newton finished the year at 36-9 overall.

"What resiliency those two guys showed," Hancock said of Ross and Newton. "Rhett beat a kid who beat us earlier in the year and just wrestled an extremely great tournament. The kid he lost to (Brust) ended up taking second, then got stuck (by Kamali) in the finals. For Rhett to do that as a sophomore showed that type of composure and was pretty awesome."

"And Jack Ross, what a way to go out as a senior. He's just come such a long way in the last two or three years. He's just a great athlete who understood the sport and real-

ly, really works hard."

Gilcher, a freshman, won four of six matches, suffering a 6-4 semifinal loss to eventual champ Rayvon Foley of Ann Arbor Pioneer. Gilcher, who was pinned in the consolation final by Anchor Bay's Jack Medley (1:24), finished the year 32-10 overall.

"We were one situation away from being in the finals as a freshman," Hancock said. "He lost to Foley in a close match. He's got a great career wearing the CC singlet."

Also placing was Johnsen, a junior, who wound up going 3-2 in the tourney, defeating Hartland's Wyatt Nault, 6-1, for seventh place, while finishing the year at 35-12.

"He had a good outing," Hancock said. "It's obviously not what he wanted or what we wanted, but he got to finish with his hand on top and his hand raised in his last match of the day. That's important and he did that to a kid (Nault) who beat him earlier in the team state tournament. He got a little revenge win there."

CC individual state qualifiers who did not place were Stone Moscovic (125), 29-13 overall; Dane Flynn (189), 30-11; Easton Turner (171), 25-11; Aiden Wagh (152), 30-14; and Joe Urso (140), 35-15.

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ATIENZA

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noted Chiola, in an email to the Observer. "He took a loss in December after going undefeated last year. He used that to motivate himself and work hard towards his goal."

"Our biggest concern was getting him enough competition in practice. He was so dominant all year we were worried how he would be in a close match — he was fine though."

"He took an early lead and then just controlled the pace of the match. As good as he is physically, he is even better mentally. He always knows the situation, and doesn't panic."

With the title, the school's Atienza era comes to a close. Jordan Atienza was a runner-up in 2013 and state champion in 2014, followed by Nathan (who was Franklin's first four-time all-stater).

"They have set a legacy here at Franklin that will never be forgotten," Chiola said.

CC encores

Cameron Amine (145 pounds) and Tyler Moreland (171) each won their second state championship for Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Amine was going up against Fraser's Danny Pfeiffer, who didn't place at state last year but ran the table this season to come into the Saturday's final undefeated with 57 wins.

"I look at (my opponents) all the same," Amine said. "Doesn't matter if they're a state champ, or didn't place. Don't change the way you look at kids, just go out there and wrestle how you're supposed to wrestle."

For Moreland, a senior headed to Northwestern, he said a great weight was lifted after winning the title.

"This is a lot of fun and I'm excited to just sit back and watch wrestling now," Moreland said. "I'm glad I'm done and can be a fan. I'm excited to watch my teammates. We go through a lot together in the practice room and it's exciting to see the guys get what they deserve, what they work so hard for every day."

Notebook

Novi Detroit Catholic Central's five defending champions reached the title round once again: Cameron Amine (145), Tyler Moreland (171), Nick Jenkins (285), Benjamin Kamali (112) and Kevon Davenport (130).

Three Walled Lake Central wrestlers reached the finals: Ben Freeman, Nick Freeman and TJ Daugherty. Three others from the Kensington Lakes Conference were Atienza, and Mikey Mars and Anthony Gibson of Westland John Glenn.

The four Michigan Wrestling Association Mr. Wrestler finalists were announced, including Freeman, Dominic Lajoie of Gaylord, Trent Hilliger of Lake Fenton and Nick Cooper of Springport.

With what Hartland coach Todd Cheney described as wrestling with one arm due to an AC joint separation in his left shoulder, defending champion Reese Hughes was able to fight back and earn fourth place at 145 pounds. He will wrestle at Michigan in college.

Division 2-3

Four area seniors capped their mat careers last weekend in the MHSAA Individual Finals held March 2-4 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

In Division 2, Redford Union's Larry Elliott (130 pounds) finished with a 1-2 record losing his opening round match to Escanaba's Hunter Larson, 7-2, before defeating Sparta's Luke Aune in the consolation bracket, 4-2.

Armada's Rober Nowik eliminated Elliott from the tourney, 5-1.

Meanwhile, RU teammate Kenny Vadnais (145) was pinned by Niles' Mitchell Findesien in the first round in 3:52 and was ousted by Clio's A.J. Moore, 11-4.

Elliott finished the year at 41-15 overall, while Vadnais wound up 39-7.

In Division 3, Livonia Clarenceville's Joseph Sanchez (130) finished 1-2 losing to Shepherd's Trevor Robinson in the first round, 8-1, before decisioning Wyoming Kelloggville's Ryan Mallett, 3-1.

Scott Amaya of Mt. Morris ousted Sanchez, 9-6.

The Trojans' David Means (171) dropped both of his matches by pin losing to Dundee's Kyle Motylinski (in 3:13) and Delton Kellogg's Chance Stevens (in 2:10).

Sanchez finished the season 39-18 overall. Means was 36-9.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Patriots get past Thurston in district opener

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Playoff basketball can be tough and "chippy," and that was the case Monday in a Class A district contest between host Livonia Franklin and Redford Thurston.

The Patriots won the game, 54-46, but lost a player for Wednesday's boys basketball semifinal against Livonia Churchill. Senior guard Johnny Cantrell was ejected with about five minutes remaining after a second round of bumping and jawing with Thurston players.

Cantrell will not be eligible to face the Chargers, although should Franklin (10-11) win Wednesday he would be able to play in Friday's district final.

"It's an emotional game, he knows all those guys, they know him," Franklin head coach Jon Djokaj said. "Playing rec ball, playing summer league. It got emotional, it got chippy. He lost his composure."

"That's something we preach as far as not wanting a kid to do that, obviously. But it's an emotional game and he'll learn from it."

Without Cantrell, who scored 11 points Monday, Djokaj said others will have an opportunity to step forward. "Parts are parts, the next guy will step up and we'll move along."

When Cantrell was ejected, the Patriots enjoyed a 46-36 lead but Thurston (7-13) really could not get much closer.

The Eagles did trail 52-46 and had the basketball with under a minute to go, but a bid to cut the deficit in half with a trey did not connect and Franklin junior forward Mark Mettie sank two foul shots to close out the win.

Mettie finished with 17 points and eight rebounds to



Livonia Franklin's Keyon Brown (14) looks to score over the defense of Redford Thurston's DeQuan Gadson (21). At right for the Patriots is Matthew Elrod (33).

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lead all players in the game. He also had five blocks.

Let it fly

"I thought Mettie had good energy," Djokaj said. "... It was a really physical game, and I thought he was patient with the ball and didn't force too many things."

"But obviously he's one of our go-to guys, so anytime he has a shot we're looking for him to take it."

Thurston head coach Brian Bates said the loss was "disappointing, but only four teams end up (the season) with a win. It's hard. I'm proud of the kids, we played hard in the second half. We got more aggressive in the second half."

The Eagles actually got off to a good start, leading 14-13

after one quarter. Scoring back-to-back late in the frame were junior guard Matteo Maisano and junior forward Malik Hill, on a trey and put-back, respectively.

Thurston's run ended there, however, as the Patriots outscored the Eagles 16-3 in the second to go up 29-17 at halftime.

"We lost our aggressiveness," said Bates, about the tough second quarter.

Franklin's strong stanza ended on the highest of notes, with Mettie draining a 3-ball from the right corner with 15 seconds to go and then junior guard Keyon Brown (18 points) launching a rainbow trey at the buzzer.

Brown threw his shot up from a good 6 feet behind the three-point line, with the ball

still in the air when the clock hit zeroes.

"Anytime you can get two triples to end a half obviously you're leading with some momentum," Djokaj said. "But we've got to do a better job of carrying that momentum over to the second half."

Franklin held serve in the third, however, and still led 40-26 entering the fourth.

Thurston just could not get on any type of surge, especially with Mettie and junior forward Matthew Elrod (eight points, seven rebounds) getting boards at key moments.

"I've watched them play quite a few times, they send a lot of people to the glass," Djokaj said. "Our focus this whole week was making sure we sent five to the defensive glass and cleaned that up."

For the Eagles, senior forward Dequan Gadson lead the way with 11 points with Hill and junior guard Karlos Berry each tallying nine points.

Adding six points each for Thurston were junior forward Kevin Newell and senior forward Dorien Naylor.

OLD REDFORD 83, CLARENCEVILLE 40: They don't call him Mark "Rocket" Watts for nothing as the 6-foot-2 sophomore guard poured in a game-high 40 points Monday as Detroit Old Redford Academy (11-9) downed host Livonia Clarenceville (0-21) in the Class B district.

Rickey Scott paced the Trojans, who couldn't overcome a 53-19 halftime deficit, with 13 points.

The Ravens went 11-of-17 from the foul line, while Clarenceville was 2-of-3.

Old Redford advances to the Class B district semifinals at Detroit Henry Ford to face Redford Union (10-10).

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

It's a three-peat for Schoolcraft men's cagers

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After a tough first half Saturday, with his team trailing 45-40 to Muskegon at the intermission, Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Abe Mashhour boiled things down to the basics.

Play better defense in the final 20 minutes or else lose the chance to win a third consecutive MCCA championship.

The Ocelots did that and everything else they needed to do, with a 10-0 run launching a 49-point second half that resulted in a convincing 89-74 win. Schoolcraft (23-5) now moves on to the NJCAA District Tournament, receiving a first-round bye Tuesday.

"We just started playing with better energy on the defensive end," Mashhour said. "I think our press wore them down. That's the good thing about our depth. Obviously, they shot the ball really well for the first 20 minutes, they



The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team rallied Saturday to win the MCCA championship. It was the third straight title for the Ocelots, coached by Abe Mashhour (far left).

were 50 percent from the 3-point line (9-of-17 in the first half).

"But to sustain that four over 40 minutes is not easy to do for any team, as great as Muskegon is at shooting the ball. We made it a little tougher for them and got them out of

rhythm a little bit."

The Jayhawks (22-6) made just 2-of-18 attempts from beyond the 3-point line in the second half and Schoolcraft parlayed plenty of steals (three from Richard Talley) and fast breaks into transition buckets.

Leading the Ocelots with 23

points was Walt Kelsner (Walled Lake Central), with Delo Hansbro (16 points), Tariq Jones (13 points, nine rebounds) and Kevin Hayes (11 points) also chipping in.

Catalysts

Schoolcraft's rally began shortly after Talley and Kelsner rejoined the lineup minutes into the second half. Muskegon enjoyed a 51-44 lead, but before the Jayhawks could add another point it was a 54-51 Ocelots lead.

A trey from Kelsner broke a 51-51 tie and the Ocelots never looked back.

"Coach just told me to be aggressive," Talley said. "I'm known for my defense, so a lot of times be a defensive threat and run my team when I'm on offense. We came in, got a couple steals, went on a 10-0 run and, once we got the momentum, there was no stopping us."

Talley said winning with a freshman-laden team "feels good. Most of us are coming

back next year, so maybe go for a four-peat."

Another freshman, Joan Andoni (Livonia Churchill), added that "we always wanted to win this championship — back to back to back."

Mashhour, meanwhile, said it is gratifying to win with a largely different team on the heels of two squads that advanced to the NJCAA elite eight.

"It means a lot that we've done it with different groups," Mashhour said. "In junior college, the group changes year to year. So it's very important for that and just goes to show the support we get here at Schoolcraft from the administration on down."

"Mr. Fox is as good an athletic director as there is in the state and it's just a blessing to work for him. And, obviously, we've been blessed with some very, very good kids and very good basketball players."

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Panthers comeback bid falls short

Churchill, Wayne also ousted in regionals

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It proved to be a mountain just too tall to climb Tuesday night for the Redford Union girls basketball team.

The Panthers found themselves down 28-10 at halftime and when Center Line scored the first five points to open the third quarter, the deficit mounted to 19.

But RU went on a 17-0 run to close the third and pulled within five in the fourth before falling 46-39 in the Class B regional semifinal at Detroit Mumford.

"We dug a hole," RU coach Scott Purdy said. "We came out nervous, had major turnovers and there was a little bit of a panic. But once we had a little talk at halftime we were

able to execute better offensively."

The Panthers had a chance to make it a one-possession game in the fourth quarter, but couldn't convert a layup as Center Line (17-7) went on to earn the victory.

"Credit to them, they answered with a three (pointer)," Purdy said.

Junaud Brook scored 10 of her 14 points in the opening half to propel Center Line into Thursday's regional final against host Mumford (17-7), which advanced with a 76-31 semifinal win over Detroit Collegiate Prep. (Game time is 5 p.m.)

Sophomore guard Johnnae Steele paced Redford Union's scoring attack with 17 points, while junior forward Haley Hebner chipped in with 10.

"We had a great season, I'm proud of the girls," said Purdy, whose team finished the year 14-7 overall. "They had this

no-quit attitude no matter what the score was most of the time. During the season, if we were down, they always battled right to the last minute."

"By far the best team I've coached in my third year at RU."

The future looks bright as the Panthers lose only two seniors to graduation.

"We're still young," Purdy said. "We're returning everybody except Angelica Wellons and Bre'Anna Blount."

"I'm looking forward to next year."

SOUTHFIELD A&T 67, CHURCHILL 40: Southfield Arts & Technology stopped Livonia Churchill's postseason march with this Class A regional semifinal win Tuesday at Dearborn Fordson. The Chargers ended the season with a 9-15 record. Southfield A&T improved to 19-4.

BELLEVILLE 54, WAYNE 53: In a Class A regional semifinal barnburner Tuesday at Lincoln Park, Wayne Memorial just came up short to finish the season with a 17-5 record. Belleville upped its record to 19-4.

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shooters in the final moments as the Rockets rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second quarter to prevail 80-77.

"I had to get the rebound," said Moon, about getting the ball after senior teammate Christian Agnew (25 points) missed with a late shot. "I knew I had to go get it and I got it and I laid it in."

Moon said his work wasn't done then, however.

"We knew 10 (Ian Knoph) was the best shooter on the court so we doubled him, stayed with him," Moon said. "We switched off everybody except for him and kept the ball out of his hands."

"We came out a little flat (in the first half) but we turned it around."

Prize fight

According to John Glenn head coach Rod Watts, his team (18-3) survived what turned into a "back-and-forth battle, like a prize fight. We were down 10 or 12 at one point, started chipping away. ... Our guys showed a lot of poise, especially Joe Moon down the stretch to take us into overtime, big-time shot he took."

Moon had help, of course. Senior forward Daijon Parker (13 points, 12 rebounds) put the Rockets up 72-71 early in OT, but then he fouled out with 2:43 remaining.

Enter junior forward Frankie Braxton, who Watts said "came in and grabbed some key rebounds, dove on the floor, got that huge timeout that we needed."

Stevenson (14-7) got to within 79-77 on a basket by junior guard George Ferguson — who was a thorn in John Glenn's side with 16 points — and then the Rockets missed two free throws to leave the Spartans a sliver of hope.

The Spartans wanted to get the ball down into Rockets' territory and find open looks for senior guard Knoph (18 points, but only four after the first quarter) or senior guard Chris Tanderys, among others.

But Braxton foiled that plan when he hit the floor to grab a 50-50 ball — and then had the presence of mind to call a timeout with 20 seconds left.

After a free throw by Moon made it 80-77, Stevenson's Jeremiah Eason's last-second triple try missed the mark to ensure John Glenn's comeback win. The Rockets will face Garden City on Wednesday in the second round.

Missed chances

"They have a really great team over there," Stevenson's Smart said. "They kept their composure, they knocked down big shots in the clutch. A key rebound at the end by (Moon) and he got the put-back. That sparked them, that kept them going."

Smart lamented the missed opportunities late in the fourth quarter that would have salted away the victory.

Leading 70-66 with under a minute to go, the Spartans could not take advantage of a 1-and-1 at the foul line.

After a nifty finger roll by Parker made it 70-68 with 17 seconds left in the fourth, the Spartans had a chance to inbound the ball, work a play and either pad their lead or run out the clock.

Instead, the outlet pass was intercepted by the Rockets and — ultimately — Moon connected on his game-tying layup.

Shutting the door

Then with time running out in overtime, down by three, the Spartans looked for a potential shot that would have forced a second OT. Although Eason did get a shot off, it was closely contested by the Rockets and bounced off the rim.

"It kind of broke down, they were playing great defense," Smart said. "They had Ian on denial, so they were playing great defense. We couldn't get anything going."

"So kudos to them and to coach Rod, he did a great job prepping them for the end of the game situations."

Most of the game, however, the Spartans had it going on. Scoring 22 points was junior guard Devin Dunn, with junior guard George Ferguson contributing 16. Chipping in with six points was senior guard Nader Kandalaf, while Eason scored five.

"George (Ferguson) came out, was aggressive, fed off everybody else and played good D," Smart said. "Even Jeremiah and Spencer just coming off the bench, they contributed. I think we played a really, really good game but we just didn't play a complete game."

Stevenson went off at the end of the first quarter and start of the second, with a trey by Knoph putting the Spartans up 20-18 after one quarter.

A 12-0 run opened the second stanza, with Ferguson's basket making it 32-18 with 5:11 left in the half.

Tanderys connected on a trey from the left wing to open up a 37-23 advantage and Dunn followed with a steal and layup to give the Spartans what turned out to be their high-water mark (a 16-point edge at 39-23).

John Glenn then started mounting its comeback, outscoring the Spartans 8-1 over the final three minutes to trail 40-31 at halftime. Registering two field goals each during that span were Moon and Parker.

The Spartans responded early in the third, however, still enjoying a healthy lead of 50-37 following Kandalaf's triple with about five minutes to play in the frame.

It was a 58-49 Stevenson lead after three, thanks to a layup by Dunn.

Lesson to learn

Of course, Moon and the Rockets then showed they did not want their outstanding season to have a premature ending.

"Really in the first half we were rushing and throwing lazy passes, so we had to change that," Moon said. "Coach got into us in the locker room, and then we ended up changing it, flipping it around, hitting our shots and executing."

With a nod, he added that there is no way the Rockets want to take that route to a win any time soon.

"Don't underestimate any team, that's what we did coming into this game," Moon said. "You saw what happened, we were down."

"We got to have that mentality just to (beat) every team we play against."

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D2 BOYS HOCKEY

Saline stymies Chargers in double OT

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Having righted the ship after a slow start Tuesday night, everything looked all set for Livonia Churchill to get past Saline in the Division 2 boys hockey quarterfinal at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center.

The Chargers, after trailing 2-1 after one period, scored three unanswered goals and remained up 4-2 with less than five minutes to go in regulation. But the Hornets, thanks to a great stop by senior goalie Justin Flanagan midway through the third period that would have made it a three-goal lead, stayed alive long enough for two late goals to tie the game and force overtime.

And after Churchill dominated the first overtime, outshooting Saline 9-1 only to come up empty, the Hornets won 5-4 in the second overtime on a deflected screen shot taken by defenseman Dallas Klaassen. He also tied the game with 15.7 seconds left in the third period, chipping in the rebound of a shot taken by Noah Helber.

The Chargers actually remained in the driver's seat until Saline garnered a power play goal with about four minutes to play in the third. Helber slid a shot from the left point through traffic that was tipped past Broyles (22 saves).

Then with the Saline goalie pulled for the extra attacker, the Chargers could not clear the zone (a task made tougher by the fact one player lost his stick). And that gave the Hornets enough time and space to net the equalizer.

"It's real tough, I had a chance (to clear it)," Churchill forward John Doyle said. "I just saw three guys coming at me and I just got bear down and make the play. But we got to block shots, we left Andrew Broyles out to dry. We got to block shots and get the puck out of the zone."

Saline head coach Paul Fassbender said Flanagan's superb netminding — especially kill-



Livonia Churchill senior forward John Doyle celebrates his goal late in the second period to put the Chargers up 3-2 over Saline. The lead would not hold up, however.

ing off a penalty in the first overtime — made the win possible. Flanagan stopped 30 of 34 Churchill shots, many from the dangerous top line of seniors Doyle (two goals, assist), Tyler Haydu (goal) and junior Jordan Venegoni (assist).

Churchill also had a golden opportunity to end the game in the final minute of the first OT, when Haydu and Venegoni skated in all alone on the Saline goalie only to be denied.

"Hard-fought battle by both teams," Chargers head coach Jason Reynolds said. "I got to give them full credit for what they did tonight. We had opportunities and it unfortunately did not go our way."

Churchill (20-10) fell behind 2-1 on a goal with 10 seconds left in the first period by Alex Birkle, just 1:48 after Doyle scored from Willis Wuebben to make it 1-1.

Haydu scored just 48 seconds into the middle stanza to tie the game and Doyle gave his team its first lead with a wraparound goal at the right post with 1:13 to go in the peri-

od.

The Chargers made it 4-2 at 5:08 of the third, when a shot by senior forward Michael Papaianou was stopped but dribbled behind Flanagan in the blue paint. There to smack the puck into the empty cage was junior linemate Conor Burnette with Wuebben collecting his second helper of the night.

About three minutes later, Churchill forward Josh Friend threaded a pass across the front of the goal mouth to Papaianou for a one-timer that looked labeled. Somehow, Flanagan got across to block the attempt.

"I can't take all the credit of this season, I had two great linemates," Doyle said. "Tyler Haydu and Jordan Venegoni are great players, they have speed, they share the puck and I love playing with them."

HARTLAND 3, STEVENSON 0: Tuesday also marked the end of the line for Livonia Stevenson's hockey team as the Spartans (17-11-1) lost a D2 quarterfinal in Novi.

BOYS HOCKEY

Stevenson ices Eagles for regional crown

Spartans to make fourth straight trip to state quarterfinals

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Livonia Stevenson peppered White Lake Lakeland goaltender Austin Gogola all night long, but he proved to be a tough nut to crack during Saturday's MHSAA Division 2 regional boys hockey final at Novi Ice Arena.

The Spartans, however, made it through to the state quarterfinal with a 4-1 victory and its fourth regional title in five years.

Stevenson (17-10-1) was scheduled to play Hartland (24-2-1) Tuesday at Novi Ice Arena.

"I could not be happier for our guys and our program," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "It's very nice and we're extremely happy about it. We've been through this before and we know our work is not done. And we'll have our work cut out for us (against Hartland)."

The Spartans, who have been to the state finals three of the last four years, outshot Lakeland by a whopping 54-18 margin.

"I got to give a shout-out to their goaltender (Gogola), who was unbelievable tonight," Mitchell said. "He was out-



Stevenson's Jake Beaune (top) and Lakeland's Hayden Baker collide during Saturday's Division 2 regional final at Novi Ice Arena.



Stevenson celebrates after winning its fourth regional boys hockey title in five year with a 4-1 win over Lakeland.

standing and stopped a number of point-blank or quick plays. We had a distinct shot advantage and a pretty good chance advantage and he was every bit as good as advertised. Hats off to him on a great game and a great career."

Stevenson jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on a pair of goals by Vince Decina. Easton Schlatterbeck

and Ryan McCamant assisted on the first at 4:19, while Julian Decina assisted on the second at 14:23.

The Spartans increased their lead to 3-0 at 2:09 of the second on Jacob Anderson's goal, from Brendan Hall and Seth Lause, but Lakeland answered on Blake Jackson's goal at 11:40 of the same period, from Tyler Martin Ben Getzen, to

make it a two-goal deficit.

"We came out strong and started really well, had a good first period and were up 2-0," Mitchell said. "We even scored the first goal of the second period and were up 3-0. We started pressing a little bit and give Lakeland all the credit in the world. They were able to get behind us and get one. And when they made

it 3-1, it was a hockey game. They got some energy and started putting the pressure on us a little bit. We got back on our heels. We had to settle down between the second and third (periods) and we did."

Julian Decina's goal from Kevin Stefanick with 7:15 remaining in the final period gave Stevenson some much-needed breathing room.

While Stevenson's Will Tragge made 17 saves, Gogola racked up a total of 50 saves.

"Austin played outstanding, no doubt about it," Lakeland coach Tim Ronayne said. "I talked to him after the game and he said it's probably the best game he's ever played in his life. He gave us a chance to knock on the door and stay in the game. He was on fire. Some of the goals were scrambles in front

of the net and he would make the first and second save."

Lakeland, which captured the KLA North Division title, finished 14-13.

"It's a great group of 11 seniors," Ronayne said. "I'm really going to miss all of them and the team as a whole. Some will be back, obviously, but when you take the seniors off, that makes a difference. And a lot of them have been with the program for four years, so we know each other well. They all got along and they loved being on a team together. It was pretty emotional for them in the locker room afterward. They never quit, they always came to play and they competed hard. And as a coach, you can't ask anything more than that."

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up to our games and motivating us to keep going," said senior goalie Drew Broyles, one of the stars of the game with 32 saves — including 15 in the frantic third period.

Reynolds, who is in his fifth season at the Churchill helm, said the players' including fans in the happy scene was something that made all the sense in the world because "our mantra all season long has been one team, one vision, one united charge."

The regional title was the first one for Churchill since 2012, during Pete Mazzoni's last season.

"This is sort of the culmination of a five-year process for me," Reynolds said. "It's never easy to follow such a successful coach like Pete Mazzoni was, to take something that belonged to him and make it your own."

"This was a process to bring the right players together, guys who had the passion to put in the work. These guys have had a vision all season long and I'm really proud that these guys have seen it through this far."

Making it happen

From the opening puck drop, Churchill's group of fast, skilled forwards — spearheaded by seniors Tyler Haydu and John Doyle — were pushing the pace and putting pressure on Plymouth's defense and junior goalie Brendan Olepa.

And the Chargers got on the board at 11:18 on a 5-on-3 power play when Haydu's cross-ice pass



As dejected Plymouth players skate away, Livonia Churchill boys hockey players mob each other after winning 4-1.

found Doyle in stride for a wicked one-timer from the right circle. Olepa had no chance on the play, which was started by forward Danny Carey.

Then came a sequence that cost the Wildcats just before the end of the period. With a minute to go, and Plymouth in possession with a chance to clear the zone, it was Doyle who kept it inside the blue-line.

Doyle then sent a feed to Haydu between the circles and the subsequent blast made it 2-0 with just 35 seconds left.

Drawing the second assist was another Churchill standout, junior forward Jordan Venegoni.

"Doyle kept it in the (zone), chipped it past the guy and I picked it up and just shot it — post and in," said Haydu, out on the ice following the customary group photo. "It really sparked us for the next period, really gave us a boost of energy."

Lamenting that goal was Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento.

"We knew we were going to have our hands full," Vento said. "That second one was tough,

the first one a 5-on-3 you put yourself in a position things are going to happen. I thought the second one was tough."

Reynolds said the late goal "was an important shot in the arm for our team, it was a shot of energy. It was right time, right place. They have a tremendous goaltender, and hats off to Plymouth for the style of game they play."

Coming up big

The two-goal spread carried over into the third period, largely due to the strong play between the pipes by Broyles.

With about 15 minutes left in the second, Broyles snagged a hard slapper taken by Colton Borke.

A couple minutes later, the Wildcats won a faceoff and Nathan Stoneburg snapped a shot from the bottom of the left circle that Broyles hung tough on.

In the closing seconds, Borke rushed up the left wing and made a bid only to be stopped yet again by Broyles.

Perhaps the tide-turner of the night was Churchill's ability to withstand heavy pressure from Plymouth



Livonia Churchill's John Doyle (11) circles Plymouth's goal, occupied by netminder Brendan Olepa (1) during Saturday's Division 2 regional final at Arctic Edge.

during a power play early in the third period.

Broyles foiled chances by Adam Rebeca, senior captain Zach Gallaher (on a screen shot) and Tim Baldwin.

And then it suddenly was 3-0.

Churchill's Josh Friend stepped around a defenseman and launched a high drive over Olepa's trapper with 8:27 left. Drawing the lone helper was Connor Burnette.

"You can't fault Olepa on any of those goals and it was their high-end guys that made great plays," Vento said.

"That's the way it is." The Wildcats, who outshot Churchill 16-6 in the third period (and 34-19 for the contest), finally spoiled Broyles' shutout bid when Gallaher scored at 9:42.

C. J. Mullenax delivered a pass to Gallaher, who rifled a shot home from above the right circle.

"It was late in the game," Gallaher said. "Just trying to get anything going, just trying to give our team a little spark to get back in it. Just got a shot on net and

it happened to go in."

Plymouth pressed some more. Joe Fontana slid the puck to Stoneburg for a riser from the left circle that Broyles blocked.

Borke and Mullenax had chances to get the game within a goal. But Broyles wouldn't let that happen.

"He (Broyles) was playing out of his mind, just making big saves, sliding across the crease everywhere," Gallaher said. "We just couldn't get a bounce into the net."

With Olepa pulled for an extra attacker, Willis Wuebben scored into the empty net at 15:59. Assisting was Friend.

"We came into their house," Doyle said. "Our coach said they're going to be comfortable, we're going to be uncomfortable, so come out hot and we did."

"We came out first period and put in two goals and held it from there."

Mutual respect

The only bittersweet moment for Reynolds was the fact the losing coach was Vento, who

actually coached Reynolds when he was in his teens.

"Gerry Vento has been a personal friend and a mentor to me throughout my life," Reynolds said. "It's actually kind of bittersweet that it came down to he and I."

Meanwhile, Vento tipped his cap to Reynolds and the Chargers.

"If I had to lose I couldn't be happier losing to Jason," Vento said. "I coached him when he was 15 years old, he was my assistant for two years (at Livonia Stevenson), he's like a little brother to me."

"As disappointed as I was I was very happy that Jason was the one receiving the trophy."

The defeat also marked the end of the Plymouth careers of a solid, hard-working group of senior players. Those included Gallaher, forwards Borke, Nick Yankee, Johnathan Balch, Scott Deal, Alex Chartrand and defensemen Keaton Courtney and Fontana.

"One of my favorite teams I've ever played on," Gallaher said. "I've known some of these guys for 7-8 years, I'm going to miss all of them."

"The underclassmen, I hope they come ready next year and just build on what we've started this year."

Churchill will advance to play Saline in the D2 quarterfinal set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center.

With the top forwards clicking and Broyles in the zone at the other end, the Chargers move on with plenty of confidence.

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AUSTIN

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at our place and became a varsity member as a sophomore all the way through."

Austin went on to compete at Central Michigan University. After graduating from CMU, he took a teaching and coaching position with the Dearborn Public Schools. He served as Price's assistant before becoming Churchill's head boys track coach in 1996.

"He was a great guy,"

Churchill interim principal and longtime MHSAA track official Jim Gibbons said. "He always offered help to the younger coaches. And as an official, regardless of whether you had to make a tough call or not, he would come to you after the meet and thank you for your time. He was just a first-class guy that way, always made sure when you left a competition it was always in a positive fashion. Just a good man. He was passionate about helping kids."

Austin was also the Churchill varsity boys

basketball coach for five seasons. He also coached football and girls basketball in the Livonia Public Schools, but track and field was his sanctuary. He was a fixture at the Observerland Relays for years.

The Churchill athletic family not only lost a colleague, but also a close friend who spent 30 years in education.

"Just very pleasant, really a good competitor and very dedicated to whatever he was doing," Price said. "It will be very, very tough to lose his memories because I'll always remember him in

many, many ways."

Austin is survived by his wife Annette and two children, Travis and Kaylin.

Visitation will be noon to 8 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. A funeral mass will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty Road, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to: Churchill H.S. Athletic Department, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.



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Rick Austin, 57, wore many hats during his coaching and teaching career in Dearborn and Livonia public schools.

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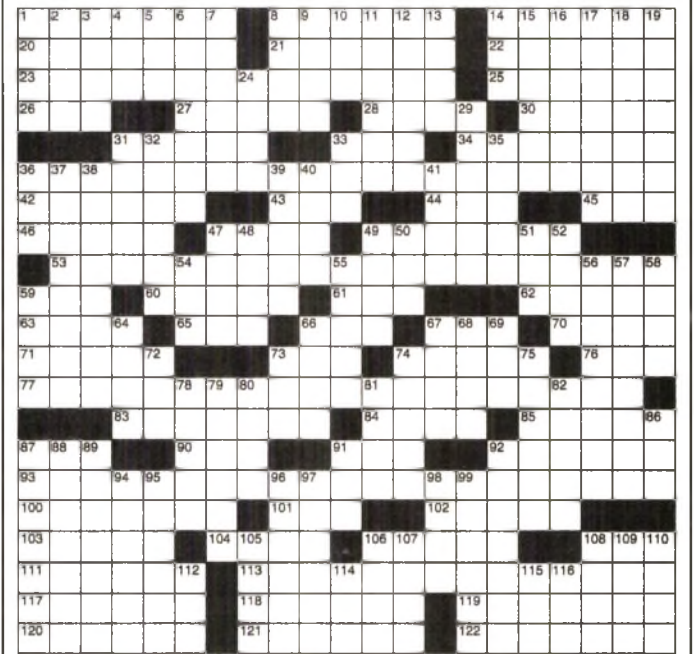
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Seasoned seaman, slangily
 - 8 Trees that yield a chocolate substitute
 - 14 Entry
 - 20 Muckety-muck
 - 21 Spain and Portugal, collectively
 - 22 Produce
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 There since birth
 - 26 Zeta-theta link
 - 27 Longtime name in gas
 - 28 "Three Lives" (50s TV series)
 - 30 Sri Lankan language
 - 31 Light unit
 - 33 Toothpaste-adoring org.
 - 34 Big and oafish
 - 36 Riddle, part 2
 - 42 Small Aussie parakeet
 - 43 Variety
 - 44 Small, for short
 - 45 Ending for baron
 - 46 Plum lookalikes
 - 47 Diner cuppa
 - 49 Warm up, as leftovers
 - 53 Riddle, part 3
 - 59 Fighter with Fidel
 - 60 Neighbor of Egypt
 - 61 Retina locale
 - 62 Italian farewell
 - 63 Baseballer Aparicio
 - 65 Clark of "Hee Haw"
 - 66 Original "Hee Haw" ailer
 - 67 A fire sign
 - 70 Threaded fastener
 - 71 Pop singer
 - 73 Gunky stuff
 - 74 Perm parlor
 - 76 Ph.D. hopeful's test
 - 77 Riddle, part 4
 - 83 Pedal for a floor loom
 - 84 Domain
 - 85 11 hours before noon
 - 87 Lead-in to Magnon
 - 90 "I'm — loss"
 - 91 Bikini part
 - 92 Acting unthinkingly, informally
 - 93 End of the riddle
 - 100 Cry to a gooc dog
 - 101 18-wheeler
 - 102 "I — Say No" (show tune)
 - 103 Cheese-opped chip
 - 104 Help to do wrong
 - 106 Jiggly treat
 - 108 Real heel
 - 111 Torino locale
 - 113 Riddle's answer
 - 117 Stop, legally
 - 118 "Seinfeld" gal pal
 - 119 Via E! or FX
 - 120 Will concern
 - 121 Prison boss
 - 122 Harmful lies
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Boy of Mayberry
 - 2 Place for hay
 - 3 "A little dab'll do it"
 - 4 "Shameless" ailer, briefly
 - 5 Aladdin's monkey pal
 - 6 City in southeast Wyoming
 - 7 Big Apple opera house
 - 8 U.S. prez, militarily
 - 9 "Peek —, I see you!"
 - 10 Kyo! — (Darth Vader's grandson)
 - 11 Tater Tots brand
 - 12 Sch. locale with microscopes
 - 13 In no danger
 - 14 Foe of Spinks
 - 15 NBA position
 - 16 Rabbinical mysticism
 - 17 Descendant of Esau
 - 18 Bowling aims
 - 19 Having only daughters
 - 24 Skye of films
 - 29 Bad boy in "The Omen"
 - 31 Raced in a certain sled
 - 32 Big IT company
 - 33 Biblical boat
 - 35 Eastern rice dish
 - 36 Half a fl. oz.
 - 37 Hilo dance
 - 38 "Modern Family" actor
 - 39 Seta type
 - 40 Writer Paton
 - 41 Grades K-12
 - 47 Karate relative
 - 48 "Scram!" e.g.: Abbr.
 - 49 Light units
 - 50 Vegas-to-Denver dir.
 - 51 Tic — toe board
 - 52 Peeved state
 - 54 " — Mutual Friend"
 - 55 Football's Tim
 - 56 Ensnarl
 - 57 Concert itinerary detail
 - 58 Bone: Prefix
 - 59 Musical score symbol
 - 64 River buildup
 - 66 Manage
 - 67 Not on time
 - 68 Licness in "Born Free"
 - 69 "How lovely!"
 - 72 Ent part
 - 73 Hair stiffener
 - 74 Singer
 - 75 Political columnist
 - 76 Peggy
 - 78 1954-77 defense gp.
 - 79 Sister of Tito Jackson
 - 80 Hard cheese
 - 81 Singer Corey
 - 82 Not fitting
 - 86 Labor Day, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 87 Wrodoonil poison stuff
 - 88 Goes around
 - 89 One rejected
 - 91 Seek aims
 - 92 Cincinnati citizens, say
 - 94 Mexican bloom
 - 95 Certain reed player
 - 96 Ring of the iris
 - 97 Build-it-yourself auto
 - 98 Rights group, for short
 - 99 Actor Lyle or actress Nita
 - 105 Percolate
 - 108 Mrs. Jetson
 - 107 Idyllic garden
 - 109 Airport waiters?
 - 108 Fit for the job
 - 110 Hair colorers
 - 112 Gobbled up
 - 114 Lad or lass
 - 115 Road hazard
 - 116 Belry animal



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THEUNITEADAHABEMITRAES
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SLOES JAVAREHEATIS
ANDYOUWANTAININFANTITO
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